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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board's Special Meeting held on March 8, 2013 at the 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, Ohio.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Mrs. Galbraith, Board President, at 12:23 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. Edward Bischoff	Present
Mrs. Joyce Galbraith	Present
Mrs. Jeannie Henkel	Present
Mrs. Robin Reid-Pleasnick	Present
Mr. W. Gregory Spencer	Present

Staff Present:

- Dr. Tom Goodney – Acting Superintendent
- Mr. Alan Hutchinson – Treasurer/CFO
- Dr. Ralph Johnson – Director of Leadership
- Ms. Elaine Organ – Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Joyce Galbraith, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

13.03.01 APPROVE ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

It was moved by Mrs. Reid-Pleasnick and seconded by Mr. Spencer the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board approve the adoption of the agenda and addendum of the March 8, 2013 Special Board Meeting.

Roll Call: Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Henkel, yea; Mrs. Reid-Pleasnick, yea; Mr. Spencer, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea
Motion passed.

13.03.02 ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Bischoff to adjourn to Executive Session at 12:25 p.m. in accordance with ORC 121.22 to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee.

Roll Call: Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Henkel, yea; Mrs. Reid-Pleasnick, yea; Mr. Spencer, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea
Motion passed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mrs. Galbraith called the meeting back to order into regular session at 3:20 p.m. All Governing Board Members present.

13.03.03 APPROVE CONTRACT ADDENDUM FOR SERVICE AS ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

It was moved by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mrs. Reid-Pleasnick that the Governing Board approve a contract addendum for Thomas Goodney to serve as the Acting Superintendent of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, effective February 5, 2013.

Roll Call: Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Henkel, yea; Mrs. Reid-Pleasnick, yea; Mr. Spencer, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea
Motion passed.

13.03.04 APPROVE RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT STATE SUBSIDY LEVELS FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS AND THE CURRENT GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS

It was moved by Mr. Bischoff and seconded by Mrs. Henkel that the Governing Board approve the following board resolution:

WHEREAS, Ohio Educational Service Centers (ESCs) are a vital link and partner in the primary and secondary educational process, providing a range of services to their member school districts, including curriculum development, professional development, technology assistance, administrative and supervisory services, preschool and special education programs and specialist staffing and supports services for at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, ESCs assist school districts in meeting and complying with Federal and State regulations in areas such as bus driver training, teacher licensure, background checks, child attendance, EMIS reporting and coordination, child abuse awareness and prevention, and many other important services to the local districts they serve; and

WHEREAS, ESCs support community outreach and partnerships in their school districts, including family and civic engagement teams, Business Advisory Councils, Family and Children First Councils, Workforce Development Boards and Regional P-16 Councils; and

WHEREAS, ESCs serve as important bodies to encourage and broker shared services among school districts, as well as other local government units on a regional basis, including value-added benefits in areas such as administrative back office support, grant-writing and administration, human resource services, transportation services and technology assistance; and

WHEREAS, ESCs are effectively governed by locally elected boards of education members who are accountable to Ohio taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the executive budget proposal (HB 59) submitted by Governor Kasich proposes the continuation of reductions in the state funding subsidy for ESCs by \$15.3 million, thereby reducing the ability of ESCs to effectively and efficiently serve school districts and other clients; and

WHEREAS, the bill (HB 59) also proposes to eliminate publicly elected ESC boards of education and to replace such boards with a yet-to-be determined governance model, using appointed members from all client groups, thereby eliminating public accountability and transparency for ESC operations and potentially diluting the educational mission of ESCs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board does hereby express its opposition to these provisions in HB 59; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board does hereby urge the Ohio General Assembly to maintain the state subsidy for ESCs at current levels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board does hereby urge the Ohio General Assembly to preserve public accountability and transparency by maintaining the current governance structure of elected ESC board members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer/CFO be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Governing Board and to forward copies of the resolution to the Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly.

Roll Call: Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Henkel, yea; Mrs. Reid-Pleasnick, yea;
Mr. Spencer, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea
Motion passed.

13-03.05


APPROVE ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Henkel and seconded by Mr. Bischoff the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Henkel, yea; Mrs. Reid-Pleasnick, yea;
Mr. Spencer, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea
Motion passed.


Joyce Galbraith
Governing Board President
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio

ATTEST:


Alan Hutchinson, Treasurer/CFO
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio

