MINUTES
GEAUGA COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
OCTOBER 20, 2011 7:00 PM

The Geauga County Educational Service Center board met on October 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at the offices of the board for the purpose of conducting their regular business meeting. Members present were: Mrs. Koster, Mr. Battles, Mr. Burnett and Mrs. Jeffery. Mr. Gilson was absent.

MOTION:
Mr. Burnett moved and Mr. Battles seconded the motion to approve the agenda and addendum as presented. Vote: Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Battles, yes; Mrs. Jeffery, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION:
Mr. Battles moved and Mrs. Jeffery seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2011 regular meeting. Vote: Mr. Battles, yes; Mrs. Jeffery, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes.

Mr. Burnett moved and Mr. Battles seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report as listed below:

1) September financial statement.
2) September warrants written.
3) September investments.
4) October invoices payable.

Vote: Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Battles, yes; Mrs. Jeffery, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Galemmo discussed the following:

1) Shared services and P-16.
2) State school vouchers.
3) Issue 2 and SB 5 effect on districts.
3) Personnel restructuring at Geauga County Educational Service Center.

Mr. Gilson arrived at the board meeting.

MOTION:
Mr. Battles moved and Mr. Burnett seconded to approve the personnel items as follows:

1) Professional meeting request for attendance:

   Janet Sapp and Kelly Oblaczynski, Intervention Specialists, to attend Resident Educator Meeting, Akron, Oct. 12, total approx, cost: $300.00.

Julie Parker and Brianne Bush, Speech Therapists, to attend Ohio School Speech Pathology Annual Conference, Columbus, Oct. 23-25, total approx. cost: $1,200.00.

Sarah Meikle, Speech Therapist, to attend Picture Exchange Communication System, Pittsburgh, PA., Nov. 7-8, total approx. cost: $600.00.

April Gregan, School Psychologist, to attend Ohio School Psychologists' Association Fall Conference, Columbus, Nov. 3-4, total approx. cost: $515.00.

Sharon Knotek, Special Educ. Director, Denise Underwood, Literacy Coach, Lindsay Baar, Gaitway Principal, and Dana Jancik, STARS Director, to attend OCALI 2011, Columbus, Nov. 15-18, total approx. cost: $2,200.00.

Rebecca DePreta, STARS Teacher, to attend Smart Board Training, Lake County ESC, Sept. 29, total approx. cost: $65.00.

Eric Drennen, APE Teacher, to attend Ohio Assn. for Health, PE, Recreation and Dance, Columbus, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, total approx. cost: $230.00.

Frank Scarano, Director of Psychological Services, Amber Kokal, School Psychologist, to attend Ohio School Psychologists Association Fall Conference, Columbus, Nov. 2-4, total approx. cost: $1,120.00.

Maria Perusek, School Psychologist, to attend Obesity in Children and Schools, Perry, Nov. 3, total approx. cost: $166.54.

Jill Maiorca, Social Worker, to attend Ethical Considerations for Clinical Social Worker, Cleveland, Oct. 22, total approx. cost: $105.00.

Gayle Michel, Preschool Supervisor, to attend Classroom Assessment and Scoring, Painesville, total approx. cost: $25.00.

Denise Formica, Educational Assistant, to attend Therapeutic Interviewing, Valley View, Nov. 17 & 18, total approx. cost: $80.00.

Katelyn Cecchini, Adaptive Physical Education Teacher, to attend Ohio Assn. for Health, PE, Recreation and Dance, Columbus. Nov. 30 – Dec. 2, total approx. cost: $230.00.

Susan Maas, School Psychologist, to attend Transform Your Reading Instruction, Youngstown, Nov. 18, total approx. cost: $230.00.

Kelly Oblaczynski, STARS Teacher, to attend Resident Educator Training, Valley View, Nov. 11, total approx. cost: $130.00.

Frank Scarano, Director of Psychological Services and Ann Blair, Parent Mentor, to attend Ohio Parent Mentor Conference, Columbus, Oct. 25 & 26, total approx. cost: $430.00.

Julie Ramos, School Improvement Coordinator, to attend AppsFest, WVIZ Cleveland, Nov. 30, total approx. cost: $70.00.

Jaina Gandolfi, Vocational Director, to attend Bridges to Transition, Geneva, Nov. 4, total approx. cost: $40.00.

Dana Titus, School Psychologist, to attend NEOEA Successfully Managing ADHD in the School Setting, Oct. 14, total approx. cost: $40.00.

Carrie Koch, Itinerant Intervention Specialist, to attend Maximizing Math, Cuyahoga Falls, Jan. 6 & 27, 2012, total approx. cost: $50.00.

Carrie Koch, Itinerant Intervention Specialist, to attend Preschool English Language Learners, Nov. 15, 22, & Dec. 13, Valley View, total approx. cost: $75.00.

Carrie Koch, Itinerant Intervention Specialist, to attend Itinerant Preschool Learning Conference, Chesterland, total approx. cost: $5.00.

2) Leave of Absence:

Brianne Bush, Speech Therapist, requesting 12 weeks parental leave from approx. January 19, 2012 – 23 days paid, balance unpaid. Letter attached.

3) New Employee:

Wendy Patrone-Metzer, declined position of Vision Services Coordinator. Letter attached.

4) Contract Change:

Earle Beebe, Aide/Teacher – changing to full time teacher. Effective Oct. 17, 2011, salary BA Step 1, total salary for 2011-2012 $33,599.53, all benefits included.

5) Bus/van driver approved to drive in the Geauga County Schools during the 2011/2012 school year:

   Cardinal
   Thomas Westover

Vote: Mr. Battles, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mrs. Jeffery, yes; Mr. Gilson, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION:

Mrs. Jeffery moved and Mr. Battles seconded the motion to approve the new business items listed below:

1) First reading of New/Revised/Replacement policies for board action. The policies are as follows:

Admin 1422.02	Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee
Admin 1432	Sick Leave
Admin 1460	Physical Examination
Admin 1461	Unrequested Leave of Absence/Fitness for Duty
Admin 1623	Section 504/ADA Disability Discrimination
Program 2260.1	Section 504/ADA Disability Discrimination
Pro Staff 3122.02	Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee
Pro Staff 3123	Section 504/ADA Disability Discrimination
Pro Staff 3160	Physical Examination
Pro Staff 3161	Unrequested Leave of Absence/Fitness for Duty
Classified Staff 4122.02	Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee
Classified Staff 4123	Section 504/ADA Prohibition against Disability Discrimination in Employment
Classified Staff 4160	Physical Examination
Classified Staff 4161	Unrequested Leaves of Absence/Fitness for Duty
Students 5330	Use of Medications
Finances 6530	Payment of Accrued/Unused Vacation Leave
Operations 8210	School Calendar
Relations 9160	Public Attendance at School Events

2) Approve contract with Exousia Rehabilitation Services. Exousia provides the GCESC with occupational therapists. Due to the long term absence of one of our Occupational Therapists Assistants we wish to contract with Exousia for a substitute Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant for 2 days each week as needed at the rate of $52.00 per hour.

Vote: Mrs. Jeffery, yes; Mr. Battles, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Gilson, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1) November board meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2011.

MOTION:
Mrs. Jeffery moved and Mr. Burnett seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

GEAUGA COUNTY
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
470 Center St., Bldg. #2 Chardon, OH 44024

October 4th, 2011

Dear Matt Galemmo & Board Members,

I am requesting 12 weeks of maternity leave on or around January 19th, 2012. I plan to use 21 sick days and 2 personal days to equal 23 total days paid. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brianne Bush

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From: Wendy Patrone [wpatrone@bellaire.k12.oh.us]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 11:53 AM
To: Knotek Sharon
Subject: RE: Vision Services

This past weekend, I made a trek to Chardon to check on my housing situation. Unfortunately we lost the condo that we were going to buy. To make a long story short, raccoons got into the eaves of the condo and made a mess behind the closet walls. Now there is a battle between the homeowner and the condo association over who is responsible to clean it up and to fix the damage. Needless to say, there is no way that I can purchase the property until all of that is cleared up...and it could take months to straighten things out legally. I made a few other inquiries, but there are no other reasonably priced rentals in the area that have the amenities that I need. Since Bill and I have been married for only 3 months, we have not had time to downsize our properties in Belmont and Jefferson Counties, so an additional 1,000+ a month for rent and utilities would really hurt us financially. Buying the condo was the only way that I was going to be able to afford to live up there for work.

Unfortunately I am not able to accept the TVI position at this time. I really appreciate the opportunity because it seems like it is a "dream job" for a TVI, but I cannot afford to lose one (or both) of our houses in the process.

Again, thank you for the opportunity.

Wendy Mentzer