



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes**

**June 16, 2022**

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

Board Members Excused: John Bickley, Marie Crawford

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

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

**MINUTES**

Ms. Straughter moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 19, 2022, second by Mr. Davis. 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 with specific revenue and expenditure details. We have received 37.2% of estimated revenue and we are at 58.6% of projected expenditures for annual budget. Dot provided an update on the Cost Report audit – today was the entrance conference for the Cost Report 2020. The 2021 Cost Report is due at the end of June 30, 2022.

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

**Human Resources & Ethics Report:** Superintendent/CEO Morison provided the Human Resources report for the month of May which reflects light activity. The OEA agreement is now effective. We will now plan to sit down with OAPSE to negotiate a renewal. Hiring activity is expected to pick up for the next school year. The School year ended well for ECE and West Central – great job from our staff. The HR Training Center had a dynamic speaker today on Community Conversations.

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

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Our next meeting will be in-person on Thursday, July 28, 2022 beginning at Noon at 2879 Johnstown Road. Prior to the meeting we look forward to a presentation from Creative Housing.
- Our State Accreditation visit will be on June 28-30, 2022. Special thanks to Beth Savage who will represent the Board and Marci Straughter who will represent advocates.
- Our Self-Advocate Advisory Council met last week. We had an excellent meeting with updates from the Superintendent and Advocates. Tech Ambassadors will meet on June 29, in Pickaway County – in-person.
- The school year ended well. Classes for preschool and school age students finished on June 2, 2022.
- The Ohio Special Olympics will be held from June 24-26 at The Ohio State University. It was not held in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The National Special Olympics was held in Florida this past week. Ryan Phillips was selected Coach of the Ohio Unified Soccer team.
- We have been in discussion with the leadership of Best Buddies and expect to bring a proposal to the Board in the July meeting. The proposal will be to support an adult Best Buddies program called 'Citizens.'
- COVID is still with us. While we have had a surge in cases this past few weeks, generally the symptoms have been milder. We will make a decision on the Community Star Awards in the next month.
- Staff will observe Juneteenth on Monday, June 20. Juneteenth actually falls on Sunday, June 19, so will be observed on Monday.
- Dot Yeager has done good work connecting with the Ohio Autism Awareness Coalition, funded by Marla Root. We will present a proposal to the Board tonight to partner with the Coalition.
- H.B. 140 was signed by Governor this week. The bill changes the way ballot language will be written. Our State Association and many others requested a veto. We will see how it is implemented.
- Our Service Coordination staff, Providers and Creative Housing have done a good job keeping on top of situations with power outages and the recent oppressive heat. Some have had to relocate. We are unaware of any hospitalizations.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Savage moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented to Board members on June 16, 2022, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Alvis House for behavior support services, at specified rates per hour, for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for dual diagnosis services, not to exceed the amount of \$112,600, for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Straughter moved to reject bid for 2022 West Central Classroom Project, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Wilkins moved to approve out-of-state travel for Ryan Phillips to provide assistance to the Franklin County Special Olympians at the USA Games in Orlando, Florida beginning Friday, June 3, through Sunday June 12, 2022, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Savage moved to promote Megan Middleton to the position of Assistant Director, Early Childhood, which requires licensure as a PreK to sixth grade principal, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Savage moved to revise Board Policy 5.13 Merit Recognition, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to enter into a contract with Root Consulting, LLC to provide consulting services for insurance coverage for autism services in an amount not to exceed \$12,000/year or \$1,000/month, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

Ms. Straughter, Board Member announced that the Project STIR training is scheduled for October 29-30, 2022 at Crown Plaza Hotel. Ms. Straughter will be one of the trainers.

Ms. Straughter will take some photos at the Tech Ambassador event on June 29.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** – Christine Brown provided an update on waiver changes. Christine and Dana Charlton are planning on having training on changes of service that individuals need to understand how to have due process. The Special Olympics State Games are scheduled at The Ohio State University on June 24-26, 2022. Christine provided an update on H.B. 664 and will provide data in support of why the bill is necessary. Superintendent/CEO Morison added that Christine was successful in getting this bill introduced by Representative Lightbody.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The June 16, 2022 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Mr. Underwood.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Wilkins  
Secretary