

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN OHIO
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

September 22, 2015

The Southern Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board met on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center for its regular monthly meeting. Members present were Mr. Clawson, Mrs. Gausman, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lane, Mr. Luck, Mr. Mount, Mr. Peck, Mr. West and Mr. Wilt along with Treasurer Rachel Meyer and Superintendent Tony Long. Guests in attendance are listed under public participation.

REVISION AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA (Resolution #3431)

It was moved by Mr. Luck and seconded by Mr. Mount to approve the agenda as revised.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Clawson, declared the motion carried.

MINUTE APPROVAL (Resolution #3432)

It was moved by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Peck that the August 25, 2015 meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Six board members approved the motion with an abstention from Mr. Clawson. President of the board, Mr. Clawson, declared the motion carried.

Mr. West arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Wilt arrived at 7:16 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tracy Dendinger, Agriculture Education Program Specialist, at the SOESC and two of her former Miami Trace students, Brock Wilt and Gus Mitchem gave a presentation on their trip to Scotland/Ireland. They were part of an International Judging Livestock Tour.

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CHANGE STATE LAW TO ENSURE GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY FOR OHIO CHARTER SCHOOLS (Resolution #3433) [See Minute Page #890-892]

It was moved by Mr. Mount and seconded by Mr. West to approve the resolution to call on the Ohio General Assembly to Change State Law to Ensure Greater Accountability and Transparency for Ohio Charter Schools.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Clawson, declared the motion carried.

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GREAT OAKS ITCD REPORT

Mr. Lane updated the board on the August 2015 Great Oaks ITCD Board Meeting. The following bullets are highlights from his report.

- New board member – Gary West
- Enrollment Report – 3,012 secondary students are enrolled this year in workforce development programs. That is an increase from last year of 109 students on campuses and 66 in satellite programs. The increase includes 67 students from Blanchester Local School District and 26 students from Clinton-Massie Local School District.
- Great Oaks received all A's on the district report card recently released by the ODE for career-tech districts. The data pertains to the class of 2013.
- Southern Hills also received all A's on their District Report Card.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Peck shared the Ohio School Boards Association publication, *The Link*. The following bullets are highlights from his report:

- House Bill 70/Youngstown Plan – In July, OSBA Board of Trustees approved a resolution opposing the last minute changes made to HB70. The bill was passed by the Ohio Legislature in June and signed by Governor John R. Kasich. Local school boards are encouraged to pass a resolution opposing this process. HB70, as introduced, was intended to allow school districts and community schools to initiate a community learning center process that assists and guides school restructuring.

However, the changes made to the bill relate to the operation of academic distress commissions. Future commissions would be composed of 5 members who would hire a CEO who would have full managerial control of the district. The power of the CEO would include authority to close and reconstitute building, including reopening them as charter schools; reopen contract provisions of union collective bargaining agreements; suspend contract provisions, as long as per-hour and insurance costs are not affected.

The Board of Education has no authority over the CEO. School districts that have been placed into academic distress or have failing state report cards for 3 consecutive years will be impacted by these changes. Transition back to board control could occur based on academic performance.

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LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT (Cont.)

- **State Issue 3** – OSBA along with BASA and OASBO recently expressed their opposition to State Issue 3 (legalizing marijuana). The 3 associations share the concern of Ohio's Children's hospitals that the wide-open nature of the amendment threatens the health and safety of young people and will have a negative impact on student achievement. OSBA, BASA and OASBO are all urging their members to vote no on issue 3.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mrs. Meyer reviewed the monthly reports with the board.

APPROVAL OF PAID BILLS (Resolution #3434)

It was moved by Mr. Wilt and seconded by Mr. Lane that the paid bills for the previous month be approved as presented, for a total of \$677,724.84.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Clawson, declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVESTMENTS (Resolution #3435)

It was moved by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mrs. Gausman to approve the following investment as transacted by the treasurer:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Firm</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9/8/15	General	State Bank India	9/12/16	1.00%	\$40,100.00
9/10/15	General	Banco Popular	11/21/16	.90%	\$73,974.84
9/10/15	General	Bank Barcoda	12/27/16	1.00%	\$70,120.40
9/8/15	General	BMV Bank North America	2/04/17	1.00%	\$23,983.92
9/8/15	General	Compass Bank	3/1/17	.95%	\$60,961.57
9/10/15	General	Compass Bank	3/9/18	1.50%	\$74,906.25

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TREASURER DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Elected Officials and Key Employees Questionnaire:

- As part of our FY2015 Audit process, each of you should have received an Elected Officials and Key Employees Questionnaire via an email from Staci Reiley, Audit Manager. If you have not returned the questionnaire, please bring the completed form to the September 22nd Board Meeting. If needed, I have included the questionnaire in your packets. Tony and I have also been asked to complete the questionnaire.

2. Fiscal Office Update:

- On September 2, 2015, Megan Thompson, Amanda Ely and I attended the pre-audit meeting with Staci Reiley, Audit Manager with the Ohio Auditor of State Office and her team. The meeting went well and we are in the process of gathering requested items needed to complete the audit.
- On September 17, 2015 I will met with Jim DeMark from Plattenburg regarding the GAAP Conversion. We are in the process of providing the requested documents in order for Plattenburg to complete the conversion in November.

3. Professional Development:

- On September 10, 2015, I participated in a webinar provided by American Fidelity Administrative Services regarding 2015 Affordable Care Act (ACA) Reporting. The webinar focused on ACA IRS reporting requirements and Worxtime tracking capabilities and timelines. If you recall, Worxtime is the software that we have in place to help us to be in compliance with the ACA. Amanda will attend the webinar on September 15, 2015.
- On September 15-16, 2015, I will attend the OESCA-OTESCA Fall Leadership Conference in Columbus. The conference is slated to provide engaging presentations and breakout sessions on leadership, teaching and learning in the 21st century skills featuring keynote presentations by Eric Sheningr, Senior Fellow, International Center for Leadership in Education; Jones Loflin, Internationally recognized speaker and trainer; Tom Gluck, Executive Director of Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units and the Social Firm, creative experts in social media, reputation management and digital marketing.

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PERSONNEL CONTRACT RESIGNATION (Resolution #3436)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Long, it was moved by Mr. Luck and seconded by Mr. Peck to approve the resignation of the following personnel:

[See Minute Page #893]

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Clawson, declared the motion carried.

PERSONNEL CONTRACT AGREEMENT(S) (Resolution #3437)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Long, it was moved by Mr. Mount and seconded by Mr. West that the board approve employment contracts for the following personnel subject to the provision of O.R.C. 3319.02, O.R.C. 3319.08 and/or O.R.C. 3319.081. All personnel are subject to assignment by the superintendent and all contracts are subject to continuation of existing local, state, and/or federal funding; proper licensure; Ohio Department of Education highly qualified teacher per current job assignment; Ohio Bureau of Criminal Background Investigation Check; and Federal Bureau of Investigation Background Check:

[See Minute Page #894-895]

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Clawson, declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF POLICY MANUAL UPDATES (Resolution #3438)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Long, it was moved by Mr. Peck and seconded by Mr. Wilt to approve the following policy manual updates:

Revised Policies:

AFC-1 (Also GCN-1)	Evaluation of Certified Staff
DN	School Properties Disposal
GCN-1 (Also AFC-1)	Evaluation of Certified Staff
LBB	Cooperative Educational Programs

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APPROVAL OF AN IMPRACTICAL TO TRANSPORT RESOLUTION (Resolution #3439)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Long, it was moved by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Luck to approve Fairfield Local's request for Impractical Transportation of students.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Clawson, declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL (Resolution #3440)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Long, it was moved by Mr. Wilt and seconded by Mrs. Gausman to approve out of state travel for **Tracy Dendinger** to attend a National FFA and NASAE Convention in Louisville, KY from October 25-October 28, 2015.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Clawson, declared the motion carried.

HOPEWELL REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (Resolution #3441)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Long and the Hopewell Regional Advisory Council, it was moved by Mrs. Gausman and seconded by Mr. Peck to approve the following:

Personnel Contract Amendment(s)

[See Minute Page #896]

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Clawson, declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Long shared the following with the board:

1. A FY15 SOESC attendance spreadsheet was provided. Our overall employee attendance is 96.44%. Tony praised Marla Coffey for her prep work of the spreadsheet.
2. The FY15 Annual Report was disseminated at the board meeting. Tony praised Diana Miller for her prep of the report. Tony will also distribute this report to many of our stakeholders.
3. OESCA's 30th Annual Conference Brunch will be held November 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. West will be honored for 30 years of service.

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4. A copy of the 2015 tuition reimbursement distribution summary was provided. Tony asked the board to consider increasing tuition reimbursement for aides, OTA and PTA by \$3,000 to grow our own teachers and therapists with a commitment to stay with the organization.
5. Please complete the enclosed superintendent evaluation and return to Mr. Clawson at the October board meeting.
6. The SOESC/OSBA Leadership Academy training handout was disseminated to board members.
7. OESCA's 100 year history of County Boards of Education/ESC brochure was provided to the board.
8. The October 27th board meeting will be held at Region 14 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT (Resolution #3442)

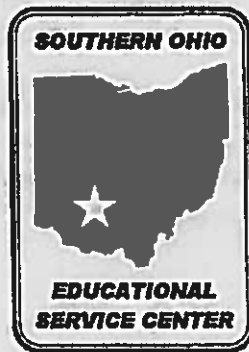
It was moved by Mr. Luck to adjourn to meet again in regular session on October 27, 2015 at **7:00 p.m.** at Region 14 Hopewell Center, 5350 W. New Market Road, Hillsboro.

The board members present unanimously approved the motion. President of the board, Mr. Clawson, declared the motion carried.

PRESIDENT

TREASURER

**Southern Ohio Educational Service Center
Governing Board**



Resolution

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**Calling on the Ohio's 131st General Assembly
to Change State Law to Ensure Greater Accountability and
Transparency for Ohio Charter Schools**

WHEREAS, A fully funded, thorough and efficient system of public education is mandated by Ohio's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory duty of the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center and their member school districts to deliver the educational programs and services to the school children of the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center region, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board are elected by the voters of Adams, Clinton, Fayette and Highland counties to ensure an effective, efficient, vibrant and productive system of education for the residents of our school community, and

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing board is responsible to all members of the community including taxpayers, parents and other patrons, as well as the state, and

WHEREAS, Charter schools ("community schools") were originally introduced as a way to provide quality educational options to students in public schools, now expanding to have more than 120,000 students statewide, at a cost of over \$900,000,000 in state funding each year; and

WHEREAS, Charter school state funding, regardless of charter school quality or performance, is paid for through reduction from traditional public school funding; and

WHEREAS, the annual loss of funding to the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center's member school districts is approximately \$4,833,000; and

WHEREAS, last year 511 of the 613 school districts in Ohio received less per pupil under the State's funding formula than the minimum \$5,745 per pupil received by the charter schools in the state; and

WHEREAS, local school district boards of education have no influence on any aspect of the operation, programming, financing or outcome of charter schools their resident students might choose to attend, and

WHEREAS, charter schools, as a group, demonstrate low academic performance as compared to traditional public schools, and

WHEREAS, charter school students are not required to meet Ohio Department of Education minimum standards in order to receive a high school diploma and are exempt from State Board of Education minimum standards covering the assignment of personnel according to training and qualifications; proper organization, administration and supervision of schools; admission and promotion of students; and

WHEREAS, the alleged fraud and corruption within the charter school industry in our state as reported in the public media have made Ohio the focus of the nation, and

WHEREAS, it has been said that Ohio has some of the weakest, if not the weakest, control and oversight regulations over the charter school industry,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board respectfully requests that the Governor of the State of Ohio and 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio enact meaningful legislation that makes charter schools, their sponsors, their boards of education and education management organizations as accountable and transparent as traditional public school districts in our state, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that charter schools must be required to follow the same statutes and regulations as traditional public school districts, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Ohio establish a separate funding stream for charter schools that does not drain valuable resources from Ohio's public education system; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all charter schools must be audited annually by the Ohio State Auditor as a condition for receiving any state funds over \$10,000; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the Governor, legislators, State Auditor and the media.

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center while meeting in public session on September 22, 2015.

Jim Clawson
Jim Clawson, President

Richard Peck
Richard Peck, Vice President

Martha Gausman
Martha Gausman, Board Member

Roy Hill
Roy Hill, Board Member

Rod Lane
Rod Lane, Board Member

James Luck
James Luck, Board Member

Dennis Mount
Dennis Mount, Board Member

Roger West
Roger West, Board Member

Corky Wilk
Corky Wilk, Board Member

Tony Long
Tony Long, Superintendent

Rachel Meyer
Rachel Meyer, Treasurer

Resignation Approval Recommendation SOESC

Last Name	First Name	Tentative Position	Contract Type	Effective Date	Additional Agenda Item	Comments	Board meeting Date
Matthews	Candy	Educational Aide ED Unit Clinton County	Classified Employee	9/4/2015			9/22/2015
Lorenz	Alisa		Classified Employee	8/28/2015			9/22/2015

* Highlighted Cells = Additional Agenda Item

9/10/2015

Employment Recommendations
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Highlighted entry/entries additional page(s)

Last Name	First Name	Terminative Position	Contract Beg.	Contract End	Length of Contract	Days	Schedule	Step	Degree	Amount	Pay Type	Contract Type	Comments	Additional Agenda Item	Board Meeting Date	RAC Meeting Date
		Secretary	08/20/15	2018	3	180	M	1	No Degree on Schedule	323	Hourly	Classified Employee			9/27/2015	
		Supervisor Secretary	08/20/15	08/20/18	3	180	M	0	No Degree on Schedule	183	Hourly	Classified Employee			9/27/2015	
		Administrative Aide	08/20/15	08/20/18	3	180	M	1	No Degree on Schedule	97.5	Hourly	Classified Employee			9/27/2015	
		Speech Language Pathologist	08/20/15	02/29/2018	3	144	MMW	4	Master's	34,572.00	Salary	Demerited Employee			9/27/2015	
		Speech Language Pathologist	08/20/15	2018	3	180	MMW	24	Master's	48,477	Hourly	Retired Classified			9/27/2015	
		Educational Aide	2015	2018	3	180	L	5	No Degree on Schedule	1,022	Hourly	Classified Employee			9/27/2015	

East Clinton Local Schools
 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

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The following Substitute Teachers have met all the requirements of the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center and are ready to be approved at your Local Board Meeting.

	Last Name:	First Name:
1.	Cherrington	Lana
2.	Creamer	Donald T.
3.	Faris	Amy
4.	McCune	Megan
5.	Moenster	Carrie
6.	Moore	Ingrid
7.	Roy	Amberly
8.	Rush	Scott
9.	Sanders	Stephen
10.	Sexton	Matthew
11.	Shope	Brandon
12.	Smith-Reisinger	Tammy
13.	Vance	Ray
14.	Weston	Dawn
15.	Williams	Amy
16.	Young	Dawn

**Contract Amendment Recommendations
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Last Name	First Name	Tentative Position	Contract Beginning SY	Contract Ending SY	Change 1	Change 2	Change 3
Boone	Michael	Physical Therapist	2015	2016	Moving from PT Salary Schedule, Step 9 Bachelor's to PT Salary Schedule, Step 9 Bachelor's+	From \$67,585 to \$72,096	Retroactive to 8/7/15
Boone	Michael	Physical Therapist	2015	2016	Supplemental Contract amount from \$1,837 (PT Step 9 B) to \$1,959 (PT, Step 9 B+)	Retroactive to 8/7/15	N/A
Bales	Erin	Occupational Therapist	2015	2016	Moving from OT/PT+ Salary Schedule Step 8 Bachelors+ to OT/PT M Salary Schedule Step 8 Masters + \$1,000 for Doctorate Degree	From \$67,921 to \$67,563	Retroactive to 8/7/15