

MINUTES
GEAUGA COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
FEBRUARY 21, 2012 7:05 P.M.

Board Members of the Geauga County Educational Service Center met on February 21, 2012, for the purpose of conducting their regular business meeting. Members present were: Mrs. Koster, Mrs. Cavanaugh, Mr. Battles, Mr. Gilson and Mr. Burnett.

MOTION:

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

MOTION:

Mr. Battles moved and Mrs. Koster seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the 2012 Organizational meeting with discussion and corrections as listed below:

Page 2) Paragraph 3:

Mr. Battles moved and Mrs. Koster seconded the motion to establish date, time and place for regular monthly meetings along with the posting of each board meeting on the homepage of the GCESC web site a minimum of 2 days prior to the board meetings.

Page 3) Paragraph 2:

Mrs. Koster moved and Mr. Gilson ~~approved~~ seconded the appointment of Mrs. Cavanaugh as the 2012 OSBA Legislative Liaison.

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

MOTION:

Mr. Gilson moved and Mrs. Cavanaugh seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2012, regular business meeting as written. Vote: Mr. Gilson, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; Mr. Battles, yes; and Mr. Burnett, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION:

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

- 1) January financial statement.
- 2) January warrants written.
- 3) January investments.
- 4) February invoices payable.
- 5) Vocational Services Unlimited Grant - #599-2212, not to exceed \$422,719.77.

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

Mr. Galemme discussed the following:

- 1) College Readiness Grant - \$50,000.00 over 3 years.
- 2) Recovery High School.
- 3) Gaitway news program.
- 4) Online school possibility.
- 5) STEM Preschool/Elementary program.

MOTION:

Mr. Gilson moved and Mr. Battles seconded the motion to approve the following personnel items:

- 1) Professional meeting requests for attendance:

Lorri Petersen and Sue Sotkovsky, Treasurer's Office, to attend School Comp Safety/Risk Management Seminar, Rootstown, March 15, total approx. cost: \$40.00.

Sue Sotkovsky, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, to attend Journey to Health, Cleveland, March 6, total approx. cost: \$43.00.

Civia Wiesner and Rose Griffin, Speech Pathologists, to attend Meeting Literacy Challenge, Valley View, Feb. 15, total approx. cost: \$130.00.

Julie Ramos, School Improvement Coordinator, to attend Battelle for Kids, Columbus, Feb. 13, total approx. cost: \$220.00.

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Julie Ramos, School Improvement Coordinator, to attend School Finance, Columbus, Feb. 22 & 23, total approx. cost: \$585.00.

Stephanie Cohen, Occupational Therapist, to attend Brain Gym, Akron, March 9, total approx. cost: \$175.00.

Kay Low, Job Training Coordinator, to attend Life Safari: The Employment Jungle, Columbus, March 8-9, total approx. cost: \$550.00.

Dana Jancik, STARS Director, to attend Ohio Speech and Language Convention, Columbus, March 8-10, total approx. cost: \$475.00.

Heather Dodd, Transition Coordinator, to attend Special Education Legal Update, Valley View, March 5, total approx. cost: \$40.00.

2) Leave of Absence:

Brianne Bush, Speech Pathologist
Parental leave from approx. April 16th through June 8, 2012.
Letter attached.

Discussion followed. Vote: Mr. Gilson, yes; Mr. Battles, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; and Mr. Burnett, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion held on policy updates that had been tabled in November. Policies will be presented for 3rd and final reading in March, 2012.

MOTION:

Mr. Battles moved and Mr. Gilson seconded the motion to approve the tape recording of all board meetings. Discussion followed. Vote: Mr. Battles, no; Mr. Gilson, no; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mrs. Koster, no; and Mr. Burnett, no. Motion denied.

MOTION:

Mrs. Cavanaugh moved and Mr. Battles seconded the motion to approve payment to board members to attend trainings, retroactively, to begin effective January 1, 2012. Each member of the educational service center governing board may be paid such compensation of sixty dollars a day for attendance at a training program three hours or fewer in length and one hundred twenty-five dollars a day for attendance at a training program longer than three hours in length.

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Discussion held. Vote: Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mr. Battles, no; Mrs. Koster, no; Mr. Gilson, no; and Mr. Burnett, no. Motion denied.

MOTION:

Mr. Gilson moved and Mr. Battles seconded the motion to approve payment to board members for compensation for miles traveled for board business at the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate, excluding board meetings. Included are board trainings, conferences and other professional development opportunities outside of Geauga County. Discussion. Vote: Mr. Gilson, yes; Mrs. Battles, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; and Mr. Burnett, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION:

Mrs. Cavanaugh moved and Mrs. Koster seconded the motion to approve payment to Mrs. Cavanaugh for attending a 2 day training for new board members. Compensation shall be \$100.00 per day. Discussion. Vote: Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; Mr. Battles, yes; Mr. Gilson, yes; and Mr. Burnett, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION:

Mr. Battles moved and Mrs. Koster seconded the motion to table any action to be taken on approving a Board President position surety bond in the amount of \$25,000.00. Further details will be provided at the next board meeting regarding the purchase of such bond. Discussion. Vote: Mr. Battles, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mr. Gilson, yes; and Mr. Burnett, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION:

Mrs. Koster moved and Mr. Battles seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Vote: Unanimous approval Motion carried.

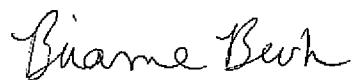
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February 13, 2012

Dear Matt Galemme,

I am writing to request parental leave from my position as a speech/ language pathologist for the remaining 2011-2012 school year. With the recent life changing event of the birth of my child and necessary surgery, it is pertinent that I take this leave to tend to myself and my child. I fully enjoy my position with the Geauga County Educational Service Center, but feel that this is necessary at this time. Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brianne Bush".

Brianne Bush