

The regular meeting of the Putnam County Educational Service Center Governing Board was held on March 13, 2023, at 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Educational Service Center Office.

Approved the board agenda and any addendum(s) to agenda as presented, and to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Approved to pay bills and the financial report as presented.

Administrative Report – Dr. Osborn

1. Another busy month for our ESC staff as teachers and related service staff provide daily support to our students along with IEP, ETR, and quarterly reports.
2. During February, our Special Education Career Coordinator, Susan Brooks, and Dr. Osborn provided support to the CIC Business-Education Liaison, Karl Schimmoeller, and Jobs and Family Director, Suzie Wischmeyer on their Good Jobs Challenge Grant application that was submitted to the Ohio Manufacturer's Association. We appreciate their willingness to ask our ESC to be a partner in their grant application.
3. On March 2nd, over twenty ESC staff members participated in the Annual Family Resource Fair held in our ESC facility. The fair consisted of over thirty booths from agencies and providers to students with disabilities and their families. Over fifty-three visitors attended. Post evaluations were very positive about the quality and value of the Resource Fair.
4. As the board will read and act upon this later in this meeting. Mr. Dan VonderEmbse has submitted his resignation as a retired-rehired school psychologist. I want to thank Dan for his service and dedication to the students, families, schools, and communities of Putnam County since 1982.
5. On March 6th State Representative Roy Klopfenstein and State Representative Jim Hoops met with our local superintendents at the ESC. The topics discussed included pending legislation including the proposed biennium budget, vouchers, the movement of the Ohio Department of Education under the Ohio Governor, and the role of the State School Board.
6. Many county-wide student activities were held since our last board meeting. Our curriculum staff of Gary Herman and Melissa Basinger helped to organize and host the following activities. Ms. Gerding provided the following information.

The 2023 Science Fair had:

65 students participated with 52 projects entered.

37 Judges and 7 staff

22 Different Sponsors sponsored a total of 44 Special Awards

4 Different Banks sponsored 7 Perfect Plaques.

27 projects received a Superior rating.

4 Projects received a Perfect Score.

2023 Arts Festival

Band: 55 students participate

Choir: 60 students participate

Elementary Art had 156 projects entered. 80 projects received a ribbon.

Middle School Art had 336 projects entered and 87 receive a ribbon.

High School Art had 727 projects entered and 181 of them received a ribbon.

There were 15 High School Projects that received the "Best of Show Award"

8 Band students received a 4-year plaque for being a part of the Arts Festival all four years.

2 Choir students received a 4-year plaque for being a part of the Arts Festival all four years.

1 Band student received a 3-plaque for being a part of the Arts Festival all of the years except for 2021 Arts Festival. (Covid year)

2023 Quiz Bowl

5th & 6th Grade: 92 students and advisors participated.

7th & 8th Grade: 100 students and advisors participated.

2023 Scholastic League

121 High School and advisors participated.

This year Kalida won both the Season and Tournament.

Ottoville was tied with Fort Jennings for the Season's Runner-up. Ottoville was Runner-up at Tournament.

Approved the employment of the following on an as needed basis, and approve the following personnel actions:

Reviewed and approved rates for the Migrant / Summer Programs, Summer Food, and Speech Summer Camp

ARP Extended Learning & Recovery Grant – Teacher: Deb Lammers, Wixey
School Psychologist - Robyn Kuhlman, School Psychologist, Wixey one day per week for the remainder of the 22-23 school year, retroactive to March 3, 2023.

Resignation: Dan VonderEmbse, School Psychologist with 41 years of service at the ESC. The Board acknowledged and thanked Mr. VonderEmbse for his dedication and service.

Approved the adoption of the 2023-2024 calendar for the Putnam County ESC

Approved a resolution in honor of the All County Arts Festival.

Approved the renewal of membership in NWOET for the 2023-2024 school year.

Approved the updated policies as recommended by our NEOLA Consultant.

Reservations were taken for OSBA Spring Conference March 23rd and Vantage All Boards Dinner, April 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am. The next meeting is April 12, 2023 at 9:00 am.