

DARKE COUNTY GOVERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 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:**

**6-27-2023**

Motion by: MR. BATEMAN, and Seconded by MR. BESECKER to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, May 8, 2023. The motion was approved.

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

Nay: None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**6-28-2023**

- A. It was moved by the Board to approve May's financial reports.
- B. It was moved by the Board to approve the final appropriations FY 23 in the amount of \$9,634,803.35.
- C. It was moved by the Board to approve the permanent appropriations for FY 24 in the amount of \$8,118,445.69.
- D. It was moved by the Board to approve the contract with Lois Spitzer to compile OCBOA financial statements for FY 23 in the amount of \$1,650.00.
- E. It was moved by the Board to approve the payment to the Southwestern Ohio EPC for Liability, Fleet and Property Insurance in the amount of \$14,688.00.
- F. It was moved by the Board to approve a "then and now certificate" for Certified Restraint Training in the amount of \$7,000.00
- G. It was moved by the Board to approve a 2% increase on the Darke County ESC's share of the joint employment contract and adjust the share of the contract accordingly for Kerry Borger and Laura Cottingim.

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

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**6-29-2023**

- A. It was moved by the Board to employ Christina Helmer as an Intervention Specialist – Hearing Impaired at Masters – Step 27.
- B. It was moved by the Board to enter into a Work for Hire Agreement with Recovery & Wellness Centers of Midwest Ohio for Mental Health services for Anthony Wayne Preschool and ACES for the 2023-2024 school year starting September 1, 2023 at a not-to-exceed cost of \$42,120.
- C. It was moved by the Board to employ Katie Didier for 92 days at Masters, Step 7 – as Educator on Special Assignment at Anthony Wayne.
- D. It was moved by the Board to increase the interpreter's pay rate to \$26.00 per hour for 2023-2024 school year.

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E. It was moved by the Board to approve the following summer school pay for the following individuals:

**Teachers - \$50.00 per hour**

Jennifer Delzeith

Joretta Post

Darlene Hays

**Educational Aides - \$25.00 per hour**

Michelle Stephan

Airrika Cain

Beverly Deskin

Jennifer Melgaard

**Student Interns - \$10.00 per hour**

Kelsey Redmond

Kori Smith

F. It was moved by the Board to amend the Anthony Wayne ECC 2023-2024 school calendar.

G. It was moved by the Board to approve the 215-day calendar for School Psychologists.

H. It was moved by the Board to approve the job description for the Classroom Teacher – Teacher of the Hearing Impaired #5.08.

I. It was moved by the Board to approve the job description for Educator on Assignment #3.05.

J. It was moved by the Board to accept the resignation of Laura Donadio, Preschool Teacher as of August 15, 2023.

K. It was moved by the Board to approve the OESCA dues for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$3,923.00.

L. The Board was given the following board policies from Neola to be reviewed and will be approved at July's board meeting

M. 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:

Sacha Pollitt – Step 0

Sherry Miller – Step 2

Ashley Burke – Step 0

Camera Clum – Step 2

N. It was moved by the Board to employ Sarah Eckert, as the Special Education teacher in the Mississinawa Valley SBU classroom for the 2023-2024 school year at Bachelor's Step 12 for 185-day contract pending background checks and proper licensure.

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

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

Nay: None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A. Mr. Atchley gave the Board example policies for tuition reimbursement, sick leave incentive and personal leave incentive, and asked the Board if they would be supportive of this. They were in favor of a policy similar to the examples he gave. He will develop the policies and give them to the Board for approval in July or August.

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- B. Mr. Atchley discussed the ongoing upgrades being done at the Anthony Wayne preschool building including carpeting, painting, tuck pointing and paving.
- C. Mr. Besecker gave the Board an update on MVCTC. The building project is still on schedule to be completed in January. He also noted that the nursing program has been discontinued.

**APPROVAL TO ADJOURN**

**6-30-2023**

Motion by: MR. BOOHER, and Seconded by MR. JAMES to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Motion approved.

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

Nay: None.

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DCESC Board President

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DCESC Treasurer