GEAUGA COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
MINUTES
2017 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2017 7:00 P.M.

The Geauga County Educational Service Center board met on January 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., 470 Center St., Bldg. 2, Chardon, Ohio, for the purpose of conducting their 2017 Organizational Meeting. Members present were: Mrs. Koster, Mrs. Cavanaugh, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Remias and Mr. Battles. Also present were: Suzanne Allen, Brenda Harriss and Lindsay Baar.

Mr. Battles, President Pro Tempore, called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MOTION: 01-2017
Mr. Burnett moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion to nominate Mr. Battles as President of the Geauga County Educational Service Center for 2017.

MOTION: 02-2017
Mrs. Koster moved and Mrs. Cavanaugh seconded the motion to close the nominations for President. Vote: Mrs. Koster, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

Vote on Motion 01-2017: Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: 03-2017
Mr. Burnett moved and Mrs. Cavanaugh seconded the motion to nominate Mrs. Koster as Vice President of the Geauga County Educational Service Center for 2017.

MOTION: 04-2017
Mrs. Cavanaugh moved and Mr. Burnett seconded the motion to close the nominations for Vice President. Vote: Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

Vote for Motion 03-2017: Mr. Burnett, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: 05-2017
Mrs. Koster moved and Mrs. Cavanaugh seconded the motion to establish date, time and place of regular board meeting dates for 2017.

Date - Third Tuesday of each month.
Time - 7:00 P.M.
Place - 470 Center St., Building 2, Chardon, Ohio 44024

No maximum number of special and regular board meetings to be set.

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

MOTION: 06-2017
Mr. Remias moved and Mr. Burnett seconded the motion to authorize board member compensation at the maximum amount allowed by law - $125.00 per meeting. Vote: Mr. Remias, yes Mr. Burnett, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: 07-2017
Mrs. Cavanaugh moved and Mrs. Koster seconded the motion to establish a Board Service Fund in the amount of $20,000.00 for calendar year 2017, as prescribed by Ohio Revised Code 3315.15. Vote: Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: 08-2017
Mr. Burnett moved and Mrs. Koster seconded the motion to appoint Mrs. Cavanaugh as OSBA Legislative Liaison for 2017. Vote: Mr. Burnett, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: 09-2017
Mr. Burnett moved and Mrs. Koster seconded the motion to appoint Mrs. Koster as OSBA Legislative Delegate for 2017. Vote: Mr. Burnett, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: 10-2017
Mr. Remias moved and Mr. Burnett seconded the motion authorizing the Superintendent or Treasurer to accept all donations to the school district on behalf of the Board of Education.

There was discussion about whether a cap should be put on what can be accepted without board notice.

MOTION: 11-2017
Mrs. Cavanaugh moved and Mrs. Koster seconded the motion to put a limit the acceptance of donations that the Superintendent or Treasurer can accept to $3,000.00 without board notice. Vote: Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mrs. Koster, no; Mr. Burnett, no; Mr. Remias, abstain; and Mr. Battles, no. Motion denied.

Vote for Motion 10-2017: Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, no; Mrs. Koster, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

Joan Benedejcic arrived at 7:10 p.m.

MOTION: 12-2017
Mrs. Koster moved and Mr. Burnett seconded the motion to authorize the Treasurer to make fund to fund advances, advance returns and transfers as needed throughout the year with Board approval as part of the financial reports at the next regular board meeting. Vote: Mrs. Koster, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: 13-2017
Mrs. Cavanaugh moved and Mrs. Koster seconded the motion authorizing the Treasurer to sign all checks drawn on bank accounts of the school district and to pay all invoices within limits of the appropriations as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code 3313.18. Vote: Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: 14-2017
Mr. Remias moved and Mr. Burnett seconded the motion authorizing the Treasurer to invest interim and inactive funds in permissible investments as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code 135.07; 135.13; and 135.14. Vote: Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: 15-2017
Mr. Remias moved and Mrs. Cavanaugh seconded the motion authorizing the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this board, subject to a vote of approval by this board, provided however, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.

There was discussion about employees starting prior to board approval.

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

MOTION: 16-2017
Mr. Burnett moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion authorizing the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to approval by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance. Vote: Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: 17-2017
Mrs. Cavanaugh moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion authorizing payment to each member of the ESC governing board for attendance at approved trainings of board member. Compensation shall be $60.00 a day for attendance at a training program three hours or fewer in length and $125.00 a day for attendance at a training program longer than three hours in

length, plus mileage at the IRS mileage rate. Vote: Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: 18-2017
Mr. Burnett moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion to approve the attached resolution regarding expenses for board members serving as an Ohio School Board Association committee member with the correction to make it applicable to all ESC board members. Vote: Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mrs. Cavanaugh, yes; Mrs. Koster, yes; and Mr. Battles, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: 19-2017
Mr. Burnett moved and Mrs. Koster seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

Resolution

Travel related to official duties while serving OSBA

Whereas, the Geauga County Educational Service Center is a member of the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA); and

Whereas, the OSBA is an association created for the purpose of fulfilling and advancing the ESC's statutory mandate by working for the general advancement of public education in Ohio, for the desirable and efficient working relationships among board of education, school administrators, teachers and the public, and to maintain channels for exchange of ideas among and distribution of information to school districts to provide better and more effective public service to public schools; and

Whereas, any ESC Governing Board Members who serves in some capacity for the OSBA in the year of 2017; therefore

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Educational Service Center determines that a board member that is of service of the OSBA, and travel in that role, is related to his official duties as a member of the ESC Governing Board: and

That any travel expenses paid for an ESC board member's travel to OSBA conferences, seminars, and similar events during the year of 2017 are ordinary, customary and necessary provided that the travel expenses are the lesser of: (1) the amount that ESC allow to be reimbursed for travel to the destination; or (2) the current per diem rate set by the United States General Services Administration for travel to the destination.