FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF DD

April 9, 2025

5:30 PM BOARD MEETING

LOCATION: Starting Gate Preschool

The Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in regular session at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at the Starting Gate Preschool Conference Room.

Board Members present: Mitchell Kirby, Mark Heiny (5:35 pm), David Sanders, Benjamin Snodgrass, Betty Hoppes, Nicholas Miller, Constance Enochs

Others present were Larry Gray, Superintendent, Sherry Burns, Ex. Administrative Assistant, Lori Moore, Business Director, Phil Loudin, Operations Director Highland, Clint Wharton, Operations Manager, Erin Walters, Education Director, Jennifer Goodwin, Investigative Agent

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

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**The minutes of the March 12, 2025** Regular Board Meeting were reviewed and approved in a motion by Betty Hoppes, seconded by Benjamin Snodgrass. Roll Call. Motion Carried.

**Roll Call: Mitchell Kirby, yes; David Sanders, yea, Benjamin Snodgrass, yea, Betty Hoppes, yea, Nicholas Miller, abstain, Constance Enoch, abstain.**

**New Vendors:** Buckeye Pest Services, LLC

The new vendors were approved in a motion by Mitchell Kirby, seconded by Constance Enoch. Roll Call. Motion Carried.

**Roll Call: Mitchell Kirby, yes; David Sanders, yea, Benjamin Snodgrass, yea, Betty Hoppes, yea, Nicholas Miller, yea, Constance Enoch, yea.**

**Transfers and Advances: None**

**Monthly expenditures for March 2025** were reviewed and approved in a motion by David Sanders seconded, Mitchell Kirby. Roll Call. All yea, motion carried.

**Roll Call: Mark Heiny, yea; Mitchell Kirby, yes; David Sanders, yea, Benjamin Snodgrass, yea, Betty Hoppes, yea, Constance Enoch, yea. Nicholas Miller, yea**

**Monthly Revenue Review: Lori Moore**

The board was given a monthly and quarterly Revenue Review and was asked how they wanted to see it going forward. It was decided to do it quarterly.

**Superintendent’s Report**

Fayette/Highland will host a provider training on April 30th at the fair grounds Mahan building. The guest speaker will be from Starfire from Hamilton County talking about their new book “Who’s in your Life”. We will send the brochure out to the board.

**Superintendent’s Report-continued**

**Tax Levy Committee:** Proposed changes to the House Bill 96 and House Bill 28 will most likely change tax levies. If it passes it will eliminate replacement levies. Nothing about renewals or continuous yet. Also, the budget commission will have the authority to stop tax payments for school districts that have more than 30% carryover from the previous year’s budget. It doesn’t speak to the county boards but could include us as well. I should have additional updates in our next month’s meeting.

Our John Deere mower sold on [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) and we received $2,310

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Preschool Calendar for 2025-2026 school year- Erin Walters**

The 2025-2026 Preschool Calendar was presented to the board for approval.

* Preschool staff will return to work on August 11 for our All staff retreat day
* Students will start on Tuesday, August 19
* We modeled our calendar around Miami Trace due to our draft contract with them to serve their preschool students on IEP's.
* We added in a few extra student days this year to ensure that we have extra hours in case we have another tough winter
* Last student and staff day is May 22

Constance Enoch made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Preschool Calendar, seconded by Betty Hoppes. All yea. Motion carried.

**Roll Call: Mark Heiny, yea; Mitchell Kirby, yes; David Sanders, yea, Benjamin Snodgrass, yea, Betty Hoppes, yea, Constance Enoch, yea. Nicholas Miller, yea**

**Preschool Update (Miami Trace)- Larry Gray**

We have a draft Memorandum of Agreement for the next two years from Miami Trace School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreement set forth below, the parties to this MOA agree as follows:

1. The Miami Trace Board may enter into an agreement with a financial commitment to the Fayette County Board of DD totaling $5,000 per student.

2. The Fayette County Board of DD agrees to provide a total of 25 identified student spots for the Miami Trace School District.

1. The Fayette County Board of DD agrees to provide Miami Trace Preschool Age Students first consideration in the morning class to allow for transportation restraints.
2. This Memorandum shall become effective on the date approved by the Board and expire automatically on June 30, 2027.  Both Parties will reconvene prior to this expiration date to determine the details of an extension to this partnership.

Once the draft has been approved, we will send to our attorney for review and bring back in May for approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2023-2025 Strategic Plan Update – Jennifer Goodwin**

I have provided you with a copy of our updated strategic plan for review. The Administrative team updated this in February of this year. We have had many accomplishments toward our goals and outcomes in 2024. After the accreditation review last year, we added two new goals to be in compliance with a rule change. Goal #6 is related to advocacy and Goal #7 for quality services. Our current strategic plan runs through the end of 2025. The administration team will develop a new plan in early 2026, which will follow the outline requirements of the rule. There are seven requirements in the rule, which include area of focus of:

1. Promoting advocacy for and by individual served by the county board through the person-centered planning process, activities, and community connections;
2. Ensuring that individuals received services in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs;
3. Reducing the number of individuals in the county waiting for services;
4. Planning and setting priorities based on available resources to meet the needs of children and adults residing in the county who are individual with developmental disabilities;
5. Increasing the number of individuals of working age engaged in competitive integrated employment;
6. Taking measures to recruit sufficient provider of services to meet the needs of individuals receiving services in the county; and
7. Identifying and addressing ages in services.

**2025 Board Trainings – Larry Gray**

We will start emailing out annual board trainings this month. Start with our MUI training. We will send other training courses over the next couple of months. Once you have completed the training, please email Sherry to say that you have completed the training.

**MEORC Review (Mock Accreditation Review May 21) – Larry Gray**

MEORC (Mid-East Ohio Regional Council) of Government. They will be conducting a mock accreditation on May 21 to help us prepare for our one year accreditation review in November. They keep current data of all accreditations throughout the state with all updates and changes.. They will be present with us during the accreditation process to help answer questions and give guidance**.**

At approximately 5:55 pm, Mitchell Kirby moved that the Fayette County Board go into an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Matters, seconded by Benjamin Snodgrass.

**Roll Call: Mark Heiny, yea; Mitchell Kirby, yes; David Sanders, yea, Benjamin Snodgrass, yea, Betty Hoppes, yea, Nicholas Miller, yea, Constance Enoch, yea.**

Fayette Board entered back into Regular Session at 6:11pm

A motion was made by Mark Heiny, seconded by Benjamin Snodgrass for Community Action to be able to lease the Starting Gate Preschool instead of purchasing. All yea. Motion carried

**Roll Call: Mark Heiny, yea; Mitchell Kirby, yes; David Sanders, yea, Benjamin Snodgrass, yea, Betty Hoppes, yea, Nicholas Miller, yea, Constance Enoch, yea.**

Nicholas Miller, FCBDD Vice President adjourned the Fayette County Board of DD Board Meeting at 6.12 pm.

Prepared by: Sherry Burns, Ex. Administrative Assistant

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Nicholas Miller, President Benjamin Snodgrass, Secretary