

**Ohio Valley Educational Service Center  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 30, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.  
Lori's Restaurant, Caldwell, Ohio**

Opening ceremony with Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

The regular meeting was called to order by President, Steve Ogle

Roll Call: Jackson, Kubota, Lang, Ogle, Parry and Warner  
Absent: Biggs, Burrow, Ingram, Irvine and Winland

Public Participation: none

Mr. Lang moved to **approve the agenda as presented**. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Yeas: Jackson, Kubota, Lang, Ogle, Parry and Warner  
Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mrs. Jackson moved to **approve the following Treasurer's Consent Recommendations**.  
Mrs. Parry seconded the motion.

- **Approval** of minutes from the regular meeting on May 19, 2022
- **Approval** of the Treasurer's report and bills as follows:

March 2022	\$773,874.12
April 2022	\$769,165.50
May 2022	\$777,303.10
- **Approval** of liability, violence, property and auto insurance policies through Hylant Group/Hylant Administrative Services with Ohio School Plan, effective 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023
- **Approval** of grant agreements with Washington Board of JFS and Noble Board of JFS in the amounts of up to \$44,240 each for a Summer 2022 STEM Camp
- **Approval** to accept a donation from the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County in the amount of \$9,000 to support the Summer 2022 STEM camp.
- **Approval** to waive the post audit conference with the Auditor of State's office for the audits ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

**VOTE:** Yeas: Jackson, Kubota, Lang, Ogle, Parry and Warner  
Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Lang moved **approval of Resolution #06302022-01** to abolish and suspend administrative contract as follows. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion.

**WHEREAS** R.C. 3319.171, Board Policy 1540, and applicable policies and laws permit the Governing Board to proceed in achieving a reduction in the administrative staff by **abolishing positions** — in whole and/or in part – in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent due to (1) the financial conditions of the Governing Board; (2) financial reasons; (3) reduction in the total number of pupils the Governing Board is required to provide with the service under all interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts as a result of the termination or nonrenewal of one or more of these interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts; (4) reduction in the total level of the service the Governing Board is required to provide under all interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts as a result of the termination or nonrenewal of one or more of these interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts; (5) the termination of any interdistrict contract, service agreement, and/or contract between the Governing Board and any school district and/or client for any reason including, not limited to, school district/client dissatisfaction with the performance of the individual Governing Board employee assigned to provide services to the school district/client, school district/client rejection of the individual Governing Board employee providing services to the school district/client, school district/client dissatisfaction with the contractual performance by the Governing Board, and school district/client discretionary determinations; and (6) any reorganization and/or consolidation of administrative functions.

**WHEREAS** R.C. 3319.171, Board Policy 1540, and applicable policies and laws permit the Governing Board to proceed in achieving a reduction in the administrative staff by **suspending employment contracts** — in whole and/or in part — in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent due to (1) the financial conditions of the Governing Board; (2) any financial reasons; (3) reduction in the total number of pupils the Governing Board is required to provide with the service under all interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts as a result of the termination or nonrenewal of one or more of these interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts; (4) reduction in the total level of the service the Governing Board is required to provide under all interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts as a result of the termination or nonrenewal of one or more of these interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts; (5) the termination of any interdistrict contract, service agreement, and/or contract between the Governing Board and any school district and/or client for any reason including, not limited to, school district/client dissatisfaction with the performance of the individual Governing Board employee assigned to provide services to the school district/client, school district/client rejection of the individual Governing Board employee providing services to the school district/client, school district/client dissatisfaction with the contractual performance by the Governing Board, and school district/client discretionary determinations; and (6) any reorganization and/or consolidation of administrative functions.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.C. 3319.171, Board Policy 1540, and applicable policies and laws, the Superintendent is recommending that the Governing Board proceed to suspend contracts in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent within the employment service areas affected understanding that the Governing Board shall not be required to give preference to any administrator based on seniority; the Governing Board shall not be required to give preference to any administrator based upon comparable evaluations; and, given that administrative positions are

not interchangeable, the primary factor in any reduction of administrators shall be the best interest of the Ohio Valley Educational Service Center as determined solely by the Governing Board.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.C. 3319.171, Board Policy 1540, and applicable policies and laws, the Superintendent recommends that the Governing Board proceed in achieving a reduction in staff by both abolishing the position of **Technology/EMIS Director** in whole by one hundred percent (100%) and suspending the employment contract of **Aaron Sikora** in whole by one hundred percent (100%) due to (1) the financial conditions of the Governing Board; (2) financial reasons; (3) reduction in the total number of pupils the Governing Board is required to provide with the service under all interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts as a result of the termination or nonrenewal of one or more of these interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts; (4) reduction in the total level of the service the Governing Board is required to provide under all interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts as a result of the termination or nonrenewal of one or more of these interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts; (5) the termination of any interdistrict contract, service agreement, and/or contract between the Governing Board and any school district and/or client for any reason including, not limited to, school district/client dissatisfaction with the performance of the individual Governing Board employee assigned to provide services to the school district/client, school district/client rejection of the individual Governing Board employee providing services to the school district/client, school district/client dissatisfaction with the contractual performance by the Governing Board, and school district/client discretionary determinations; and (6) any reorganization and/or consolidation of administrative functions, effective **July 31, 2022**.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.C. 3319.171, Board Policy 1540, and applicable policies and laws, administrators whose contracts are suspended shall be on the administrative recall list for a period of fourteen (14) calendar days from the last day of active employment by the Governing Board, unless the administrator has accepted, prior to such time, other employment.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.C. 3319.171, Board Policy 1540, and applicable policies and laws, administrators who are on the administrative recall list shall have the right of recall only to their prior position and only if both of the following apply: (1) the Governing Board re-institutes that same position **and** (2) the position was not abolished due to school district/client dissatisfaction with the performance of the administrator and/or school district/client rejection of the administrator as the primary factor in filling administrative positions shall be the best interests of the Governing Board.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.C. 3319.171, Board Policy 1540, and applicable policies and laws, an administrator may be notified of a recall by regular mail and/or electronic mail and shall accept, in writing, the employment within fourteen (14) calendar days after the recall notice was sent by the Governing Board to the administrator, but it is the administrator's responsibility to maintain a current personal mailing address and personal electronic mail address with the Governing Board.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.C. 3319.171, Board Policy 1540, and applicable policies and laws, failure to accept recall within fourteen (14) calendar days shall be interpreted as an indication that the administrator does not wish to return to active employment in the Governing Board and shall result in the removal of the administrator from the recall list and, if the recall occurs after July 1,

2022, the administrator shall respond in writing within seven (7) calendar days, or the administrator shall be removed from the recall list.

**WHEREAS** the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22, R.C. 3313.16, and applicable laws were complied with for this governing board meeting.

**WHEREAS** all formal action of the Governing Board concerning and relating to the adoption of the instant resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Governing Board and all deliberations of the Governing Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, pursuant to R.C. 3319.171, Board Policy 1540, and applicable policies and laws, the Governing Board accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent and hereby achieves a reduction in the administrative staff by both abolishing the position of **Technology/EMIS Director** in whole by one hundred percent (100%) and suspending the employment contract of **Aaron Sikora** in whole by one hundred percent (100%) due to (1) the financial conditions of the Governing Board; (2) financial reasons; (3) reduction in the total number of pupils the Governing Board is required to provide with the service under all interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts as a result of the termination or nonrenewal of one or more of these interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts; (4) reduction in the total level of the service the Governing Board is required to provide under all interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts as a result of the termination or nonrenewal of one or more of these interdistrict contracts, service agreements, and/or contracts; (5) the termination of any interdistrict contract, service agreement, and/or contract between the Governing Board and any school district and/or client for any reason including, not limited to, school district/client dissatisfaction with the performance of the individual Governing Board employee assigned to provide services to the school district/client, school district/client rejection of the individual Governing Board employee providing services to the school district/client, school district/client dissatisfaction with the contractual performance by the Governing Board, and school district/client discretionary determinations; and (6) any reorganization and/or consolidation of administrative functions, effective **July 31, 2022**.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption by the Governing Board.

**VOTE:** Yeas: Jackson, Kubota, Lang, Ogle, Parry and Warner  
Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Ogle moved to approve the following **Superintendent's Consent Recommendations**. Ms. Kubota seconded the motion.

It is recommended by the Ohio Valley ESC Superintendent that the personnel listed be employed for the term indicated and at the existing salary schedule (where applicable) pending certification (where applicable) and satisfactory BCI/FBI background check (where applicable).

## **PERSONNEL:**

### **CERTIFIED:**

- **Archer, Erica**....School Psychologist....OVESC Preschool....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 185 days....effective August 1, 2022....paid by Washington County Preschool Consortium
- **Caneen, Denise**....Teacher....Switzerland of Ohio Local School District....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 200 days...effective the 2022-2023 school year....paid by Switzerland of Ohio Local School District
- **Feldner, James (JP)**....Communications/Grant Writer Director....OVESC....to be issued a two year limited contract for up to 248 days....effective August 1, 2022....paid by ARP ESSER Grant
- **Finley, Stephanie**....Teacher....OVESC Preschool....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 200 days.... effective the 2022-2023 school year....paid by Washington County Preschool Consortium
- **Folden, Destanee**....Teacher....OVESC Preschool....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 200 days.... effective the 2022-2023 school year....paid by Washington County Preschool Consortium
- **Leonard, Kristina**....Community and Career Connected Learning Coordinator...Building Bridges to Careers...to be issued one year limited contract for up to 200 days.....up to 8 hours per day.... effective July 1, 2022.... paid by Building Bridges to Careers
- **Miller, Chad**....Director of Personalized Learning, Data and STEM....OVESC....to be issued a two year limited contract.... up to 240 days...effective August 1, 2022.... paid by Personalized Learning Grant
- **VanHorn, Tiffany**....Teacher....OVESC Preschool....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 200 days.... effective the 2022-2023 school year....paid by Washington County Preschool Consortium

### **CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES**

**Approval** to hire the following **Certified Substitutes** on an as needed basis for the 2022-2023 school year.... Paid as per the substitute salary schedule:

- Martin, Erin

### **CLASSIFIED:**

- **Anderson, Valerie**....Board Certified Behavior Analyst....OVESC....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 185 days....up to 8 hours her day....effective 2022-2023 school year....paid by Consortium Districts
- **Archer, Deanna**....Paraprofessional.... OVESC Preschool ....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 200 days....up to 8 hours per day....effective 2022-2023 school year....paid by Noble Local Schools
- **Castello, Blake**....Paraprofessional... OVESC Preschool....to be issued a one year limited contract.... up to 200 days.....up to 8 hours per day....effective 2022-2023 school year .... paid by Switzerland of Ohio Local School District
- **Casto, Kelly**....Paraprofessional....OVESC Preschool....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 180 days....up to 8 hours per day....effective 2022-2023 school year....paid by OVESC Washington Preschool Consortium
- **Cody Da-Rosa, Cheyenne**....Board Certified Behavior Analyst....OVESC....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 185 days....up to 8 hours per day....effective 2022-2023 school year..... paid by Consortium Districts
- **Frash, Caitlin**....Paraprofessional.... OVESC Preschool ....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 200 days....up to 8 hours per day....effective 2022-2023 school year....paid by Noble Local Schools
- **Irvin, Amber**....Paraprofessional.... OVESC Preschool ....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 200 days....up to 8 hours per day....effective 2022-2023 school year....paid by Noble Local Schools
- **McCartney, Sonja**....EANS Tutor....OVESC....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 180 days.... up to 4 hours per day....effective 2022-2023 school year....paid by St. John's Catholic School EANS Grant

- **Moore, Anne**....Custodian....OVESC.... to be issued a one year limited contract....for up to 520 hours.... effective 2022-2023 school year....Paid by OVESC
- **Schmidt, Rebecca**....Paraprofessional... OVESC Preschool....to be issued a one year limited contract.... up to 180 days.....up to 8 hours per day....effective 2022-2023 school year .... paid by OVESC Washington Preschool Consortium
- **Sidwell, Dannee**....Paraprofessional.... OVESC Preschool ....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 200 days....up to 8 hours per day....effective 2022-2023 school year....paid by Noble Local Schools

#### **REASSIGNMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS:**

- **Britton, Melanie**....Teacher....OVESC Preschool.... Recommendation to modify supplemental days from up to 5 days to up to 10 days...effective summer 2022....payable by ESSR Grant
- **Edgell, Joy**....Director of Preschool....OVESC....Recommendation to approve board approved job title from Director of Preschool to Executive Director of Preschool....effective 2022-2023 school year
- **Edgell, Joy**....Executive Director of Preschool....OVESC.... Recommendation to modify days from up to 240 to up to 248 days...effective August 1, 2022
- **Gates, Kalee**....Supervisor of Gifted/Special Services....OVESC....Recommendation to modify contract approved at the May 19, 2022 meeting from a one year contract to a two year contract....effective August 1, 2022
- **Hall, Richard**.....Director of Shared and Administrative Services.....Recommendation to adjust days from up to 150 to up to 158....effective the 2021-2022 contract year
- **Lauffer, Eden**....School Psychologist...SOLSD....Recommendation to modify days from up to 190 to up to 200 days...effective 2022-2023 school year

#### **RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS:**

- **Adams, Cherish**....Recommendation to approve the resignation of **Cherish Adams' supplemental contract**....Substitute Caller....OVESC....effective June 30, 2022
- **Colson-McCarthy, Debra**.....Recommendation to approve the resignation of **Debra Colson-McCarthy** ....Speech Language Pathologist.... POLR Provider....effective June 30, 2022
- **Warne, Erin**....Recommendation to approve the resignation of **Erin Warne**....Instructional Technology Coach ....OVESC....effective June 30, 2022
- **Wilson, Bryan**....Recommendations to approve the resignation of **Bryan Wilson**....Director of Special Education.... OVESC....effective June 3, 2022

#### **SUPPLEMENTALS:**

- **Approval** for supplemental contracts for the following to participate in Preschool Leadership Training on June 14-15, 2022....at the rate of \$100 per day for up to 2 days.... paid by OVESC Preschool districts.... payable upon completion of duties and receipt of time sheets:
  - Shelby Bolyard
  - Becky Clemens
  - Kate Grose
  - Ellen Hoium
  - Erin Leach
  - Kelsey Parks
  - Trisha Ruble
  - Jenny Scott
  - Rebecca Watkins
  - Cheyenne Williams
- **Approval** for supplemental contracts for the following to participate in Preschool New Staff Orientation on July 26, 2022....at the rate of \$100 per day for up to 1 day.... paid by OVESC Preschool districts.... payable upon completion of duties and receipt of time sheets:
  - **Allen, Karly**
  - **Archer, Deanna**
  - **Britton, Melanie**
  - **Castello, Blake**
  - **Casto, Kelly**
  - **Clemens, Michael**
  - **Clemens, Rebecca**
  - **Eding, Stacey**

- **Finley, Stephanie**
- **Folden, De Stanee**
- **Schmidt, Rebecca**
- **Sidwell, Dannee**
- **Strahler, Rebecca**
- **VanHorn, Tiffany**
- **Wagner, Maridith**
- **Feldner, James (JP)**....Communications/Grant Writer Director....OVESC....to be issued a supplemental contract for up to 10 additional days....payable upon receipt of time sheets....effective summer 2022.... payable by ARP ESSER Grant
- **Hall, Richard**....approval to issue a supplemental contract for up to 21 days....payable upon receipt of time sheets....for Drivers' Education Support Services.....payable by the GEERS Grant
- **Hoium, Ellen**....Intake Specialist....OVESC Preschool....to be issued a supplemental contract for up to 40 additional days....payable upon receipt of time sheets....effective summer 2022....payable by Washington County Consortium Districts
- **Kasper, Colleen**....Literacy Intensive Paraprofessional....Noble Local....to be issued a supplemental contract for up to 20 additional days....payable upon receipt of time sheets....effective summer 2022....payable by Noble Local School District
- **Miller, Chad**.... Director of Personalized Learning, Data and STEM ...OVESC...to be issued a supplemental contract for up to 20 days....payable upon receipt of time sheets.....effective summer 2022....payable by OVESC Consortium Districts and Personalized Learning Grant
- **Prichard, Jacqueline**....Blue Sky Virtual Academy Supervisor....OVESC....to be issued a supplemental contract up to 10 days....payable upon receipt of timesheets....effective summer 2022....Payable by GEERS Funds
- **Snyder, Kimberly**....Paraprofessional....Noble Local....to be issued a supplemental contract for up to 5 hours for BCBA Training....payable upon receipt of time sheets....effective summer 2022....payable by Noble Local Schools

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- **Recommendation** to rescind the Reduction in Force of Bryan Wilson, Director of Special Education that was to be effective July 1, 2022 due to receiving resignation prior to the effective date.
- **Recommendation** to approve contract with East Central Ohio ESC for contract services for Molly Kaplet from June 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023
- **Recommendation** to approve contract with East Central Ohio ESC for contract services for Visual Impaired Services for Switzerland of Ohio Local School District from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023
- **Recommendation** to approve contract with Stepping Stones for Speech Therapy services for the 2022-2023 school year
- **Recommendation** to approve a contract with OMERESA for services for the 2022-2023 school year, including the addition of EMIS support services.
- **Recommendation** to approve the OVESC Preschool class at Washington to go on a field trip to Buckeye Park on Wednesday, May 25, 2022
- **Recommendation** to approve the OVESC Preschool class at Phillips to go on a field trip to Buckeye Park on Wednesday, May 25, 2022
- **Recommendation** to approve a personal service contract for the 2022-2023 year for Math Professional Development for up to 45 days for Ky Davis on behalf of Switzerland of Ohio LSD at the rate of \$2,000 per day – Resolution 06302022-04
- **Recommendation** to approve the following Job Descriptions:
  - Board Certified Behavior Analyst - Revised
  - Regional Resource Coordinator
  - Licensed Practicing Counselor

**VOTE:** Yeas: Jackson, Kubota, Lang, Ogle, Parry and Warner  
Nays: None. The motion carried.

Ms. Kubota moved **approval of Resolution #06302022-02** for OVESC Employment of Substitute Teachers. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion.

**WHEREAS** the ESC anticipates that the ESC and its client school districts may experience difficulty obtaining substitute teachers during the 2022-23 school year amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to authority granted in House Bill 583, which was enacted by the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and become effective as an emergency measure on September 22, 2022, the ESC may establish its own education requirements for individuals to serve as substitute teachers in the ESC and client school districts during the 2022-2023 school year.

**WHEREAS** the ESC desires to temporarily adopt modified education requirements for substitute teachers in accordance with the law during the current 2022-2023 school year as a measure to help ensure availability of a sufficient number of substitute teachers for the ESC and client school districts.

**WHEREAS** the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22, R.C. 3313.16, and applicable laws were complied with for this Governing Board meeting.

**WHEREAS** all formal action of the ESC concerning and relating to the adoption of the instant resolution were taken in an opening meeting of the ESC and all deliberations of the ESC that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, for those substitute teachers employed by the ESC and **assigned to work in the ESC**, the ESC temporarily authorizes the employment of such substitute teachers who do not hold post-secondary degrees, as may otherwise be required pursuant to applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to, R.C. 3319.226, R.C. 3319.30, Ohio Adm. Code 3301-23-44, Board Policy 3120.04, and/or Board Policy 4120.04 during the 2021-2022 school year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, for those substitute teachers employed by the ESC and **assigned to work in a client school district**, the ESC temporarily authorizes the employment of such substitute teachers who do not hold post-secondary degrees, as may otherwise be required pursuant to applicable laws and regulations during the 2022-2023 school year **provided the assigned client school district also authorizes such employment**.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, in addition to fulfilling the educational requirements adopted by the ESC, all substitute teachers must be of good moral character, have completed all required criminal background checks, and obtained a valid non-renewable temporary substitute teaching license issued by the Ohio Department of Education to serve as a substitute teacher in the ESC and client school districts during the 2022-2023 school year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption by the Governing Board.

**VOTE:** Yeas: Jackson, Kubota, Lang, Ogle, Parry and Warner  
Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Lang moved **approval of Resolution #06302022-03** for Resolution to Support the Accelerated Appalachian School Building Assistance Program. Mr. Ogle seconded the motion.

**WHEREAS** the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools is an organization of 120 school districts and other educational institutions in the 32-county Appalachian region of Ohio. The mission of CORAS is to advocate for and support the public schools of Appalachia Ohio in the continuous improvement of educational opportunities available to all the region's children, and,

**WHEREAS** in October of 2021, CORAS officially formed a Legislative Committee and began navigating further public school advocacy efforts with the help of Sunday Creek Horizons, and,

**WHEREAS** the Facilities Subcommittee of the Legislative Committee has dedicated the time since to understanding rural facilities issues and current OFCC programming and state aid options, and,

**WHEREAS** in 2000, the Ohio Legislature passed the Accelerated Urban School Building Assistance Program (Ohio Rev. Code 3318.38) in order to address the enormity of work needed to facilities in six urban cities, who were unable at that time to enter the existing OFCC programs, and,

**WHEREAS** in the twenty years since, the Accelerated Urban School Building Assistance Program has built approximately 250 school buildings for Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo, Akron, Columbus, and Cleveland city schools, with a total state share of approximately \$2.7 billion dollars, and,

**WHEREAS** these numbers are anticipated to increase as Akron, Columbus, and Cleveland finish their final segments of the Accelerated Urban School Building Assistance Program, and,

**WHEREAS** according to the OFCC, as of July 2021, school facilities projects in 115, or nearly 69%, of the 167 school districts in the 32-county Appalachian Ohio region have been completed, 27 Appalachian school districts (16.1%) have deferred their FCC funding offers or let their funding offer lapse, 15 school districts (8.9%) have projects in-progress, 11 school districts (6.5%) have yet to be offered OFCC funding for their projects, and,

of these 115 completed facilities updates, 75 (68%) were the remodeling of a facility that predated 2002 **WHEREAS** and have been left without proper maintenance aid leading to great deterioration over the past twenty years, and,

**WHEREAS** there are 38 Appalachian School districts untouched by the OFCC since the DeRolph Decision whom actively struggle to educate our youth in failing and crumbling school buildings, and,

**WHEREAS** the CORAS Legislative Committee has drafted legislation to create an Accelerated Appalachian School Building Assistance Program, which would address the enormity of work left to be done across the public schools of Appalachian Ohio; systemically prevented to date by the inability to pass levies in high poverty areas, shifting state share amounts, and the extreme backlog in existing OFCC programs, and,

**WHEREAS** the legislation would create a separate OFCC program, modeled directly after the Accelerated Urban School Building Assistance Program, in order to complete the long overdue facilities updates for our region while avoiding current program backlog, adding a region specific levy incentive and two statewide OFCC maintenance programs, and,

**WHEREAS** the CORAS Legislative Committee and Sunday Creek Horizons have circulated this legislation with state decision makers including the Ohio Legislative Appalachian Caucus, President of the Ohio Senate, the Governor's Office of Appalachia, and the Ohio Office of Budget Management, and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Ohio Valley ESC Board of Education**, that the Board wishes to make it explicitly clear to community members and state lawmakers that this legislation is necessary and supported, and that BLANK school district desires to participate in the Accelerated Appalachian School Building Assistance Program, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

**VOTE:** Yeas: Jackson, Kubota, Lang, Ogle, Parry and Warner  
Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### **Superintendent Reports and Updates:**

- Building Bridges to Careers manages our Business Advisory Council – they met Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>, the topic was internships and the districts are being well served
- OVESC has transitioned its Marietta Office to its new location and the new conference room is coming along nicely
- Opening Day to be held August 10<sup>th</sup>
- OVESC is working with our districts for a September County-wide Professional Development Day, 7 of our 8 districts are participating

Ms. Kubota moved to **adjourn**. Mrs. Parry seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Yeas: Jackson, Kubota, Lang, Ogle, Parry and Warner  
Nays: None. The motion carried.

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President

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Treasurer