

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Darke County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. MR. BOOHER called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Bateman, present; Mr. Besecker, present; Mr. Booher, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Schmidt, present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution #5-28-2022

MR. BESECKER moved and MS. SCHMIDT seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022.

VOTE Mr. Bateman Yea Mr. Besecker 1st Mr. Booher Yea
 Mr. James Yea Ms. Schmidt 2nd

Motion Passed

Guest Janet Cooper, Board Legal Council was introduced.

Executive Session

Resolution #5-29-2022

MS. SCHMIDT moved and MR. BESECKER seconded the motion to go into executive session from 8:31 to 9:34 a.m. to discuss the employment and compensation of a public official.

VOTE Mr. Bateman Yea Mr. Besecker 2nd Mr. Booher Yea
 Mr. James Yea Ms. Schmidt 1st

Motion Passed

Out of executive session at 9:34 a.m.

FINANCES

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Resolution #5-30-2022

MR. JAMES moved and MS. SCHMIDT seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

VOTE Mr. Bateman Yea Mr. Besecker Yea Mr. Booher Yea
 Mr. James 1st Ms. Schmidt 2nd

Motion Passed

PERSONNEL

APPROVAL TO EMPLOY ED TEACHER AT FRANKLIN MONROE LSD

Resolution 05-31-2022

MR. JAMES moved and MR. SCHMIDT seconded the motion to employ Brett Slone as ED teacher at Franklin Monroe for one school year beginning with the 2022-2023 school year for 185 days at Step 11.

VOTE Mr. Bateman Yea Mr. Besecker Yea Mr. Booher Yea
 Mr. James 1st Ms. Schmidt 2nd

Motion Passed

APPROVAL TO EMPLOY HEARING INTERPRETER FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Resolution 05-32-2022

MS. SCHMIDT moved and MR. BESECKER seconded the motion to employ Janalyn Deeter as a Hearing interpreter for a student at Franklin Monroe LSD at \$25.00 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year(s) for 185 days.

VOTE Mr. Bateman Yea Mr. Besecker 2nd Mr. Booher Yea
 Mr. James Yea Ms. Schmidt 1st

Motion Passed

APPROVAL TO EMPLOY SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR

Resolution 05-33-2022

MR. BESECKER moved and MR. JAMES seconded the motion to employ Kimberly Nellis as Special Education Supervisor for one school year beginning with the 2022-2023 school year for 260 days per contract and step level to be determined by the superintendent.

VOTE Mr. Bateman Yea Mr. Besecker 1st Mr. Booher Yea
 Mr. James 2nd Ms. Schmidt Yea

Motion Passed

APPROVAL TO AMEND JODI RINEHART'S CONTRACT

Resolution 05-34-2022

MR. JAMES moved and MR. BATEMAN seconded the motion to amend Jodi Rinehart's contract from Special Education Supervisor to Preschool Supervisor for the school year 2022-2023 beginning June 1, 2022 to replace John Maynard and to remain on the same step.

VOTE Mr. Bateman 2nd Mr. Besecker Yea Mr. Booher Yea
Mr. James 1st Ms. Schmidt Yea

Motion Passed

APPROVAL FOR RENEWAL OF CLASSIFIED/CERTIFIED CONTRACTS

Resolution 05-35-2022

MS. SCHMIDT moved and MR. BOOHER seconded the motion to approve the following contract renewals for the 2022-2023 school year(s):

Certified

Paula Farmer – 1 year contract, Speech therapist,
Brooke Hoying – 1 year contract (80%), Occupational therapist,
Anita Dehner – 2 year contract, Special Education supervisor,
Andrea Dexter – 2 year contract, Occupational therapist,
Bryan Kyle – 2 year contract, Physical therapist,
Kristin Miller – 2 year contract, Occupational therapist,
Melissa Price – 2 year contract, Preschool teacher,
Elly Puthoff – 2 year contract, MD Teacher (MV),
Amy VanSkyock – 2 year contract, Physical therapist,
Jessie Henry – 4 year contract, Speech therapist,
April Hoying – 4 year contract, Administrator

Classified

Roxanne Stocksdales – 1 year contract, EMIS
Donna Zartman – 1 year contract, Hearing interpreter,
Michele Good – 2 year contract, Teacher’s Assistant,
Alison Klingler – 2 year contract, Teacher’s Assistant,
Janelle Rismiller – 2 year contract, Teacher’s Assistant,
Lisa Wolfe – 2 year contract, Daycare Aide,
Trina Williams – 2 year contract, Teacher’s Assistant

VOTE Mr. Bateman Yea Mr. Besecker Yea Mr. Booher 2nd
Mr. James Yea Ms. Schmidt 1st

Motion Passed

APPROVAL FOR SUPT TO HIRE STAFF FOR SUMMER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Resolution 05-36-2022

MR. BOOHER moved and MR. BESECKER seconded the motion to allow the superintendent to hire teachers at \$50/hour, teacher assistants at \$25/hour, teacher assistant interns at \$10/hour, hearing interpreter at \$35/hour and related staff at current daily rate for the Summer Preschool program which has been established by federal grant money.

VOTE Mr. Bateman Yea Mr. Besecker 2nd Mr. Booher 1st
Mr. James Yea Ms. Schmidt Yea

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF SPEECH THERAPIST'S RESIGNATION

Resolution 05-37-2022

MR. JAMES moved and MS. SCHMIDT seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Meredith Pollitz, Speech therapist, at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

VOTE Mr. Bateman Yea Mr. Besecker 1st Mr. Booher Yea
Mr. James 2nd Ms. Schmidt Yea

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF US DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Resolution

Resolution 05-38-2022

MR. BATEMAN moved and MR. BOOHER seconded the motion to approve the US DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA) resolution.

VOTE Mr. Bateman 1st Mr. Besecker Yea Mr. Booher 2nd
Mr. James Yea Ms. Schmidt Yea

Motion Passed

APPROVAL TO EMPLOY LONG-TERM SUB TEACHER/AIDE FOR MD CLASS

Resolution 05-39-2022

MR. BOOHER moved and MS. SCHMIDT seconded the motion to employ Rachel Lavey as a long-term substitute teacher/aide for the MD classroom at Bradford for the remaining of the 2021-2022 school year.

VOTE Mr. Bateman 2nd Mr. Besecker Yea Mr. Booher Yea
Mr. James Yea Ms. Schmidt 1st

Motion Passed

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Gray reported to the Board the following:

- Mr. Gray attended the OESCA Spring Conference and the Franklin B. Walters ceremony.
- .Mr. Gray stressed what a great job staff has done this year.
- The Teacher of the Year event is Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at Turtle Creek Golf Course.
- The Board was given a spreadsheet comparison to our teacher pay scale compared to other county schools. The ESC's scale is lagging behind and looking to increase the base pay for next year.
- Mr. Gray gave the Board Members a copy of Preble County ESC's tuition

reimbursement policy and would like to have the Board approve something like that.

- Mr. Gray met with Larry Holmes about the preschool building and has a walk through scheduled with a County Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE PER BOARD POLICY

Resolution #05-40-2022

MR. BESECKER moved and MR. BATEMAN seconded the motion to place Mike Gray, Superintendent, on paid administrative leave per Board policy effective May 9, 2022.

VOTE Mr. Bateman 2nd Mr. Besecker 1st Mr. Booher Yea
 Mr. James Yea Ms. Schmidt Yea

Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #05-41-2022

MR. BESECKER moved and MR. JAMES seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

VOTE Mr. Bateman Yea Mr. Besecker 1st Mr. Booher Yea
 Mr. James 2nd Ms. Schmidt Yea

Motion Passed