

MINUTES
Organizational and Regular Meeting
Governing Board of the Greene County Educational Service Center
Thursday, January 14, 2021 – 9:30 AM

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mr. Snell, having been appointed President Pro-Tem at the December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting called the Meeting to order at 9:34 AM with the following in attendance: Mrs. Wiseman, Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. Canty, Mr. Eppers and Mr. Snell.

Also in attendance: Mrs. Terry Strieter, Superintendent, Mr. Arledge, Treasurer and Mr. Bronston McCord, Attorney with Ennis Britton, LPA.

Election of Governing Board Officers for 2021

2021-1

President

Moved by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mrs. Wiseman that Mr. Eppers be nominated for Board President.

Vice President

Moved by Mrs. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Eppers that Mrs. Canty be nominated for Vice President.

Moved by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mrs. Phipps that the nominations be closed.

Vote: Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mrs. Canty, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye.
Motion carried.

Adoption of Agenda

2021-2

Moved by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mrs. Canty that the Agenda be approved.

Revisions and Additions were noted.

Vote: Mrs. Canty, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye.
Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of December 10, 2020, Regular Board Meeting

2021-3

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mrs. Canty that the Minutes of the December 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

Vote: Mr. Eppers, abstain; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mrs. Canty, aye.
Motion carried 4-0-1.

Open Communications

The Superintendent reminded everyone that it was Board Recognition Month by OSBA.

Executive Session – Conference with board attorney to discuss matters that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

2021- 4

Moved by Mr. Eppers, seconded by Mrs. Phipps that the Board go into Executive Session at 9:42 AM for a Conference with the board attorney to discuss matters that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Vote: Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mrs. Canty, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye.
Motion carried.

After a Conference with the board attorney to discuss matters that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, the Board returned to Regular Session at 10:23 AM.

Mr. McCord then left the meeting.

Establish Regular Board Meeting Dates, Times and Locations for Calendar Year 2021

2021-5

After discussion, the 2021 Meeting schedule was set as follows, with all Meetings held at the Greene County ESC.

Thursday, February 11, 2021	9:30 AM
Thursday, March 11, 2021	9:30 AM
Thursday, April 8, 2021	9:30 AM
Thursday, May 13, 2021	9:30 AM
Thursday, June 17, 2021	9:30 AM
Thursday, July 15, 2021	9:30 AM
Thursday, August 12, 2021	9:30 AM
Thursday, September 9, 2021	9:30 AM
Thursday, October 14, 2021	9:30 AM
Thursday, November 11, 2021	9:30 AM
Thursday, December 9, 2021	9:30 AM

Moved by Mrs. Phipps, seconded by Mrs. Canty that the 2021 Meeting Dates be approved.

Vote: Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mrs. Canty, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye.
Motion carried.

Establish the Governing Board of the Greene County Educational Service Center Fund at \$20,000 for calendar year 2021

2021-6

Moved by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mrs. Wiseman that the Service Center Fund for the Governing Board be set at \$20,000.00 for 2021.

Vote: Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mrs. Canty, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye.
Motion carried.

Appoint Board Committee and Liaison Assignments for 2021

After discussion, Mr. Eppers appointed the following for 2021.

Policy Liaison – Eppers - 2020
Business Advisory Representative – Phipps 2020
Legislative Liaison – Wiseman - 2020
Student Achievement Liaison – Canty 2020

Establish Financial /Audit Committee for 2021

2021-7

Moved by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mrs. Phipps, that the 2021 Financial/Audit Committee include the Treasurer, Superintendent and Governing Board President.

Vote: Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mrs. Canty, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye.
Motion carried.

Approve Expenditures and Procedures for Calendar Year 2021

2021-8

The Superintendent recommended the following be approved.

1. Permission for the board, Superintendent, Treasurer, Administrators, and Staff Members to attend professional meetings;
2. Permission to allow Treasurer to pay bills as they are received within the limits of established appropriations;
3. Permission to allow Treasurer to invest all available funds in a timely and effective manner;
4. Permission to allow the Superintendent to employ and 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 or resignation shall be deemed effective as of the date of the Superintendent's acceptance of said event;
5. Permission to allow Treasurer to establish Special Appropriation Accounts for State, Federal, and Private Source Grants; and
6. Permission to renew office maintenance contracts as they come due.

Moved by Mrs. Canty, seconded by Mrs. Wiseman that the above "permissions" be approved.

Vote: Mrs. Canty, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye.
Motion carried.

Review of Board Goals for 2021

Mr. Eppers asked that the Board Members review the 2020 Goals for discussion at the February Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

2021-9

The Treasurer presented the list of Bills paid for the month of December 2020 (summary below) for the Board's approval.

List of Bills Paid during December 2020

General Fund "001"	\$1,143,549.24
Local Grants "019"	\$112,491.19
Staff Development "020"	\$119.66
Agency "027"	\$0.00
Student Activity "200"	\$51.42
State Grants "400"	\$50,284.36
Federal Grants "500"	\$0.00
Total	\$1,306,495.87

The Treasurer reviewed the monthly financial reports for the Board. He pointed out the higher than normal revenue, due to the payments by 3 of 4 districts for "GOLC" the online program offered through the ESC this year, along with another dividend paid out by Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. He mentioned the FY20 Audit is now posted and available on the Auditor of State website. He spoke briefly on the annual ACA Employer Reporting requirements that are currently being worked on.

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mrs. Phipps, that the Treasurers Report be approved.

Vote: Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mrs. Canty, aye.
Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent discussed coming back from remote learning for the ESC programs starting just after Martin Luther King Day. She discussed the Greene County Public Health Departments roll out of the COVID vaccination process for Health Workers that includes the ESC Mental Health Therapists. Also discussed the "roll out" for vaccinating all other school employees. She also discussed the new "K-12" quarantine requirements.

Personnel Recommendations

2021-10

The Superintendent recommended the following Personnel Recommendations be approved.

Certified Staff

Corum Cotterman – GCLC Teacher, "revised" contract for salary schedule upgrade for additional education (Master's Degree) total \$46,606.50 (half year at Step 4 "Bach+15" and half year at Step 4 "Mast" pending the receipt of official transcript.

Michaela Wellbaum — SLP, "revised" contract due to reduced work week from 5 days/week to 3.5 days a week starting January 25, 2021 at employee request and Director/Supt. approval. Total \$47,377.87 for the equivalent of 158 days.

Jessic Bledsoe — SLP, “revised” contract from 4.75 days/week to 5 days a week starting January 25, 2021 at Director/Supt. approval. Total \$60,475.64 for the equivalent of 178 days.

Additional Days, Hours and Stipends

Amy Baldrige - 10.5 days for GOLC work performed in July 2020

Amy Baldrige - up to an additional 10 days GOLC for the rest of 2020-21 school year by timesheet

Denise Davis - additional “one” hour by timesheet for Bellbrook student evaluation-Billable to Bellbrook-Sugarcreek schools

Dawn Koesters - Lead PT therapist Stipend for 2020-2021 school year.Equivalent to 5 days at daily rate of \$394.91 totaling \$1,974.55.Payable in December and May

Moved by Mrs. Canty, seconded by Mr. Eppers that the Personnel Recommendations be approved.

Vote: Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mrs. Canty, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye.
Motion carried.

Approve Contract to Purchase Speech Services from Montgomery County ESC

2021-11

Moved Mrs. Phipps, seconded by Mrs Wiseman that the Contract with Montgomery County ESC to provide Greene County ESC 55 days (1.5 days a week) of SLP support for 2020-2021 School Years totaling \$33,605.00, be approved.

Vote: Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mrs. Canty, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye.
Motion carried.

Approve Ohio School Boards Association Dues for 2021 Dues of \$3,300

2021-12

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mrs. Phipps that the Board approve dues to the Ohio School Boards Association for 2021 in the amount of \$3,300.00, with the “Free” electronic version of the OSBA Briefcase, and the \$150.00 electronic version of the School Management News.

Vote: Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mrs. Canty, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye.
Motion carried.

Approve Donation

2021-13

Moved by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mrs. Canty that the Board approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Dayton Foundation / Richard Lapedes Family Foundation that was provided to help support the Franklin B. Walter Scholarship Award Fund.

Vote: Mrs. Canty, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye.
Motion carried.

Board Policies “Revision” – First Reading

The First Reading was held on the following Policy Revision.

0131.1-Technical Corrections

Periodically, it may be deemed necessary to make technical corrections to policies that have already been adopted through normal procedures. These technical corrections may include: consolidation of sections, transfer of sections; combining or dividing sections, renumbering subsections, sections, chapters and titles, corrections or additions for grammatical or typographical errors, or alterations and omissions not affecting the constructions or meaning of those sections, subsections, chapters, titles, or policies as a whole. Should the Board of Education choose to make such technical corrections, it may be accomplished by resolution as part of the consent agenda without going through the normal policy adoption procedure.

Approve Mental Health Personnel Contract with Xenia Community Schools for FY20

2021-14

Move by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mrs. Canty that the Mental Health Personnel Contract with Xenia Community Schools for FY21 be approved.

This School Based Mental Health Therapist position was previously approved in the Regular Contract with Xenia CSD for the current School Year, but Xenia CSD Requires a separate contract for this individual as they are using “title” Funds to pay.

Vote: Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mrs. Canty, aye.
Motion carried.

Approve Continued use of Legal Services from both Bricker & Eckler and Ennis Britton Co. for GCESC Legal Representation

2021-15

Moved by Mrs. Canty, seconded by Mrs. Phipps to approve continued use of Bricker & Eckler and Ennis Britton Co. as Board Counsel.

Vote: Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mrs. Canty, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye.
Motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Eppers adjourned the Meeting at 11:17 AM.

Attest

Erik Eppers, President

Robert L. Arledge Jr., Treasurer

Upcoming Events

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Observance – Office and School Closed – January 18, 2021.