

DARKE COUNTY GOVERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

Mr. Larry Besecker, President Pro Tem, called the Organizational Meeting of the Darke County Governing Board of Education to order with the following members answering the roll call: Mr. Bateman, Mr. Besecker, Mr. Booher, Mr. James and Ms. Schmidt. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1-01-2023

Motion by: Caroline Schmidt made the motion to nominate **MR. LARRY BESECKER** for president and **MR. KENT JAMES** for vice-president. Nominations closed.

Yea: Mr. Bateman, Mr. Besecker, Mr. Booher, Mr. James and Ms. Schmidt

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:

1-02-2023

A. It was moved by the Board to establish the time and date for regular board meetings:

Location: Darke County ESC, 5279 Education Dr., Greenville, OH 45331
Date: Second Monday of each month
Exceptions: (February 20, 2023 and June 26, 2023)
Time: 8:30 a.m.

B. Notification*

Any person desiring personal notification of a regular and/or special meeting of the Governing Board or its committees shall provide the Treasurer of the Governing board with sufficient number of self-addressed and stamped envelopes for the number of meetings for which advance notice is requested.

When it is necessary to call a special meeting without sufficient time to mail advance notices, a reasonable effort will be made to contact persons requesting advance notice by other communication procedures and methods.

C. It was moved by the Board to adopt the existing Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Education for the operation of the Board and system for 2023.

D. It was moved by the Board to allow the superintendent to employ and/or accept resignations of personnel on behalf of the Board during time when the Board is not in session subject to ratification by the Board. Upon ratification by the Board the employment and/or resignation shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's office and/or acceptance.

Temporary defined as an interim period of 90 days or less. (ORC 3313.47)

E. It was moved by the Board the following committee assignments by the Superintendent:

Legislative Committee – Mr. BESECKER and Mr. BOOHER

Business Advisory Council – Mr. JAMES and Mrs. SCHMIDT

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County Office Service Plan – Mr. BATEMAN

Audit Committee – (President and Vice President)

Records Disposal Committee – Mr. BOOHER

Motion by: Kent James, and Seconded by: Clyde Bateman to approve the Organizational agenda items for 2023. Motion approved.

Yea: Mr. Bateman, Mr. Besecker, Mr. Booher, Mr. James and Ms. Schmidt

Nay: None.

APPROVAL OF MVCTC BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

1-03-2023

Motion by: Chad Booher, and Seconded by Kent James to appoint Mr. Larry Besecker as the board member for MVCTC for a 3-year term starting January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025. Motion approved.

Yea: Mr. Bateman, Mr. Booher, Mr. James and Ms. Schmidt

Abstain: Mr. Besecker

Nay: None.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

1-04-2023

Motion by: Chad Booher, and Seconded by Caroline Schmidt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, December 12, 2022. Motion was approved.

Yea: Mr. Bateman, Mr. Besecker, Mr. Booher, Mr. James and Ms. Schmidt

Nay: None

TREASURER’S REPORT:

1-05-2023

A. Monthly Financial Reports

Motion by: Caroline Schmidt, and Seconded by Kent James to approve the monthly treasurer reports given by the Treasurer. Motion was approved.

Yea: Mr. Bateman, Mr. Besecker, Mr. Booher, Mr. James and Ms. Schmidt

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

1-06-2023

A. It was moved by the Board to approve Susie Stoner’s resignation effective December 16, 2022 as a multiple disabilities’ teacher.

B. It was moved by the Board to approve Cindy Pleiman’s resignation effective January 16, 2023 as preschool IS teacher.

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- C. It was moved by the Board to employ Christy Hunt for a one (1) year period of time, as a teacher's assistant, Step 0, pending proper licensure and background checks, for the 185 days prorated to the number of days actually worked of the 2022-2023 school year, effective start date of 12/9/2022.
- D. It was moved by the Board to approve mileage reimbursement as per the standard IRS rate of 65.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2023.
- E. It was moved by the Board to approve the following meal reimbursement for professional leave effective January 1, 2023 as follows:

Breakfast - \$10, Lunch - \$15, and Dinner - \$25

- F. It was moved by the Board to approve the following certified/temporary substitute teachers and substitute paraprofessionals for the 2022-2023 school years pending proper licensure and background checks.

Certified Substitutes

Erin Ballinger

Temporary Substitutes

Dylan Finkbine

- G. It was moved by the Board to employ Laura Donadio for a one (1) year period of time, as a preschool teacher, Step 11, pending proper licensure and background checks, for 185 days prorated to the number of days actually worked for the 2022-2023 school year, effective start date of 1/23/2023.

Motion by: Chad Booher, and Seconded by Kent James to approve the superintendent recommendations.
Motion approved.

Yea: Mr. Bateman, Mr. Besecker, Mr. Booher, Mr. James and Ms. Schmidt

Nay: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Mr. Atchley discussed the current staffing levels and changes. He also explained how the MD and ED units are structured throughout the county. He will be working with other ESC staff to complete a workload calculation of our current programs to determine if we are properly staffed.
- B. Mr. Atchley gave the Board an update on the meeting he, Mr. Booher and Mr. Borger had with the County DD Board about the Anthony Wayne building. Currently, DD pays for the upkeep of the building and is looking at sharing that financial responsibility with the ESC.
- C. Mr. Besecker gave an update on the Miami Valley CTC. He said that 65-70 percent of programs have been moved into the new building and the CTC is hopeful to have all programs in the new building by the fall. He also said with cold weather over the Christmas break, the CTC had several areas of their facility that had water leaks.

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APPROVAL TO ADJOURN

1-07-2023

Motion by: Kent James, and Seconded by: Caroline Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Motion approved.

Yea: Mr. Bateman, Mr. Besecker, Mr. Booher, Mr. James and Ms. Schmidt

Nay: None.

DCESC Board President

DCESC Treasurer