



Marietta Offices New Conference Room



The new conference room at the OVESC Marietta office building is a great place to hold meetings, conferences, trainings, etc.



In the photos here, Andy Brooks, Director of Special Education is holding an Interagency Agreement meeting with teachers, special education directors, Family & Children First Council and early intervention coordinators.



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We are about to turn the page on March and head into the straight stretch for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. It sure is nice to see the sunshine and warmer temperatures throughout winter, and look forward to an even nicer spring. Please remember that your students will be just as excited to see spring arrive, and some of them will want to test the edges of your tolerance. It is important as the school year winds down, to keep to your routines. I realize it is very tempting to have additional recess time or other special activities as the weather improves, but keeping to your schedule will reduce the chances of unintended consequences occurring. Don't put yourself in a position that could jeopardize all of the really good work that you and your students have accomplished this year.

House Bill 49 (Budget Bill) is with the House of Representatives. It is still very early in the process. Representatives will consider amendments to the bill and plan to send it to the Senate sometime around mid-April. There are many pieces in the Governor's proposed budget that would have negative impact on many of our school districts. The school districts served by Ohio Valley ESC would lose approximately \$3.8 million in state funding, and Ohio Valley ESC would see a 25% reduction in its state funding. Therefore, many superintendents have been in contact with their locally elected officials to discuss these particular components of the bill. It is also important to remember that "the Governor proposes, and the legislature disposes". The budget process is a marathon, not a sprint. There will be multiple amendments and changes before it is approved prior to July 1, 2017.

We are very fortunate to have elected officials in our region who support their local school districts, and understand the vital role ESCs play in support of the school districts we serve. If you have time, please send a letter to your elected officials thanking them for their continued support for a better budget. Let them know how much we appreciate their support.

Thank you for all you do, and have a great SPRING!!!

Chris Keylor, Superintendent

OVESC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – MARCH 16, 2017:

Regular Meeting:

The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the January meeting.
- Treasurer's report and bills for January and February.
- Personal Service contract for the period of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 with Teena Vigus for cleaning services at the Cambridge office.
- Participation in the Ohio School Comp Worker's Compensation Group Rating Plan for 2017.
- Accept grant monies from State Farm in the amount of \$20,000 for the Student Readiness Collaborative.
- Three year supervision contract with Local Government Services Division of the Ohio Auditor of State for fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019.
- Executive session.
- Employment of certified personnel: J. Anderson, J. Beardmore, A. Bowen, A. Dunn, D. Gray, C. Hare, M. Jellen-Tennant, L. Koslik, A. Sigmon, G. Thomas, C. Williams.
- Employment of certified substitutes: M. Douglass, K. Dunfee, J. Kline, D. McKenzie.
- Employment of classified staff: C. Bond, A. Hamrick, C. Klintworth, A. Pandiscio.
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- Adjustment to contracts: C. Allen, M. Reick.
- Resignations: T. Binengar, S. Sams.
- Non-renewals of: C. McCabe, M. Swaney, K. Keating.
- Reduction in Force: Z. Housley, C. McCabe.
- Recommendations:
 - FMLA Leave for E. Schumacher, J. Haught, E. Hoium.
 - Light duty work assignment: A. Cooper.
 - Contract with Your Way Landscaping for mowing at the Marietta office.
 - Field trips for Preschool classes.
 - Supplemental contract for M. Atkinson for FY2017 GAAP financial statements.
 - Franklin B. Walter Award \$250.00 winners.
- Salary schedule for the 2017-18 school year.
- Professional development meetings for staff.

Next Board Meeting Date:
May 3, 2017 (after Accreditation Meeting)
3:00 p.m. at Cambridge Office
(Please note change in location)

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Travel Expenses: As spring and year-end conferences will soon be coming up, please remember to obtain an itemized receipt for all meals and to keep in mind the \$50 limit for the day (including gratuities). Reimbursement will only be made with the itemized receipt. Meal reimbursements are for overnight trips. Please contact your supervisor well in advance prior to a hotel stay to follow the procedures for the ESC paying in advance for that hotel.

Kiosk Users: For Kiosk users, please remember to continue to input your leave using the Kiosk system. All leave should be entered as soon as possible, but no later than the due date of your work verification form.

Work Verification Forms/Time Sheets: An easy way to remember when these are due is when you get paid, your work verification form/time sheet will be due. You get paid on the 15th of each month and the last day of the month. Fax in your forms as soon as possible to avoid delay with payroll processing.

Change of Address: Please remember to notify us immediately if you move and change your address. There is a form on our website to complete for any address or name changes.

Email: Please remember to check your email everyday! We communicate regularly through email and it is important that you read your email. We prefer you to use your work email. If you can't get into your work email, or have forgotten your password, please call the office and we will assist you.

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Megan Atkinson, Treasurer

Preschool
Survey
Responses

The Ohio Valley ESC operates preschools in each of our counties (Guernsey, Monroe, Noble and Washington). A survey was recently sent out to parents as part of our five year Accreditation. In each newsletter we will share some of those comments.

- Friendly Staff, are open and honest with how the day goes and how my child is progressing.
- The one-on-one my child receives.
- I like how much my child looks forward to going and loves learning. Learning is fun and positive, not forced.
- The teachers are friendly and great with the kids.



State Farm[®] has become an official partner of the Student Readiness Collaborative (SRC).

On February 24, 2017, State Farm[®] awarded \$20,000 to the Student Readiness Collaborative (SRC) project, facilitated by the Ohio Valley Educational Service Center (ESC). The SRC includes every high school and career center in Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, and Washington counties, and six institutions of Higher Education. The project is designed to better prepare junior and senior students for college, career and life through initiatives focused on academics, career development, and life skill education. The main goals of the project are to increase the number of students who are college ready, create a culture of seamless collaboration between educators of high school and higher education, and provide high quality professional development for educators.

One of the four components of the SRC project is a life skill education program. A key initiative of that program is to develop and implement a mentorship program for each of the partnering high schools and career centers. The focus of the mentoring program is to provide a role model for each student in the collaborative to assist them in developing their critical life skills for success: goal-setting, teamwork, communication, problem-solving, work-ethic, leadership, and hope.

The grant funds from State Farm[®] will be used to support the mentoring program at each high school and career center. State Farm[®] agents from local communities will be partnering with the SRC high schools and career centers to provide mentor opportunities.

During the last two years, the SRC has provided professional development for math and English language arts teachers from the partnering schools. Students' progress on the ACT is being measured to monitor the impact of academic and life skill initiatives of the project. An ACT Online Prep software program was purchased so students could spend more time inside and outside the classroom preparing for the ACT. Last fall, students attended a conference focused on developing leadership, teamwork, and other life skills. These project initiatives have been funded by AT&T, StatOil, Schwendeman Agency Inc., Bi-Con Engineering, and the Ohio Valley ESC.

There are currently 181 Juniors students in the project, and they will be joined by another 180 junior students in the 2017-18 school year, at which time there will be a total of 360 students in the project.

The SRC project includes 18 high schools and career centers: Beallsville HS, Belpre HS, Buckeye Trail HS, Caldwell HS, Cambridge HS, Fort Frye HS, Frontier HS, Marietta HS, Meadowbrook HS, Mid-East Career and Technology Centers, Monroe Central HS, Morgan HS, River HS, Shenandoah HS, Swiss Hills Career Center, Warren HS, Washington County Career Center, and Waterford HS; and six institutions of higher education: Belmont College, Marietta College, Muskingum University, Ohio University, Washington State Community College, Zane State College.

GET WELL SOON!

Please join us in wishing preschool teacher, Stacie Manter, a speedy recovery. She recently underwent surgery and will be going through chemo and radiation.

You can send get well wishes to
[84 smanter@seovec.org](mailto:84_smanter@seovec.org) or to
104 Rauch Drive, Marietta, OH 45750.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STAFF WHO HOLD ODE LICENSES OR PERMITS.

Remember it is **your** responsibility to renew your license/permit (ex: teacher, administrator, speech pathologist, occupational therapist, school psychologist, physical therapist, paraprofessional teacher aide, etc.). For those of you that have licenses or permits expiring this summer (June 30, 2017), you can renew anytime now to avoid the summer rush or to keep from forgetting to renew in the summer. If you have any questions about renewing, please call either office at 740-439-3558/Cambridge or 740-373-6669/Marietta and we will assist you in renewing.

GOOD NEWS!



Raelyn Sue Delaney

Congratulations to our Washington County Attendance Officer, Robyn Delaney! Robyn and her husband Rob, welcomed Raelyn Sue on March 20th. Raelyn weighed 8.7 lbs., arriving just 22 minutes after they got to the hospital!!! Raelyn joins big brother 15 month old, Stewart.



If you have any good news to share, this page could be for you! Please share your good news!





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If you have any items, or a spotlight feature for a future newsletter, send to: dianet@seovec.org or chris.keylor@omeresanet.net.

Ohio Valley Educational Service Center has two locations to better serve you!

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OVESC School Districts:

Belpre City; Caldwell Exempted Village; Cambridge City; East Guernsey Local; Fort Frye Local; Frontier Local; Marietta City; Mid-East Career and Technology Centers; Noble Local; Rolling Hills Local; Switzerland of Ohio Local; Warren Local; Washington County Career Center; Wolf Creek Local.