FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF DD

September 15, 2021

5:30 PM BOARD MEETING

FAIRGROUNDS FINE ART BUILDING

The Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in regular session at 5:32 pm on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at the Fairgrounds Fine Arts Building. Board Members present: Mitchell Kirby, Cody Kirkpatrick, Nicholas Miller, Larry Mayer, Mark Heiny, and David Sanders. Absent: Benjamin Snodgrass

Others present were Debra Buccilla, Superintendent, Sherry Burns, Ex. Admin. Assistant, Lori Moore, Business Director, Suzie Janasov, Early Childhood Director

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

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**The minutes of the August 11, 2021** Regular Board Meeting were reviewed and approved in a motion by Mitchell Kirby seconded by Cody Kirkpatrick

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

**New Vendors: Chad Abbott Signs LLC and Earth Works and More LLC**

Cody Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the new vendor, seconded by Mitchell Kirby

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

**Transfers and Advances: None**

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

A motion by Mitchell Kirby, seconded by Mark Heiny to approve the September Financials. Roll Call. All yea, motion carried.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Special Olympics Continuing with several meets and events which are all outdoors. We are awaiting a decision on Basketball. More than likely the start of the season will be pushed back. Ohio Special Olympics will issue guidelines.

We continue to monitor the Direct Support Professionals (DSP) situation with Fayette Providers. Compared to other counties, we are doing okay but when some one’s needs change we have had some difficulty with Providers being able to add extra hours.

Preschool has been doing well, although we did have to close one day due to a bus driver shortage. We were able to bring a staff from Highland to drive until our own drivers were back to work.

Tuition may become an issue as we may be in and out of school for a while. I just wanted to bring this to your attention.

Larry Gray will be leaving us at the end of this year. As was announced earlier, he will be assuming the Director of Metro Housing.

We will have two board vacancies that are appointed by the Commissioners at the end of 2021. (Larry Mayer and Cody Kirkpatrick). Last year we talked about adding someone we served and we would like to have another female representative.

**Breathe Grant-Lori Moore, Business Director**

The Fayette County Board of DD requested the establishment of a new fund for the receipt of newly established grant funds from the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services for Strong Families, Safe Communities (Breathe) Grant. Funds will be used for community outreach such as Suicide Prevention, Trauma Informed Care Training and for Home sustainability for families and children of Fayette County. The Fayette County Board of DD has the potential to receive up to $70,500.00 this year and could possibly grow with the coming years. This revenue and expense were not budgeted for the FY 2021 budget.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

* The installation of the new sewer line has been completed.
* Lettering for the Fayette Administration Building has been installed (Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Starting Gate Discussion – Debra Buccilla, Superintendent**

* We would like to put this discussion on hold until Ben Snodgrass can attend.

**COVID Update – Debra Buccilla, Superintendent**

* We have been working with the Fayette County Health Department to set up booster shots. It looks like there will be the option of a drive thru clinic where both boosters as well as first shots will be available.

**Caryl Wagner Bookman Center Update- Debra Buccilla, Superintendent**

* Joe Dawson will be helping us to hang he signs next week. We did get our order from Quali-Tee Design however there were some mistakes that they are correcting.

**Early Intervention Update – Suzie Janasov**

Early Intervention is a term used to describe the services and supports that are available to babies and young children with developmental delays and disabilities. Some of the services may include Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy and other types of services based on the needs of the child and family. Services at a young age can have a significant impact on a child’s ability to learn new skills and overcome challenges and can increase success in school and life.

Our caseload has remained steady. Because of our IT Department, we were able to immediately serve our families virtually during the Pandemic. The families responded well to this type of service.

A few months ago, we were able to go into the homes as families chose and the IFSP dictated.  We were able to do in person evaluations unless the family chose otherwise.

We have established a relationship with Dr. Fitton Pediatrics to help with Physician referrals. We will also have monthly meetings with Dr. Fitton for updates and suggestions.

The state is also working on a standardized testing for children with autism that should be available in the near future.

**Waiver Updates -Debra Buccilla, Superintendent**

Renee was unable to be with us this evening. We would like to begin brining cases to your attention as we highlight several very difficult precedent setting cases.

SSA’s have to be very careful to work with families and treat county funding as payor of last resort.

Larry Mayer FCBDD President adjourned the Fayette County Board of DD Board Meeting at 6:09 pm.

Prepared by: Sherry Burns, Ex. Administrative Assistant

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Larry Mayer, President Mark Heiny, Secretary