



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

May 19, 2022

Board Members Present John Bickley, Marie Crawford, Samuel Davis, Beth Savage,
via teleconference: Marci Straughter, Michael Underwood, Bill Wilkins

Management Staff Present: Jed Morison, Gwynn Kinsel, Lee Childs, Dot Yeager,
Amy Magginis, Jack Brownley, Rita Price

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 April 28, 2022, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer provided the Budget and Finance report. Dot provided a monthly year to date report. We have received 58.2% of estimated revenue and we are at 26% of projected expenditures for annual budget.

Dot provided a synopsis of the proposed Capital and IT Plan through 2026. Highlights include West Central School improvements, Bixby's cooling tower replacement, major roof improvement projects are planned for Johnstown Road and Bixby, as well as periodic roof maintenance for other buildings. One of the West Central projects includes a pool area improvement. We do not anticipate 2023 bus replacements, however in subsequent years will have specific replacements needed. Any improvements to Marketing Place we will defer until 2023.

Technology is more difficult to project needs, but we anticipate continued replacement of devices. Updates to consumer classroom technology, mobility, and security is a huge consideration. Eagle Consulting will assist with a Security and HIPAA review and consider enhancements. The electronic signature project continues to expand. Disaster recovery and basic infrastructure will be important.

Ms. Crawford moved to approve the Finance report, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Superintendent/CEO Morison provided the Human Resources report for the month of April. The OEA agreement was ratified by the Board and by the Union. The commissioners have 30 days to act upon the agreement. The OAPSE agreement will need to be negotiated this year. Service Coordination is hiring some new coordinators. School, Transportation and Early Childhood staff will be off for the summer beginning June 3. We recently learned that Dr. Maryalice Turner will retire effective August 1, 2022.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- The Ohio Association of County Boards Spring Conference started today and will end tomorrow.
- We will plan for one more remote meeting on June 16 and then in July we will meet in-person. Creative Housing CEO, Critty Buenconsejo will present to the Board on July 28.
- Board Member Marci Straughter and Superintendent Morison recently participated in a panel discussion related to individuals who receive services and who also serve on a County Board.
- The end of our school year for Early Childhood Education and West Central will be June 3. The virtual graduation for West Central was released last night. It was well received by students and families. Next year we hope to be back to in-person.
- Christine Brown has informed us that House Bill 664 has been introduced to allow for people, age 65 or older, to be eligible for Medicaid Buy-In, similar to those under the age of 65. While this bill still requires approval of the Ohio Legislature and Governor and the federal government, special congratulations to Christine, who has worked tirelessly for this change. Board member Beth Savage congratulated Christine on her success regarding the Medicaid Buy-In, she has worked tirelessly on this.
- Thanks to Jessica Vera-Bennet, ECE Instructor and Becky Love, ECE Director, and staff, we recently had a nice visit from Dr. Talisa Dixon, Superintendent of Columbus City Schools and many of her administrative staff. We value our partnership with Columbus Schools.
- We continue to plan for our accreditation visit from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities during the week of June 27. Because of this timing, we have scheduled our June Board meeting for June 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- Effective July 1, 2022, some changes to Medicaid waivers will take effect. One of the major changes is that the budget caps for the Level 1 waiver will increase from approximately \$5,000 to \$30,000 for children and \$45,000 for adults for needed services.
- We are sorry to report that Ted Blumenfeld passed away on May 7. Ted and his wife Mildred, former President of our Board, were strong supporters of our services.

- Our Self-Advocate Advisory Council will meet on June 9, 2022. Recently, Board member Marci Straughter and Superintendent/CEO Morison attended a statewide Project STIR Leader gathering in Columbus.
- COVID cases have increased. Symptoms for most are milder, but safety protocols continue to be important.
- Congratulations to Beth Savage as the chair of the Best Buddies walk, which was a successful event.

RESOLUTIONS

- Mr. Wilkins moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented to Board members on May 19, 2022, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew the contract with Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities for early intervention/ early childhood education services and community-based recreation experiences for adults for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023, in the amount not to exceed \$2,298,000, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with the Ohio State University College of Education (Buckeye Behavior Support) to provide support in early language, functional communication, beginning reading skills and behavioral supports for the year beginning August 1, 2022 and ending July 31, 2023 at a total cost not to exceed \$125,779, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for behavior support services, not to exceed the amount of \$1,900,000, for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize an extension of COVID-19 Leave provisions through September 30, 2022, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the Superintendent to submit the Capital and Information Technology Budget to the Franklin County Office of Management and Budget and to submit the long-range capital plan, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Savage moved to approve and update board policy 11.35 – Services to Children Between Birth to Three, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Davis moved to adopt board policy 11.39 - Technology First, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Board member Marci Straughter shared information on Tech Ambassadors.

Superintendent/CEO Morison thanked the Board for being willing to meet at noon on July 28 at for a luncheon. Creative Housing, Inc. will present at this meeting. The Board will meet virtually on June 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – none

ADJOURNMENT

The May 19, 2022 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Mr. Underwood.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Wilkins
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Secretary

BW/am