

**Ohio Valley Educational Service Center
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 20, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.
Ohio Valley ESC Marietta Office, Marietta, Ohio**

Opening ceremony with Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

The regular meeting was called to order by President, Jane Irvine

Roll Call: Biggs, Burrow, Hess, Irvine, Jackson, Lang, Ogle, Parry, Shrider, Warner and Winland
Absent: none

Public Participation:

- none

Mr. Winland moved to **approve the agenda as presented**. Mr. Burrow seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yeas: Biggs, Burrow, Hess, Irvine, Jackson, Lang, Ogle, Parry, Shrider, Warner and Winland
Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Burrow moved to **approve the following Treasurer's Consent Recommendations**. Mr. Ogle seconded the motion.

- **Approval** of minutes from the regular meeting on January 16, 2025
- **Approval** of the Treasurer's report and bills of \$1,448,102.28 for January 2025 and \$1,385,175.27 February 2025
- **Approval** to participate in the Ohio School Comp (A program of OSBA and OASBO) Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan for 2025 to elect Sedgwick (formerly CompManagement) as the MCO for the program. The third-party administrator for the program is Sedgwick.
- **Approval** to waive the post audit for the period ending June 30, 2024

VOTE: Yeas: Biggs, Burrow, Hess, Irvine, Jackson, Lang, Ogle, Parry, Shrider, Warner and Winland
Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Burrow moved to approve the following **Superintendent's Consent Recommendations**. Mrs. Hess 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:

CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES

Approval to hire the following **Certified Substitutes** on an as needed basis for the 2024-2025 school year.... Paid as per the substitute salary schedule:

- Swingle, Lou Ann

TEMPORARY NON-BACHELOR CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES:

Approval to hire the following Temporary Non-Bachelor Certified Substitutes, those that have applied for the 1 Year Temporary Substitute Multi-Age PK-12 Ohio Department of Education License, on an as needed basis for the 2024-2025 school year...Paid as per the substitute salary schedule:

- Boley, Darylann
- Huffman, Sophia
- Metcalf, Misha
- Stark, Janessa

CLASSIFIED:

- **Gilliland, Taylor**....Paraprofessional....OVESC Preschool....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 90 days... up to 8 hours per day....effective 2024-2025 school year....paid by OVESC Preschool Consortium Districts
- **Flood, Christina**....Paraprofessional....Crooksville EVSD....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 80 days.... up to 8 hours per day....effective 2024-2025 school year....paid by Crooksville EVSD
- **King, Timothy**....Custodian...OVESC....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 120 days... up to 8 hours per day.... effective 2024-2025 school year....paid by Ohio Valley ESC
- **Kocher, Gabrielle**....Paraprofessional....OVESC Preschool....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 85 days... up to 8 hours per day....effective 2024-2025 school year....paid by SOLSD
- **Nunn-Dye, Brandie**.....Paraprofessional.....OVESC Opportunity School....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 95 days....up to 8 hours per day....effective 2024-2025 school year....paid by Marietta City Schools
- **Putnam, Cheyenne**....Nurse Paraprofessional....Paraprofessional....EWING.....to be issued a one year limited contract for up to 75 days... up to 8 hours per day....effective 2024-2025 school year....paid by Belpre City Schools

CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES

Approval to hire the following **Classified Substitutes** on an as needed basis for the 2024-2025 school year.... Paid as per the substitute salary schedule:

- Boley, Darylann
- English, Kyra
- Pennington, Dallas

REASSIGNMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS:

- **Wentz, Sadie**....Paraprofessional....Ewing....Recommendation to adjust days from up to 100 days to up to 125 days...effective 2024-2025 school year...paid by Wolf Creek LSD and Belpre CSD

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS:

- **Brooks, Andrew**....Recommendation to approve the resignation of **Andrew Brooks**...Supervisor.... OVESC/SOLSD....effective June 30, 2025
- **Hockenberry, Wanda**....Recommendation to approve the resignation of **Wanda Hockenberry**...School Nurse OVESC Preschool....effective May 16, 2025
- **Johnson, Ceiana**....Recommendation to approve the resignation of **Ceiana Johnson**....Occupational Therapist....OVESC....effective May 23, 2025
- **Putnam, Cheyenne**....Recommendation to approve the resignation of **Cheyenne Putnam**....ParaprofessionalEwing....effective March 18, 2025
- **West, Shane**....Recommendation to approve the resignation of **Shane West**...Custodian....OVESC....effective January 31, 2025

SUPPLEMENTALS:

- **Approval** for supplemental contracts for the following staff to obtain mandated training for DEW Science of Reading Pathways...Teachers....OVESC....at the rate of \$1,200....effective 2024-2025....paid by Ohio Valley ESC....payable upon completion of duties and receipt of completion:

- Addy, Katelynn
- Bable, Blake
- Burgess, Maranda
- Chalfant, Amanda
- Crozier, Kylie
- Eichinger, Tiffany
- Folden, Destanee
- Graham, Tiffany
- Hossman, Cecilia
- Huffman, Wendy
- Kemp, Jennifer
- Kidd, Andrea
- Liedtke, Makayla
- Mellinger, Emily
- Norris, Kortney
- Rahman, Dakota
- Riedel, Alissa
- Rinard, Katelynn
- Robinson, Mary
- Rogers, Caila
- Schofield, Kristin
- Snodgrass, Austlynn
- Strickland, Kaite
- Welch, Abigail
- Zink, Taylor
- **Approval** for supplemental contracts for the following staff to obtain mandated training for DEW Science of Reading Pathways...Teachers....OVESC....at the rate of \$400....effective 2024-2025....paid by Ohio Valley ESC....payable upon completion of duties and receipt of completion:
 - **Dougherty, Mason**
- **Approval** for supplemental contract to below OVESC Preschool Classified Staff to obtain Temporary Substitute License for the 2024-2025 school year and receive a \$20 stipend for each day in which they work in the capacity of the Temporary Substitute License payable upon receipt of timesheet:
 - **Biedenbach, Rachel**
 - **Bilyeu, Miranda**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **Recommendation** to approve contract with GMN Tri-County CAC, Head Start Program for Bright Beginnings Preschool staff to offer behavior support to Woodsfield and Sardis Head Start from February 28, 2025 to February 27, 2026
- **Recommendation** to approve contract with Soliant Health, LLC to provide special education services for Bright Beginnings Preschool
- **Recommendation** to approve the following **revised** policies in the Ohio Valley ESC Policy Manual:
 - 0131.1: Technical Corrections
 - 1613: Student Supervision and Welfare
 - 2340: Field and Other ESC Sponsored Trips
 - 5330: Use of Medications
 - 5350: Student Health, Well-Being, and Suicide Prevention
 - 5610: Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students
 - 5751: Parental Status of Students
 - 6460: Vendor Relations
 - 7440.01: Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
 - 7540: Technology

- 7540.02: Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services
- 7540.05: Electronic Mail
- 7543: Utilization of the Educational Service Center's website and remote access to the center's network
- 8142: Criminal History Record Check for Contracted School Services
- **Recommendation** to approve the following **new** policies in the Ohio Valley ESC Policy Manual:
 - 2460: Special Education
 - 5223: Released Time for Religious Instruction During the School Day
 - 5780.01: Parents' Bill of Rights
 - 7421: Restrooms, Locker Rooms, Shower Rooms and Changing Rooms
 - 8350: Confidentiality
- **Recommendation** to approve to **delete** the following new policies in the Ohio Valley ESC Policy Manual:
 - 7540.07: Technology Resources Acceptable Use – Other Authorized Users
- **Recommendation** to approve the following **replacement** policies in the Ohio Valley ESC Policy Manual:
 - 7540.01: Technology Privacy
- **Recommendation** to approve the following **renumbered** policy in the Ohio Valley ESC Policy Manual:
 - 1422.01: Drug Free Workplace (formerly 3122.01 & 4122.01)
- **Recommendation** to approve the OVESC Preschool classes at RH Early Learning Center to go on a field trip to The Farm at Walnut Creek on April 25, 2025
- **Recommendation** to approve scholarship payment of \$250 each for the OESCA Franklin B. Walter Academic Scholarship for the following students:
 - **Abigail Shriver, Morgan High School**
 - **Tanner Stoneking, Monroe Central High School**
 - **Angelina Wood, Crooksville High School**
 - **Brice Schilling, Marietta High School**
- **Recommendation** to approve the OVESC Preschool classes at BB Preschool at Washington Elementary to go on a field trip to Discovery World on April 11, 2025
- **Recommendation** to approve the OVESC Preschool classes at BB Preschool Phillips Elementary to go on a field trip to Stacy's Farm on May 16, 2025
- **Recommendation** to approve FMLA Leave for **Austlynn Snodgrass**...Teacher....OVESC Preschool ...from approximately April 15, 2025 for up to 60 days...unpaid leave once paid leave is exhausted
- **Recommendation** to approve FMLA Leave for **Heather Hossman**...Tutor....OVESC Preschool ...from approximately February 24, 2025 for up to 60 days...unpaid leave once paid leave is exhausted
- **Recommendation** to approve the OVESC Preschool classes at BB Preschool Lowell Elementary to go on a field trip to Lowell Park on May 23, 2025
- **Recommendation** to approve the OVESC Preschool classes at BB Preschool Crooksville to go on a field trip to Columbus Zoo on May 9, 2025
- **Recommendation** to approve a leave extension for **Candy Hathaway**...Tutor....SOLSD...from March 30, 2025 to April 15, 2025

VOTE: Yeas: Biggs, Burrow, Hess, Irvine, Jackson, Lang, Ogle, Parry, Shrider, Warner and Winland
 Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Winland moved to **approve Resolution #03202025-01:** Resolution to Adopt Special Education Model Policies and Procedures. Ms. Warner seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 3323.08 requires each school district to provide assurances to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW") that the District will provide for the education of

children with disabilities within its jurisdiction and has in effect policies, procedures, and programs that are consistent with the policies and procedures adopted by DEW; and

WHEREAS, DEW developed a document entitled “Special Education Model Policies and Procedures” (“2024 Model Policies”) that a board of education may adopt to fulfill the requirement described in the preceding paragraph; and

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the 2024 Model Policies and determined that certain statements within the 2024 Model Policies conflict with existing State and Federal laws and/or applicable caselaw;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts DEW’s 2024 Model Policies in their entirety except for the following sentences, which are specifically rejected in their current form and will not be implemented as written. The Board directs that the language identified below shall be considered either modified as specified or, where indicated, deleted to ensure the District complies with applicable State and Federal laws and/or caselaw:

- **P. 10. Destruction of Educational Records.**

- Original Language: “Ensures the information is destroyed at the request of the parents.”
- Action: Replace sentence with “Once a parent is notified that personally identifiable information maintained by the District is no longer required to provide educational services to their child, or is not otherwise required to be maintained by the District based on State or Federal law or applicable retention schedules, the parent may request that the information be destroyed.”

- **P. 14. Independent Education Evaluation at Public Expense.**

- Original Language: “An educational agency may not impose conditions or timelines related to obtaining an IEE, except for the criteria described above.”
- Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.

- **P. 33. Extended School Year.**

- Original Language: “The IEP team should consider emerging skills as part of the IEP process for children who are exhibiting beginning skillsets.”
- Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.

- **P. 42. Services.**

- Original Message: “Although not required, educational agencies are encouraged to provide services during short-term removals to assist children with disabilities to continue to make progress toward their IEP goals and prevent them from falling behind.”

- Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein). The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify DEW of the Board's adoption of the modified 2024 Model Policies through DEW's monitoring systems by uploading a copy of this Board resolution by March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board acknowledges that the 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein), while comprehensive, do not include every requirement set forth in the IDEA, the regulations implementing IDEA, the Ohio Operating Standards, the Ohio Revised Code, and/or the Ohio Administrative Code, and the Board recognizes its obligation to follow these laws and regulations, as well as applicable caselaw, in the event there is a conflict between their requirements and the Board-adopted 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein).

VOTE: Yeas: Biggs, Burrow, Hess, Irvine, Jackson, Lang, Ogle, Parry, Shrider, Warner and Winland
Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Burrow moved to **approve Resolution #03202025-2 EMPLOYMENT TERMINATION RESOLUTION:** The Ohio Valley Educational Service Center Governing Board ("Ohio Valley ESC"), by a majority vote of the Ohio Valley ESC, hereby reaffirms the suspension of **Kathy Null** ("Null") without pay effective March 13, 2025, and terminates all employment of **Kathy Null**, effectively immediately, for violation of written rules and regulations as set forth by the Ohio Valley ESC, incompetency, inefficiency, dishonesty, immoral conduct, insubordination, discourteous treatment of the public, neglect of duty, misfeasance, malfeasance, and nonfeasance pursuant to R.C. 3319.081(C) and applicable laws. further directs the Treasurer to serve this action upon Null by certified mail, regular mail with a certificate of mailing, or other form of delivery with proof of delivery, including electronic delivery with electronic proof of delivery. Mrs. Hess seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yeas: Biggs, Burrow, Hess, Irvine, Jackson, Lang, Ogle, Parry, Shrider, Warner and Winland
Nays: None. The motion carried.

Information of the following upcoming professional development sessions:

ODH School Asthma, Hearing, Vision Training – Virtual – February 25, 2025 – W. Hockenberry
ETR and IEP: A Plan for Success – Zanesville, Ohio – January 28 & February 6, 2025 – L. Ring
Spring Social Worker Conference – Charlestown, WV – April 23-25, 2025 – E. Reynolds
OESCA Spring Conference – Columbus, Ohio – May 12-13, 2025 – D. Summers
OESCA Spring Conference – Columbus, Ohio – May 12-13, 2025 – D. Hire
OESCA Spring Conference – Columbus, Ohio – May 12-13, 2025 – J. Feldner
OESCA Spring Conference – Columbus, Ohio – May 12-13, 2025 – R. Hall
OESCA Spring Conference – Columbus, Ohio – May 12-13, 2025 – L. Lynn
OESCA Spring Conference – Columbus, Ohio – May 12-13, 2025 – K. Gates
OESCA Spring Conference – Columbus, Ohio – May 12-13, 2025 – L. Staats
OESCA Spring Conference – Columbus, Ohio – May 12-13, 2025 – S. Leasure

Superintendent Reports and Updates:

- BB2C Community and Business Advisory Council Meeting – update on information from last quarterly meeting

- Superintendent and Treasurer searches for two of our districts were extremely successful

Mrs. Hess moved for **approval to enter into executive session** to consider the evaluations, employment and compensation of public employees. Mrs. Parry seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yeas: Biggs, Burrow, Hess, Irvine, Jackson, Lang, Ogle, Parry, Shrider, Warner and Winland
Nays: None. The motion carried.

Time in - 7:05 pm
Time out - 7:41 pm

Mr. Burrow moved for **approval** of a five year contract for H. Dalton Summers, Superintendent, effective August 1, 2025 per the salary, terms and conditions as agreed upon. Mr. Winland seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yeas: Biggs, Burrow, Hess, Irvine, Jackson, Lang, Ogle, Parry, Shrider, Warner and Winland
Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Burrow moved to **adjourn**. Mr. Ogle seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yeas: Biggs, Burrow, Hess, Irvine, Jackson, Lang, Ogle, Parry, Shrider, Warner and Winland
Nays: None. The motion carried.

President

Treasurer