FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF DD

November 8, 2023

5:30 PM BOARD MEETING

LOCATION: Economics Building

The Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in regular session at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at Economics Building.

Board Members present: David Sanders, Benjamin Snodgrass, , Betty Hoppes, Nicholas Miller Absent: Mitchell Kirby, Mark Heiny, Constance Enochs

Others present were Debra Buccilla, Superintendent, Sherry Burns, Ex. Administrative Assistant, Lori Moore, Business Director, Elizabeth Brennfleck, HR Director.

**ROLL CALL: Mitchell Kirby, absent; Constance Enochs, absent; Benjamin Snodgrass, present; Nicholas Miller, present; Mark Heiny, absent; Betty Hoppes, present, David Sanders, present**.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**The minutes of the October 11, 2023** Regular Board Minutes will be tabled until December because of lack of November Quorum.

**New Vendors:** None

**Transfers and Advances: None**

**Monthly expenditures for November 2023** were reviewed and approved in a motion by Benjamin Snodgrass, seconded, Nicholas Miller. Roll Call. All yea, motion carried.

**Roll Call: David Sanders, yea, Ben Snodgrass, yea; Nicholas Miller, yea; Betty Hoppes, yea**

**Superintendent Report**

We have discussed the eventual DSP increase for most of this past year. It is now official and will start in 2024. For Fayette the increase will cost approximately $103,000. This is reflected in the budget for 2024.

The Department of Labor is working on increasing the threshold for overtime pay. If passed, it will affect approximately 6-8 staff. The current threshold is $35,568. The new threshold goes up to $55,068.

Sylvia Call from our Autism program presented at an OACB session on this program. Attorney Aimee Gilman was also a part of the presentation. It was an honor to be asked and to be recognized by the state for our efforts in this area.

The Commissioners will re-appoint David Sanders for a new term beginning in 2024. Mark Heiny will meet with Probate Judge Mary King to swear him in for his final term beginning in 2024.

We have received some great feedback from the new Special Ed Director at Miami Trace. Basically, she said we were the easiest and most positive part of her job. There are also bi-monthly meetings this year with special ed supervisors and our staff to try and stay ahead of any problems. We all feel as though we have gotten off on a positive note.

We have just signed off for Metro housing to receive renovation monies from DODD for a bedroom addition at the Lindberg address. In 2024, we may need to look at development dollars for future housing needs.

Last month we received your approval to list some items on gov.deals. As they were preparing the details, we discovered some of the items were owned by FPI not the Board. We halted any listing and may circle back to you in 2024 with an updated list.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Health Insurance Renewal – Elizabeth Brennfleck**

Our medical insurance plan renews 1/1/2024. We have not yet received our renewal rates with our current carrier United Health Care.

To prepare, we use a database called FormFire to apply for medical insurance coverage. The FormFire compiles the data needed from each staff member and completes a PDF application for each carrier we wish to apply to for coverage. The process takes about 2 weeks for all eligible staff to complete. We have completed the FormFire applications so we are ready to send those to other carriers if we are not satisfied with UHC renewal.

We have been chosen for an eligibility audit with UHC and are in the process of completing that. We needed documentation from the auditor’s office this morning and will be forwarding that to UHC to complete the audit. UHC is supposed to give us the renewal by December 1. Last year they did not release the renewal until December 20 which made it very difficult to allow staff to make updates for January 1.

**Remote Attendance Policy for County Board Meetings – Elizabeth Brennfleck**

As of Oct.3, 2023 the Ohio Revised Code permits a member of the Board or Committee of the Board to attend meetings electronically. There are a few parameters that must be met for remote participation:

The Board members must be able to communicate simultaneously.

1/3 of the Board members attending must be in person at the regular meeting site (see chart provided)

If a Board member would like to attend a meeting electronically, 48 hours notice must be given (unless it is an emergency) Voting must be done by roll call

Benjamin Snodgrass made a motion to approve the Remote Attendance Policy for the County Board Meetings as presented, seconded by Nicholas Miller. All yea. Motion carried

**Roll Call: David Sanders, yea, Ben Snodgrass, yea; Nicholas Miller, yea; Betty Hoppes, yea**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Final Budget approval – Debra Buccilla-Lori Moore**

The 2024 Final Budget was presented to the board for approval. There were no major changes to the budget for 2024 from the preliminary submission in June

Nicholas Miller made a motion to approve the final budget for 2024 as presented, seconded by Betty Hoppes. All yea. Motion carried.

**Roll Call: David Sanders, yea, Ben Snodgrass, yea; Nicholas Miller, yea; Betty Hoppes, yea**

**2024 County Board Meeting Calendar – Debra Buccilla**

The 2024 County Board Meeting Calendar was presented to the board which also included the Finance committee dates.

Benjamin Snodgrass made a motion to approve the 2024 Fayette County Board Meeting Calendar with added locations, seconded by Nicholas Miller.

**Roll Call: David Sanders, yea, Ben Snodgrass, yea; Nicholas Miller, yea; Betty Hoppes, yea**

**Other discussion:** 40th Anniversary Annual; OACB Conference Columbus at Easton on Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, 2023 for this historic celebration! If any board member would like to attend, we will pay your expenses.

David Sanders, President adjourned the Fayette County Board Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Prepared by: Sherry Burns, Ex. Administrative Assistant

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David Sanders, President Benjamin Snodgrass, Secretary