

DARKE COUNTY GOVERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

Mr. Chad Booher, 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. Besecker, Mr. Booher, and Ms. Schmidt. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**APPOINTMENT OF TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

**1-01-2024**

Motion by: Caroline Schmidt, and Seconded by: Larry Besecker to appoint Mr. Kent James and Mr. Zachary Newbauer to the Darke County Educational Service Center Board effective January 15, 2024 through December 31, 2025. Motion approved.  
Yea: Mrs. Schmidt, Mr. Besecker, and Mr. Booher.  
Nay: None.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

The Oath of Office was administered by Kerry Borger, Treasurer, to Zachary Newbauer.

Mr. James was absent from the meeting.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**1-02-2024**

Motion by: Larry Besecker made the motion to nominate **MR. KENT JAMES** for president and **MRS. CAROLINE SCHMIDT** for vice-president. Nominations closed.  
Yea: Mr. Besecker, Mr. Booher, Mr. Newbauer, and Ms. Schmidt  
Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:**

**1-03-2024**

- 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: June 24, 2024
  - 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 2024.

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- 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

Audit Committee – (President and Vice President)

Records Disposal Committee – Mr. BOOHER

Designee for Public Records Training – Mr. BORGER

Motion by: Larry Besecker, and Seconded by: Caroline Schmidt to approve the Organizational agenda items for 2024. Motion approved.

Yea: Mr. Besecker, Ms. Schmidt, Mr. Booher, and Mr. Newbauer.

Nay: None.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

**1-04-2024**

Motion by: Caroline Schmidt, and Seconded by Larry Besecker to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, December 11, 2023. Motion was approved.

Yea: Ms. Schmidt, Mr. Besecker, Mr. Booher, and Mr. Newbauer.

Nay: None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**1-05-2024**

- A. Monthly Financial Reports

Motion by: Chad Booher, and Seconded by Larry Besecker to approve the monthly treasurer reports given by the Treasurer. Motion was approved.

Yea: Mr. Booher, Mr. Besecker, Mr. Newbauer, and Ms. Schmidt

Nay: None

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**APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1-06-2024**

- A. It was moved by the Board to approve Brandon Fisher’s resignation effective January 3, 2024.
- B. It was moved by the Board to approve Airrika Westfall’s resignation effective January 25, 2024.
- C. It was moved by the Board to approve mileage reimbursement as per the standard IRS rate of 67 cents per mile effective January 1, 2024.
- D. It was moved by the Board to approve the following certified/temporary substitute teachers and substitute paraprofessionals for the 2023-2024 school years pending proper licensure and background checks.

**Certified Substitutes**

Mark Lynch

Motion by: Chad Booher, and Seconded by Larry Besecker to approve the superintendent recommendations. Motion approved.

Yea: Mr. Booher, Mr. Besecker, Mr. Newbauer, and Ms. Schmidt

Nay: None

**SUPERINTENDENT’S DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- A. Mr. Atchley reported that they are trying to find an intervention specialist to replace Brandon Fisher and talked about the difficulty in trying to find someone with the proper licensure.
- B. Mr. Atchley gave the Board an update on the Anthony Wayne Preschool facility. Work is ongoing to update the kitchen and is getting quotes to replace lighting in the classrooms. The ESC has been approved approved for a BWC grant to replace exterior doors as well as add camera and card readers to the main doors.

**APPROVAL TO ADJOURN**

**1-07-2024**

Motion by: Larry Besecker, and Seconded by: Caroline Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

Motion approved.

Yea: Mr. Besecker, Ms. Schmidt, Mr. Booher, and Mr. Newbauer.

Nay: None.

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DCESC Board President

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