FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF DD

APRIL 14, 2021

5:30 PM BOARD MEETING

FAIRGROUNDS FINE ART BUILDING

The Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in regular session at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at the Fairgrounds Fine Arts Building. Board Members present: Mitchell Kirby, Cody Kirkpatrick, Nicholas Miller, Larry Mayer, and David Sanders. Absent: Mark Heiny, Benjamin Snodgrass

Others present were Debra Buccilla, Superintendent, Sherry Burns, Ex. Admin. Assistant, Lori Moore, Business Director, Larry Gray, Operations Director, and Elizabeth Brennfleck, Human Resources Director.

**ROLL CALL**: Mitchell Kirby, present; Cody Kirkpatrick, present, Benjamin Snodgrass, absent, Nicholas Miller, present; Mark Heiny, absent, David Sanders, present; Larry Mayer, present.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**The minutes of the March 10, 2021** Regular Board Meeting were reviewed and approved in a motion by Mitchell Kirby, seconded by Cody Kirkpatrick

**Roll Call: Mitchell Kirby, yea, David Sanders, yea; Cody Kirkpatrick yea, Larry Mayer, yea, Nicholas Miller, abstain**

**New Vendors: No new vendors for April**

**Transfers and Advances: None**

**Monthly expenditures for April 2021- Lori Moore, Business Director**

A motion by Cody Kirkpatrick, seconded by Mitchel Kirby to approve the April Financials. Roll Call. All yea, motion carried.

**Roll Call: Cody Kirkpatrick, yea; Mitchell Kirby, yea; Nicholas Miller, yea, David Sanders, yea; Larry Mayer, yea**

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

* All vaccines have been administered to those interested. Now, anyone who previously declined can go directly to open clinic days or by appointment with the Health Department.
* Proud to inform you that the Ohio Department of Education did an audit for the Preschool. NO Findings. When I checked in with auditor she emphasized how organized and easy it was to get thru our documentation.
* Miami Trace will not be offering preschool next year. I was able to have a conversation with Kim Pittser about this. We will be adding back the 4th classroom and have posted for a teacher and aide position. We also hope to brainstorm about transportation since it is so difficult to hire CDL drivers.
* We have been partnering with Ross/Pickaway on a grant called BREATHE. It is up for renewal and we have agreed to again partner. This gives us an opportunity to bring in dollars to the county to minimize using SL dollars.
* The County of Fayette has hired a Human Resource Director. We were able to meet with her today and believe we will have a productive relationship with her. A much needed service to the county.
* Caryl Wagner Bookman dedication has been on hold but we are now going to get started on this. I will be contacting Pat Parsons specific for pictures. We would like the project a fall date to have this dedication.
* Last, the City of Washington Court House has agreed to waive tap fees for us to hook in to the new sewer system on Robinson Road.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Project Update: Larry Gray, Operations Director**

* We will be getting bids on running the new septic line on Robinson Road and the demo of the old septic tank according to the Health Department and regulations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**American Rescue Plan ACT/COVID leave – Debra Buccilla, Superintendent**

* The previous language guaranteeing paid leave for COVID related absences expired the first of the year. We extended the paid leave to February 1, 2021 to give staff enough notice.
* It has been reintroduced in the latest bill “American Rescue Plan Act”. However, we will not be re-engaging as it targets non-profits with tax credits. This does not apply to us. Our practice is if staff contacts COVID in the work place we would offer paid administrative leave. If contacted outside of work, staff will use their own time.
* If possible the employee may work from home.

**Special Olympics – Debra Buccilla, Superintendent**

SOOH moved all Special Olympics programs to phase 2 of the Return to Play plan. Phase 2 allows teams to compete with one other team, with guidelines in place, a limit of 35 people, including athletes, coaches, and volunteers. When a competition is taking place, we will reach out to the other teams coach to ensure what best practices that they are promoting so that athletes, coaches, parents, and guardians are all on the same page.

Everyone in attendance will be expected to follow the guidelines set forth by the Special Olympics International, Committee.

This includes completing a health screen questionnaire and temperature check before participating, wearing a mask, promoting hand washing and practicing social distancing as much as possible, and as a Best Practice it has been suggested that we take attendance for everyone attending a practice or event, in case contact tracing would be required, for this, I think we will just have a sign in sheet. There will be no more than one parent or guardian per athlete permitted to attend practice or an event in Phase 2.

All Practices will take place at the Washington Senior High School track. Regional competitions are still in the planning stages, we are looking into the possibility of traveling to other counties for meets as well as hosting a meet in Fayette. Our regional coordinator hopes to have all the dates set for local competitions by May 1st

Transportation could be an issue with competition in other counties, as it is ordered by SOOH that we offer no group travel. We currently have 18 athletes that have signed up and we will be reaching out to those athletes to see who would have transportation and then decide what invitations would be reasonable to accept.

**C. Check pass through on Hickory Lane Home- Larry Gray**

We received a check in the amount of $127,818 for Hickory Lane. Requesting for board approval to pass through the DODD funds in the amount of $127,818 to Metropolitan Housing.

Cody Kirkpatrick made a motion to pass the funds from DODD to Metropolitan Housing in the amount of $127,818, seconded by Nicholas Miller. All yea. Motion carried.

**Roll Call: Cody Kirkpatrick, yea; Mitchell Kirby, yea; Nicholas Miller, yea, David Sanders, yea; Larry Mayer, yea**

**Board Trainings – Debra Buccilla, Superintendent**

April training will be DODD Community Capital Program/Fayette Housing earning .5 credit

March training was on DODD Executive Budget Summary and Testimony earning 1 credit.

February training was on Health and Safety Alerts earning .5 credit.

Please send Sherry an email for your files when completed.

Larry Mayer FCBDD President adjourned the Fayette County Board of DD Board Meeting at 6:27 pm.

Prepared by: Sherry Burns, Ex. Administrative Assistant

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Larry Mayer, President Mark Heiny, Secretary