



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

May 18, 2023

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

Board Members Excused: Marie Crawford, Samuel Davis

Management Staff Present: Jed Morison, Jack Brownley, Gwynn Kinsel,
Amy Magginis, David Ott, Dot Yeager

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 April 27, 2023, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer, provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee has received the April 2023 finance report and year to date summary by program category. Expenditures are at 35.5% and revenue is at 49.4%. We will plan to bring the Information Technology and Capital Budget before the Board in June.

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

Human Resources & Ethics Report: David Ott, Director of Human Resources reported that the Human Resources Committee has received the recent personnel actions through the end of April 2023. The report reflects typical separations and hiring. This report reflects that several service coordinators were hired and they will train as a group. Operation Feed was successful, raising approximately \$6,000, this is more than in the past. Rita Price, Communications Coordinator was over the campaign. The Provider Fair was a huge success. Thanks to Larry Macintosh and Lee Childs' teams for organizing and running the event. Over 800 attended and 150 vendors/ resources were on hand. Seasonal staff will wrap up the year on June 2nd.

Board member Bill Wilkins raised the question of the ratio of staff being hired to those separating seemed to be more on the hiring side. David indicated that hiring has been steady but does vary at different times of the year.

Superintendent Morison explained the details on how Service Coordination trains and onboards new Service Coordinators in groups several times per year, which may make one report seem like we are hiring many more Service Coordinators per month.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- First, thanks to Board members for allowing for a change of venue here to West Central School for our Board meeting. Rebecca Holthaus and her team do excellent work and we thought you would enjoy a visit.
- Our Provider Fair was wonderful. Over 150 vendors and several hundred participants attended at the Ohio Fairgrounds.
- Morgan Stanley is sponsoring a golf tournament next Monday, May 22. This event raises thousands of dollars for our Special Olympics program.
- Graduation ceremonies were held her last night for graduates of West Central School. Because of the pandemic, our last three graduations were virtual so all of those former students were invited to this in-person graduation. It was very special and Board member Marci Straughter was the speaker.
- The President officially ended the Public Health Emergency (PHE) effective on May 11, 2023. There is a “winding down” period of 6 months, whereby certain flexibilities will continue for 6 months until November 11. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and Ohio Department of Medicaid are considering a request to CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid) to continue some of the flexibilities beyond November 11.
- One of the state considerations is to allow parents or family members to serve as paid caregivers for their minor children who have ‘extraordinary’ needs. This has generated significant controversy with discussions on how to define ‘extraordinary,’ and who is responsible for payment, etc.
- Our school year will end on June 2, 2023 for our Early Childhood and West Central school classes. It has been an excellent year thanks to our school, early childhood and transportation staff.
- Summer Center programs will resume this year. We will provide services at West Central and Early Childhood Education and Family Center. Our Transition to Work program will also operate per the Board’s previous approval.
- Our Service Coordination Department continues to look at processes and workflow as we continue to expand services. This department serves close to 9000 individuals, of which approximately 5500-6000 have Medicaid waivers. The Mid Eastern Ohio Regional COG (MEORC) and Dynamic Pathways are assisting us with this and Lee Childs and her staff continue to analyze staffing ratios, priorities, Ohio ISP challenges etc. We anticipate some recommendations from this department, including requests for additional staff, process changes, clarified expectations, possible incentive programs, etc. We have close to 300 excellent staff in this department.

- Finally, Jed Morison has announced that he will retire as Superintendent/CEO effective December 31, 2023. The Board has met with a search firm to begin the process of selecting a new Superintendent/CEO.

Board member Marci Straughter offered to provide insight as she sat on the committee that designed the Ohio ISP.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Wilkins moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as received by the Finance Committee on May 18, 2023, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Savage moved 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, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024, in the amount not to exceed \$2,504,700, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Bickley 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, 2023 and ending July 31, 2024 at a total cost not to exceed \$125,779, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. The Capital and Information Technology Budget will be considered next month.
- e. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to recommend to the Franklin County Commissioners to accept the offer, for use in the roundabout highway project, for a portion of the 909 Taylor Station Road property, from the City of Gahanna in the amount of \$18,421 and to accept the offer for another portion of the 909 Taylor Station Road property from Ohio Power Company in the amount of \$9,870, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize approval for out of state travel for Ryan Phillips, Special Olympics Coordinator, to travel to Washington D.C. as coach of the soccer team from Ohio, from July 17-20, 2023. Special Olympics partners with ESPN and MLS to fund this event, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion Carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the execution of a contract with BeecherHill, an executive search firm, and appointing a search committee including the following Board Members: John Bickley, Human Resources Chairperson, Beth Savage, Past President, Marci Straughter, Alternate, Advocacy/Equity Liaison, Michael Underwood, President, to identify a successor Superintendent, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Ms. Straughter invited fellow Board members to attend the Tech Ambassador's event at the Statehouse on June 15 at Noon.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

ADJOURNMENT

The May 18, 2023 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Mr. Underwood.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Wilkins".

Bill Wilkins
Secretary

BW/am