



ACCA Governing Board
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2023 12:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Rita McElfresh at 12:06 pm.

1. **Roll Call Taken by: Helenthal**
Present: Rita McElfresh, Audrey Sikula, Tom Gaus, Tom Marquette
Not present: Matt Miller
2. **Recognition of Visitors:** Shannon Lusk, Nichole Helenthal, Jim Hudson, Lori Wood and Jamie Lormeau
3. **Approval of Minutes from the March 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.**

McElfresh motioned to approve the minutes. Gaus moved to approve and Sikula seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the minutes. Motion carried.

4. **Business of the Treasurer**

A. **March 2023 Financial Reports -**

Investment Earnings: The district earned \$1,232 of interest in March for total earnings of \$7,752 in FY 2022-2023.

Cash Balance: The forecasted funds decreased by 5.9% from February to March by \$27,409. In comparison to FY22, the ending cash balance is 9.2% lower for FY2023; a net decrease of \$49,582. The ending cash balance for all funds increased by 4.1% or by \$19,689 from February to March.

Expenditures: The district's fiscal year to date expenditures are \$54,908 more in comparison to last March.

B. **Monthly Consolidated Funding Resolution**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the Consolidated Funding Application as presented and authorizes expenditures substantially in accordance with the application.

McElfresh motioned to approve the March Financial Reports and the Consolidated Funding Application Resolution. Gaus motioned to approve and Sikula seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the financial reports and resolution. Motion carried.

5. Business of the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent

A. District Compliance

1. 2023-2024 District Calendar

Lusk presented the calendar for the upcoming school year. McElfresh motioned to approve the 2023-2024 District Calendar. Gaus motioned to approve and Marquette seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the motion. Motion carried.

2. Monthly Approval of Remote Learning Plan

Remote Learning Plan Review - Lusk presented the current remote learning plan to the board to review. There was discussion and it was decided that no changes would be made to the current remote learning plan should the governor close schools again. McElfresh motioned to approve the Monthly Approval of Remote Learning Plan. Gaus motioned to approve and Marquette seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the motion. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Personnel

1. 21st Century Grant Evaluator - Sara Dixon, \$4,000/Stipend/Yearly

Helenthal explained that she reached out to Sara Dixon who is a retired principal and has worked with the 21st Century Grant for several years. She said Dixon was willing to help us out the last year of our grant and if we get approved for the new grant she would be willing to be our evaluator. Helenthal recommended that Dixon be hired as the 21st Century Grant Evaluator. McElfresh motioned to approve Sara Dixon as the 21st Century Grant Evaluator. Marquette motioned to approve and Gaus seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the motion. Motion carried.

C. Superintendent Recommendation for Legal Counsel

1. Brian J. DeSantis, Esq, Pepple & Waggoner Ltd

Lusk explained that Hudson, McElfresh and her interviewed both firms to determine which would be best ACCA. She explained that both firms were good, but Brian J. DeSantis, Esq. is the one that they would recommend to represent ACCA. They are very familiar with community school law. They would also host our policy manual online. This way all the updates will be done automatically. They will also offer any type of training for administration, board, staff, etc. They will also work with Lusk and the board to weed out the policies that we do not need in the manual. Hudson explained that he thinks that ACCA will be extremely pleased with his services. Lusk mentioned that DeSantis also explained that he will always get back to us or have someone else make contact whenever we have a question. McElfresh motioned to approve Brian J. DeSantis, Esq. as our new legal counsel to start immediately. Gaus motioned to

approve and Sikula seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the motion. Motion carried.

E. **ACCA Administration Report (Superintendent/Asst. Superintendent/Dean)**

1. **Current Enrollment**

Lusk discussed that the current enrollment is 83 students. There are currently 29 special education students (26 IEP; 4 504)..

2. **Suspensions/Expulsions/Discipline**

There were no suspensions and 1 emergency removal.

3. **Parent/Student Participation**

Lusk explained over 30 students attended the Spring Dance: The Glow Dance. All the students had a great time. Family Night with Akron Zoo was a success. We had 30 Juniors/Seniors attend the NCState Admissions Program Assembly. We had 38 art students participate in Artapalooza. Jamie Kendall won Honorable Mention. We competed against 17 other districts. Mrs. Franklin & Mrs. Nalley took 3 seniors to visit the NC State Campus. The seniors were interested in the Liberal Arts and Health Sciences Programs. They had a good time. Ms. Smith and Deputy Hammond took the History of Crime & Punishment class (14 students) to the Ohio State Reformatory for a tour today. In the 2 weeks leading up to Spring Break, 30 students attended tutoring. Mrs. Nalley and Mrs. Mast have continued to facilitate Student Leadership and Credentialing and students are making great progress.

4. **Attendance**

The Attendance Intervention Team (Toms/Hammond/Taylor) has done a phenomenal job working with those students who are on AIPs. They have provided them with the necessary resources to be successful. They have also prevented withdrawals with their intervention.

5. **Threat Assessment Team**

Training is underway for the Threat Assessment Team. The team members are working with the necessary personnel/resources on creating a plan with advice and assistance from the council. There are currently 5 members on the Threat Assessment Team. The first team meeting is scheduled for 4/18/23 at 2:45 pm.

6. **Professional Development**

Staff participated in a 2 hour instructional PD. This PD involved addressing barriers to learning and teaching and infused trauma Informed practices with instructional strategies. Staff created hands-on learner-centered assessment tools for measurable goals and collaborated with one another and sharing ideas. Lusk also attended monthly leadership training for March & April and has met with her mentor.

7. **Verification of Residency**

Mrs. Berry completed 3 verification of residency checks and all were verified.

8. **21st Century Grant Updates**

ODE has moved the due date of the grant to April 28th. Things are going well with writing the grant. Helenthal has been in contact with the YMCA and the Kroc Center in regards to partnering the grant. She had meetings with both of them. Neither have been a partner of ours before and we could potentially have two partners for the upcoming grant. Helenthal also talked with Sara Dixon and feels she will be a great fit for our grant. She is planning on meeting with me to review our program and assist with whatever she can. This is the first time that she has taken on an evaluator position in the last year of a grant, but she said she would be happy to help us out.

The Stronger Connections Grant was submitted by the deadline. Helenthal will update on that grant as soon as she finds out from ODE if we got the additional funding.

The Special Education Improvement Plans were submitted on time and were already approved by ODE. Helenthal will have copies of those plans to share at the next board meeting.

9. **Updates / Announcements / Discussions**

Marquette presented on the Traffic Signal Flashing Light. He found a company that could install the flashing lights and they would be programmable. They are very expensive (\$15,000 for 2) and there was discussion about the pros and cons of the flashing lights. The board decided to table the discussion at this time. Lusk will update Deputy Hammon about the discussion.

Lusk congratulated Ms. Hannah Smith and Mrs. Marilyn Brown for passing their RESA on their 1st attempt. They are not only dedicated and valued, but excellent instructors who are cherished by their students and respected by their peers. ACCA Administration appreciates all they do for the school and their students.

Important Dates Coming Up: 3rd Grading Period Report Cards will be sent out on 4/13; Fire Drill 4/18; Tornado Drill 4/28; One Needs Assessment due 4/30; Career Week May 15th-19th; Prom May 20th 6:30 to 9 pm (Ancient Egypt Theme); Cedar Point Trip May 22nd; Last Day of School is June 1st and Graduation is tentatively June 3rd.

McElfresh motioned to approve the Administration Report. Gaus moved the motion and Marquette seconded the motion. All approved the administration report. Motion carried.

6. **Sponsor Update**

Wood reminded everyone that the One Plan is due on April 30th. She reminded the administration to send her their Threat Assessment Team training certificates. She also mentioned that the Ohio Interim Superintendent stepped down and no word on who will take their place.

7. Executive Session

The board went into executive session for the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official.

Helenthal took roll call for the Executive Session: Rita McElfresh, Audrey Sikula, Tom Gaus and Tom Marquette.

McElfresh moved to go to Executive Session. Gaus moved the motion and Sikula seconded the motion. All were in favor of going into Executive Session. Motion carried.

The Executive Session started at 1:13 pm.

McElfresh moved to leave the Executive Session. Marquette moved the motion and Sikula seconded the motion. All were in favor of leaving the Executive Session. Motion carried. The Executive Session ended at 1:48 pm.

No action was taken.

McElfresh moved to adjourn the meeting. Marquette moved the motion and Sikula seconded the motion. All were in favor of adjourning the meeting. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm.

Rita A. McElfresh
Board Chair

5/10/23
Date

Jim Hudson
Treasurer

May 10, 2023
Date