

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 11

April 22, 2024

The minutes reflect the order in which agenda items were discussed and acted upon.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call – Dr. Larry Blair, Chairman

Chairman Blair called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Education Service Center Region 11 to order at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 22, 2024.

B. Invocation

Mr. Hughes gave the invocation.

Members Present	Dr. Larry Blair, Chairman Dr. Jay Thompson, Vice-Chairman Mr. Dennis Hughes, Secretary Dr. Jeff Hanks, Place 2 Dr. Kevin Rogers, Place 3 Dr. Jeff Turner, Place 6 Ms. Natalie Texada, Charter School Member
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Members Absent	Dr. Karen Rue, Place 7
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Staff Members Present	Dr. Clyde W. Steelman, Jr., Executive Director, Rory Peacock, Dr. Cathy Sewell, Brandilyn DePalma, Laura Weir, Laurie Enocksen, Ravonne Allmon-Smith, Hailee Fojtasek, Bradley Berry, Vaughn Santo, and Nelline Dignum
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Guest(s)	None
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C. Citizen / Employee Comments

None.

D. Approve Minutes of February 26, 2024, Board Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Hanks, seconded by Dr. Thompson, and passed (unanimously) that the board approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024, board meeting as presented. (Copy attached to the permanent record.)

E. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Hanks, and passed (unanimously) that the board approve the following consent agenda items, as presented. Agenda item E.6 was discussed separately. (Copies attached to the permanent record.)

1. Check Registers for February and March 2024
2. Financial Reports for February and March 2024
3. Investment Reports for February and March 2024

4. Budget Amendments for February and March 2024
5. RFP #24-04-29 – Professional Development & Educational Services
7. RFP #24-06-34 – E-Rate Leased Lit Fiber Services and/or Leased Dark Fiber Services
8. Operations Calendar for 2024-25

SEPARATE ITEMS

E.6 RFQ #24-05-28 - Audit Services

Dr. Steelman and Ms. DePalma updated the board on the Requests for Qualifications for Audit Services. A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Turner, and passed (unanimously) to approve the recommendation to award the contract for audit services to Pattillo, Brown, and Hill, L.L.P.

F. Sign the Statement of Officer

Dr. Blair, Place 1, Mr. Hughes, Place 4, and Ms. Texada, Charter School Member, signed the statement of elected/appointed officer. (Copies attached to the permanent record.)

G. Consider 2024-25 Board Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Dr. Thompson, seconded by Dr. Rogers, and passed (unanimously) to adopt the following meeting dates for 2024-25.

Monday, October 28, 2024
 Monday, December 16, 2024
 Monday, February 24, 2025
 Monday, April 28, 2025
 Monday, June 23, 2025
 Monday, August 25, 2025

H. Update on the Teacher/Employee Recruitment and Retention Program (TERRP) 401(a)

Retirement Plan

A motion was made by Dr. Hanks, seconded by Dr. Thompson, and passed (unanimously) to approve the TERRP 401(a) retirement plan structure to match 100% of the employee's retirement contributions up to 1.00% of the employee's annual salary compensation in a 3-year vesting schedule.

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Grant Applications
2. Personnel Report
3. TASA txedFest Summer Conference
4. Annual Cybersecurity Training Requirement
Mr. Peacock updated the board.
5. Bracket & Ellis, P.C. Client Appreciation Dinner
6. 2023-24 Budget Update
Ms. DePalma updated the board.
7. 2024-25 Budget Update
Ms. DePalma updated the board.
8. Hybrid Districts
9. Commissioner's Meeting Update
Dr. Steelman updated the board.

12. Employee Recognition
Ms. DePalma recognized Mr. Bradley and Mr. Santo for their organization and effort on the ESC Region 11 emergency lockdown and reunification drill.
10. Technology Update
Mr. Peacock updated the board.
11. Instructional Services Update
Dr. Sewell updated the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Blair stated that at 11:42 a.m. the board would enter into executive session as authorized by Gov't Code 551.076, considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.

The board reconvened into open session at 12:40 p.m.

I. Consider and Possible Action on the Guardian Plan

No action taken.

K. Consider Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session If Any

No action taken.

L. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the ESC Region 11 Board of Directors will be Monday, June 24, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Texada, and passed (unanimously) to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Larry Blair, Chairman



Mr. Dennis Hughes, Secretary

By: Nelline Dignum