FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF DD

March 13, 2024

5:30 PM BOARD MEETING

LOCATION: Economics Building

The Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in regular session at 5:35 pm on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 in the Economics Building.

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

Others present were Larry Gray, Superintendent, Sherry Burns, Ex. Administrative Assistant, Lori Moore, Business Director, Bret Malone, Assistant Superintendent, Chad Blakely, Community First, Clint Wharton, Operations Manager and Tim Stewart, Innovation Manager.

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

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**The minutes of the February 14, 2024** Regular Board Meeting were reviewed and approved in a motion by Betty Hoppes, seconded by Nicholas Miller. Roll Call. Motion Carried.

**Roll Call: Mitchell Kirby, yea; Betty Hoppes, yea; Nicholas Miller, yea; Betty Hoppes, yea; Constance Enochs, yea and David Sanders, yea**

**New Vendors:** Rocky Glacier Properties

Betty Hoppes made a motion to approve the new vendor, seconded by Nicholas Miller.
Roll Call. Motion carried.

**Roll Call: Mitchell Kirby, yea; Betty Hoppes, yea; Nicholas Miller, yea; Betty Hoppes, yea; Constance Enochs, yea and David Sanders, yea**

**Transfers and Advances: None**

**Monthly expenditures for March 2024** were reviewed and approved in a motion by Mitchelly Kirby seconded, Mark Heiny. Roll Call. All yea, motion carried.

**Roll Call: Mitchell Kirby, yea; Betty Hoppes, yea; Nicholas Miller, yea; Betty Hoppes, yea; Constance Enochs, yea and David Sanders, yea**

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

March is DD awareness month with several events scheduled. Last week we had a member of the local advocacy group attend the People First Conference. The Special Olympics held their Guns and Hoses basketball event, and this week Fayette County was invited to the This Is Me Event in Highland County sponsored by a provider. This event is like the Tim Tebow’s Night To Shine. Pictures of each event are shared on our Facebook page.

Pre school enrollment has begun for 2024/2025 school year. Preschool also had their ODE and Step Up To Quality inspections this month. They did receive a 5-star rating and they found no issues with either inspection.

We met with the Fayette County Auditor this week to discuss our payroll system and the new county payroll system. We will continue to use our current system and they wlll allow us to upload into their VIP System. We do not need to convert to their new system.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update on HVAC replacement at Caryl Center- Clint Wharton, Operations Manager**

We replaced three HVAC rooftop units on Friday, March 1, 2024. We have two more rooftop units to replace. The plan is to have these replaced by July of this year.

**Starting Gate- Clint Wharton, Operations Manager**

The IT room which houses the 3 servers and equipment for both building are housed in this room. The temperature was around 83 degrees. The servers need to be kept cool. We installed a mini-split unit in the IT room to keep the room around 68-72 degrees. The warner temperatures shorten the life of the server. Each server is about $10,000. Square One donated the unit. We paid $2,500 for the labor and startup of the system.

**Transition Youth – Chad Blakeley, Community First/Special Olympics**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) mandates transition services planning for students with disabilities who are 16 years of age. In Ohio, schools must begin transition planning when the student turns 14. Transition services are systematic, purposeful, actions to prepare and support students in their transition from the school community to adult community living. Services often include direction in the areas of personal and social skills, daily living skills, and occupational and vocational skills. The transition plan is specifically stated in the child's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

After several meetings with Washington High School and Miami Trace, we will be starting the Transitional Youth programs in both schools. We currently have 5 students at Washington Court House City Schools and 2 students at Miami Trace. We have the potential for more students starting the 2024/2025 school year. We will be working with the schools to be able to attend the IEP meetings with the parents and students.

**Innovation Initiatives/New Room – Tim Stewart, Innovation Manager**

We are currently working on setting up an innovation demo room at the Starting Gate that will be able to help people in our community to see first hand how this can work to help promote more independence.

A smart home would allow individuals with disabilities to control appliances, thermostat’s, lights and other devices using a smartphone or tablet though an internet connection.

Technology has revolutionized the way people with disabilities navigate the world, communicate, learn and work. Through innovative solutions, technology has not only enhanced accessibility but also broken down barriers, empowering individuals with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Preschool Handbook Update- Bret Malone, Assistant Superintendent**

We would like to add a statement to our preschool handbook covering dismissal of a typical student from the preschool program.

Fayette Progressive Preschool reserves the right to dismiss students from the program due to detriment or harm to other individuals in the preschool setting. Parents/Guardians will be contacted to schedule a meeting and to return all items belonging to the family. No items will be sent home with the student.

**Federal Funding Program Policy – Lori Moore, Business Director**

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and each of the 88 County Boards of DD receive reimbursement dollars from Medicaid for qualifying services to people with developmental disabilities (Targeted Cash Management, Title XX, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, Medicaid Administrative Claiming)

State Audits require that a Federal Funding Program Policy be in place for each county participating in the Federal Funding Program.

A motion was made by Nicholas Miller, seconded by Constance Enochs to approve the Federal Funding Program Policy as presented.

**Roll Call: Mitchell Kirby, yea; Betty Hoppes, yea; Nicholas Miller, yea; Betty Hoppes, yea; Constance Enochs, yea and David Sanders, yea**

**Other Business: It was decided that the Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for April 3, 2024 be rescheduled to Wednesday, April 10 at 8:00 am at the Caryl Center.**

David Sanders, FCBDD President adjourned the Fayette County Board of DD Board Meeting at 6:02 pm.

Prepared by: Sherry Burns, Ex. Administrative Assistant

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David Sanders, President Benjamin Snodgrass, Secretary