

DARKE COUNTY GOVERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

Mr. Larry Besecker, President, called the Regular 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 Mrs. Schmidt were present.

**APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

**5-23-2023**

Motion by: MR. BOOHER, and Seconded by MRS. SCHMIDT to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, April 10, 2023. The motion was approved.

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

Nay: None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**5-24-2023**

A. Monthly Financial Reports

Motion by: MR. BATEMAN, and Seconded by MR. BESECKER to approve the monthly treasurer reports given by the Treasurer. Motion approved.

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**5-25-2023**

A. It was moved by the Board to employ the following subs for the remainder of the school year:

Paraprofessional – Tamara Scantland

Certified Substitute Teachers – Sarah Eckert, Craig Stewart, Tori Schulze, Zach Henninger, Elisabeth Williams, and Richard Brandeberry.

Temporary Substitute Teachers – Heidi Runkel and Katelyn Marshal

B. It was moved by the Board to accept the Classified Salary Schedule for FY 2023-2024.

C. It was moved by the Board to approve a 2% salary increase for the 2023-2024 school year for all ESC personnel.

D. It was moved by the Board to employ Tara Hanuscin, as the Hearing Interpreter in the Franklin Monroe classroom for the 2023-2024 school year at Step 4 for 185-day contract pending background checks and proper licensure.

E. It was moved by the Board to accept the resignation of Christian Coblenz, Mental Health therapist, effective July 31, 2023.

F. It was moved by the Board to accept the resignation of Barbara Charles, Educational Aide, effective April 28, 2023.

G. It was moved by the Board to accept the resignation of Jennifer Hemmelgarn, School Psychologist Assistant, effective July 31, 2023.

H. It was moved by the Board to accept the quote from Wagner Paving for the paving of the Anthony Wayne parking lot in the amount of \$98,560.

I. It was moved by the Board to enter into a shared agreement with Darke County Board of DD for capital improvements and building transition plan.

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- J. It was moved by the Board to enter into a service agreement with Darke County Board of DD for facility maintenance services at Anthony Wayne Early Childhood Center.
- K. It was moved by the Board to enter into a service agreement with Hub City Propane for the 2023-2026 seasons at \$1.999 per gallon (42,000 gallons) locked in price.
- L. It was moved by the Board to non-renew Bonnie Warner's 1-year-contract with St. Mary's Schools due to EANS funding not available for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.
- M. It was moved by the Board to approve the 2023-2024 school calendars for the 190-day contract, 210-day contract, 220-day contract and the 225-day contract employees.
- N. It was moved by the Board to approve the following certified and classified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year as follows pending background checks and proper licensure:

**Certified**

Brandy Buck - Speech Therapist - 2-year contract;  
Jennifer Delzeith - Preschool Teacher - 2-year contract;  
Sydney Edwards - School Psychologist - 2-year contract;  
Paula Farmer - Speech Therapist - 1-year contract;  
Lisa Giuffre - Director of Pupil Services - 2-year contract;  
Darlene Hays - Preschool Teacher - 4-year contract;  
Brooke Hoying - Occupational Therapist - 2-year contract;  
Andrew Krickenbarger - ED Teacher - 4-year contract;  
Joretta Post - Preschool Teacher - 4-year contract;  
Jodi Rinehart - Preschool Supervisor - 4-year contract;  
Derrick Skinner - School Psychologist - 4-year contract;  
Beth Wiltshire - Itinerant Teacher - 4-year contract;  
Anthony Moeder - BCBA Consultant - 1-year contract;  
Laura Donadio - Preschool Teacher - 2-year contract;  
Leah Wilburn - Preschool Teacher - 1-year contract;  
William Nellis - Special Education Supervisor - 4-year contract;  
Kimberly Nellis - Special Education Supervisor - 2-year contract

**Classified**

Margarita Chavez-Potter - Paraprofessional - 2-year contract;  
Bethany Clark - Paraprofessional - 2-year contract;  
Heather Lipps - Paraprofessional - 2-year contract;  
Michelle Stephan - Paraprofessional - 2-year contract;  
Christy Hunt - Paraprofessional - 1-year contract;  
Kaylin Powell - Paraprofessional - 1-year contract;  
Karen Neu - Paraprofessional - 2-year contract;  
Andrea Strawser - Paraprofessional - 2-year contract;  
Tina Smith - Paraprofessional - 1-year contract;  
Airrika Cain - Paraprofessional - 1-year contract;  
Beverly Deskin - Paraprofessional - 1-year contract;  
Roxanne Stocksdale - EMIS - 1-year contract;  
Denise Garland - Interpreter - 1-year contract

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- O. It was moved by the Board to employ the following individuals as Paraprofessionals for the 2023-2024 school year for 185-day contract pending background checks and proper licensure:

April Echevarria, Step 1  
Tamara Scantland, Step 0  
Taylor Parish, Step 1  
Terra Denniston, Step 7  
Kaley Preston, Step 0

Motion by: MR. JAMES, and Seconded by MR. BOOHER to approve the superintendent recommendations. Motion approved.

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

Nay: None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- A. Mrs. Jenny Hemmelgarn, School Psychologist Asst. at Anthony Wayne, attended the meeting and thanked the Board for employing her the past 20 years.
- B. Mr. Atchley stated he will return the contract with Darke County DD and expects payment to be received within the next month.
- C. Mr. Atchley is working on lining up contractors to complete work at the Anthony Wayne preschool this summer for flooring, parking lot, lighting and the fire alarm system.

**APPROVAL TO ADJOURN**

**5-26-2023**

Motion by: MR. JAMES, and Seconded by MR. BOOHER to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Motion approved.

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

Nay: None.

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DCESC Board President

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DCESC Treasurer