

The regular meeting of the Putnam County Educational Service Center Governing Board was held on March 11, 2024, at 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Educational Service Center Office.

- Approved the board agenda and any addendum(s) to the agenda as presented, minutes from the previous meeting, contracts, appropriations, and payment of the bills for the month.
- Administrative Report – Dr. Osborn
 1. On Sunday, March 10th our ESC sponsored the Eleventh Annual Putnam County Arts Festival held at Ottoville Local school. Dr. Lisa Martin, a music education Faculty member at Bowling Green State University, was the guest band director. Dr. Bo Young Kang is the Director of Choral Activities at Bluffton University. The county band was made up of fifty-nine select students, and the county choir was made up of seventy-six students from the nine local schools in Putnam County.

The Arts Show consisted of almost nine hundred selected projects from elementary, middle school, and high school students. Ms. Valerie Escobedo, Art Instructor for the University of Findlay, was the special judge who selected the fifteen most outstanding art projects in the show. While there was no official count of visitors, it is estimated that at least seven to eight hundred individuals were in attendance.

The successful Arts Festival was facilitated and coordinated by our ESC curriculum coordinators, Melissa Basinger, and Gary Herman, with support from Katelyn Gerding.

2. The Putnam County Family Resource Fair was held on March 7th at the ESC. Approximately twenty-five agencies participated in the event. In addition, eight mini-presentations were also provided. Our thanks goes to committee members Karen Maag, Andrie Ryley, Amy Buckland, Miranda, Schnipke, Marcie Osborn, Mary Ricker, and Dolores Garcia for their time and effort to make the Resource Fair a reality.
3. We want to share that March is designated as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. NACDD 2024 Theme: “A World of Opportunities” – we’re celebrating people and working together to remove obstacles. Our goal is to build a community committed to creating a world where everyone can do well and succeed. Join us in making a world where all kinds of people have a chance to thrive.
4. Our local school and ESC operational plans for April 8th’s Total Solar Eclipse are almost complete. Our ESC staff assigned to the local school building will follow the Eclipse school plan for that district; staff assigned to the ESC building will be permitted to work from home on the 8th.
5. On today’s board agenda, we will request permission to enter into a contract with P.T. Services to provide eight hours of speech therapy per week for the rest of the 2023-24 school year to help meet the need for services in our schools.
6. Currently, Treasurer Mike Siebeneck is working with us to complete another revision to our three federally funded ESSER grants. These grants will expire on June 30th. which means that the funding for three temporary ESC positions will also expire.
7. As mentioned in previous board meetings, the ESC summer student programs are currently being planned, and many of the programs will be held at the ESC.
8. The Executive Administrative Assistant position currently held by Ann Niese, who is retiring on June 30th, has been posted. We are beginning to receive applications from interested individuals.
9. We are in communication with Superintendent Horstman about ideas for improving the Early Discovery preschool playground area at Ottawa-Glandorf High School.
10. Upcoming events at the ESC included the Countywide Scholastic League Tournament on Wednesday, March 13th. Also, the Putnam County 7th/8th Grade Quiz Bowl will be held on March 12th, and the 5th/6th Grade Quiz Bowl on March 14th.
11. Current ESC funding and expense document with supporting expenditure information from Treasurer Mike Siebeneck was shared with local superintendents on March 1st. Dr. Osborn confirmed with the Superintendents that they are encouraged to share this document with local board members.

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

Maternity Leave: Approve eight (8) weeks of maternity leave for Megan Westenbarger. The due date is August 12, 2024.

Resignation: Accept the resignation of Lacie Perry effective March 4, 2024.

Summer School Teachers -- Approve the following individuals to monitor summer school classes on an as needed basis, and pending adequate student enrollment: Katie Mullenkamp, Math; Mark Odenweller, Social Studies; Susan Jones, Science; Cecelia Trampke-Kindt, English/Language Arts, at a rate of \$60.00 per student for grading/facilitating course work, and \$33.06 per hour for monitoring lab time for two hours per week.

- ❑ Approved the adoption of the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 school year.
- ❑ Approved ESC staff work schedules for April 8, 2024 and ESC Board meeting that day at 9:00am
- ❑ Accepted reservations were taken for the Vantage All Boards Dinner.
- ❑ Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. The next meeting is April 8, 2024 at 9:00 am.