



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

March 31, 2022

Board Members Present: John Bickley, Beth Savage, Marci Straughter, Michael Underwood

Board Members Present via teleconference: Samuel Davis, Bill Wilkins

Board Members Excused: Marie Crawford

Management Staff Present: Jed Morison, Gwynn Kinsel, David Ott, Lee Childs, Dot Yeager, Amy Magginis, Larry Macintosh, Becky Love

The Regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order by Board President Michael Underwood.

MINUTES

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 24, 2022, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer provided the Budget and Finance report. Revenue is at .3% of estimate, it is expected that our first levy payment for 2022 will occur next month. Expenditures are at 17.2%. Dot provided the Board a report outlining projections throughout this levy cycle through 2028. Details on a state proposal for County Boards to fund the match for more federal funding for Home and Community based services were provided.

Ms. Savage moved to approve the Finance report, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Human Resources Committee Chair John Bickley provided the Human Resources report. As noted in the report, there is very little personnel activity at this time of year. Staff are finishing up the Operation Feed campaign. To date, several thousand has been raised. We received an update on negotiations with the Ohio Education Association and the Board discussed adding levels to pay ranges 1-31.

Mr. Bickley thanked staff for diligently working on negotiations, and also thanked staff supporting the Operation Feed campaign.

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the Human Resources report, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- COVID-19 cases have declined significantly, allowing for the transition to 'mask friendly' guidelines at all of our facilities, which are in Columbus. Columbus City Council and Mayor Ginther have lifted mask requirements in Columbus.
- We are looking forward to hosting Kim Hauck, Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, at our Senior Management meeting on April 5. The Director also attended our recent meeting with the Self-Advocate Advisory Council.
- We are pleased to report that Boundless has acquired additional ICF (Intermediate Care Facility) licenses, which are needed for our expansion of the multi-system youth services at Kimberly Woods. We have also received word that we and Boundless have been approved for behavior add-on funding which will also be very helpful as we continue to work to expand this service in partnership with Boundless, Franklin County Children Services, ADAMH and Franklin County Family and Children First Council.
- One of the rule requirements of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is for us to develop a memorandum of understanding related to how agencies cooperate with investigations of abuse. We will ask for your approval tonight. If approved, we will work with other agencies.
- Our 2021 Annual Report has been completed. Rita Price and Amy Magginis have done an outstanding job with this. This is the first Annual Report that Rita has written – very well done.
- Recognizing that we are still in the pandemic and that the Centers for Disease Control has still not provided guidance on large gatherings, we have decided to have our graduation at West Central school virtually. West Central did an excellent job with this last year with over 400 viewing the graduation.
- Plans for summer services are continuing. We will continue with early intervention in the summer and we will have our transitional services for older students who are referred from school districts. Other Summer Center services are not being planned.
- County Board Superintendents, state officials and our State Association are in discussion about another way to get additional funding to support Homemaker Personal Care workers and other Home and Community Based Services workers. We will request the Board's approval of a concept being discussed statewide in today's meeting.
- Special thanks to all the staff who provided leadership during the OEA negotiations.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Bickley moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented to Board members on March 31, 2022, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize an extension of COVID-19 Leave provision through June 3, 2022, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to approve Memorandum of Understanding, regarding cases of abuse, neglect and exploitation of persons with developmental disabilities, with the Franklin County Sheriff and other local law enforcement, the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney, Children's Services and Coroner, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for the PIECE Transition Services project for the period beginning August 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, not to exceed the amount of \$44,445, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve an addendum to the July 21, 2021 agreement with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for recreation activities and coordination of Next Chapter Book Club and literary services programs for an additional one year term, not to exceed the amount of \$211,415, for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Bickley moved to conceptually endorse the new concept of county boards funding the local share of proposed supplemental federal Medicaid expenditures for HCBS waiver providers beginning July 1, 2022, with State of Ohio and Federal approvals currently pending, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Straughter moved to approve temporary fuel surcharge for transportation vendors, effective February 1, 2022, when average retail price for gas in Ohio exceeds \$3.00/gallon, based on the U.S. Energy Information Administration. second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Ms. Savage moved to accept mowing bids for term beginning April 1, 2022 and ending February 28, 2024, with three one-year renewal options, in various amounts per mow and various prices for optional services (including but not limited to: weed control, spring cleanup, fall cleanup, vegetation control, tree treatment, shrub trimming, fertilization, grub control, perennial maintenance and mulch) from Greenscapes for Quadrant A (Johnstown Road, Northeast Center and ARC East), Clover for Quadrant B (ECLC, ARC North, ARC West) and Clover for Quadrant D (West Central and Watermark), second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Bickley moved to accept copier bid from Gordon Flesch Company, Inc., for a five-year lease with monthly lease costs from \$65.22 to \$242.62 and cost per copy of .34 cents for black and white and 3.19 cents for color, for a total monthly lease cost of \$2,290.18 for 19 copiers at various locations and various models, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Ms. Savage moved to go to bid for West Central classroom improvements, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Mr. Wilkins moved to approve the tentative agreement with the Ohio Education Association and authorize the Superintendent to submit the agreement to the Franklin County Commissioners for consideration, pending approval of the bargaining unit, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- l. Ms. Straughter moved to renew the contract of Superintendent Jed Morison, effective June 1, 2022, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to add the equivalent of 3 levels to pay ranges 1-31, with the understanding that longevity pay will not apply to those who are eligible for the next level, based upon acceptable performance, effective in 2022, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Superintendent Morison indicated that Christine Brown could not attend but continues to be very active in her advocacy efforts.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

ADJOURNMENT

The March 31, 2022 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Mr. Underwood.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Wilkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Wilkins
Secretary

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