

## Scioto County Board of DD Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2012

STAR, Inc.

6:00 PM

1. **Roll Call:** Present were President Rodney H. Barnett, Vice President J. Michael Thoroughman, C. William Rockwell, Jr., Jeffrey Kleha and Richard L. Bolin. Absent and excused were Recording Secretary Stephanie Childers and Klaire Purtee.
2. **Agenda:** Interim Superintendent Randy Beach requested that a supported living provider's contract be added under New Business.
3. **Minutes:** Mr. Kleha made a motion to approve collectively the minutes from the special meeting held June 19, the regular meeting of June 21, and the special meetings on June 27 and July 9. Mr. Rockwell offered the second. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.
4. **Fiscal Report:** Matt Purcell, Director of Finance, presented the Board with six 'then and now' statements, the docket of expenses and reports on the General Fund, the Residential Fund, and the Trust Fund. He noted that additional funds would be needed in the Contracted Services line item shown in the expenditure report, because spending was already at 76.5 percent with 6 months left in the budget year. He assured the Board that these funds have already been approved and appropriated, and are available for transfer.

Mr. Beach stated that he was planning a meeting with Mr. Purcell and other directors before the end of his term to set goals for end-of-the-year fund balances. He explained that this is good a way to maintain fiscal vigilance and avoid over-spending after passing a levy renewal.

Mr. Bolin made the motion to accept the written and oral fiscal reports. Mr. Thoroughman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. **Superintendent's Report:** Randy Beach, Interim Superintendent reporting
  - A. Mr. Beach announced that a bus safety inservice was planned for Tuesday, August 7 at 6:00 PM at The Vocation Station. This is one of many steps the administration is taking to address the concerns regarding bus safety raised by Randy Stout, the guardian of an adult with DD. Mr. Beach noted that the Ohio Department of Education had been invited to send a representative to this event, but the request had been declined. Instead, a list of questions regarding bus standards, construction, safety, etc. will be submitted to ODE in advance of the meeting so that answers may be obtained and shared with participants. Mr. Beach plans to acquire continuing education credits from the Department of DD for staff and board members who attend.

- B. Also on August 7, in the morning, newly appointed superintendent Jim Krumer has been invited to attend a meeting with the administration's leadership team.

Mr. Thoroughman made a motion to accept the superintendent's report. Mr. Kleha seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**6. Program Reports:** President Barnett thanked the administration for their written reports and asked if anyone had anything to add.

- A. Mr. Barnett asked Mark Cornwell, Director of School-Age Services, if he had filled the vacant teaching position, noting that the posting was not available on the website. Mr. Cornwell explained that the posting expired some time ago and that he is well into the interview process. He indicated that he should have selected a candidate in the near future. Mr. Barnett noted that he felt sure staff would be in place by the beginning of the school year.

- B. Mr. Cornwell stated that the family of a student who passed away this spring had donated an automated lift to the Vern Riffe School. It has recently been installed by Keith Boyd, the program's maintenance person. Mr. Cornwell expressed his sincere appreciation for the generosity of this family.

President Barnett requested a motion from the Board expressing the appreciation of the Board, as well, for this gift from the family of Lora Huffman. Mr. Rockwell made the motion. Mr. Bolin seconded. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

- C. Donna Royse, Director of Service and Support Administration, reminded the Board that she has mentioned the impending need for more Service and Support Administrators in recent reports. She advised them that she anticipates bringing this request to the Board in August.

**7. Old Business:** None

**8. Committee Reports:** The Board's committee's had not met since the last board meeting.

**9. New Business:** Mr. Beach presented a supported living provider's contract to the Board. He said that the funds were available to provide this service, that there is no known conflict of interests and that the services are appropriate to the individual's Service Plan. He also noted that this is a renewal contract with an agency provider.

Mr. Thoroughman made the motion to approve the contract. Mr. Rockwell seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**10. Miscellaneous:**

- A. Mr. Barnett read the contents of a thank you note he had received from Bob Nicholson, one of people interviewed by the Board for the superintendent's position. Mr. Kleha mentioned that each of the board members had received a similar message of thanks.
- B. The Board recognized Randy Stout, Valley Street, Portsmouth. Mr. Stout presented his concerns regarding his recent experience with the unusual incident review process. He also gave the Board photographs of a dumpster that is sitting in one of the handicapped-designated parking places on the parking lot. The photos included a sign which seems to limit handicapped-reserved parking to 15 minutes. Mr. Beach commented that Mr. Stout's concerns about the UI process had been addressed and that he would look into the parking situation.
- C. Greg Bauer and Matt Bauer, trustees of the J. Bauer Memorial Foundation and the John and Catherine Bauer Trust, gave a presentation to the Board. The Foundation would like to establish the Bauer family's ancestral home near Otway, Ohio as a recreation and respite center for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The trustees are seeking in-kind assistance from the Board as they pursue funding and research for their project. After some discussion, the Board indicated that they supported the concept and were willing to continue providing advice and guidance through Julie Monroe, Director of Community Services. Further along in the process, it was agreed, that some sort of agreement would need to be put into writing.

Mr. Rockwell made the motion to authorize Julie Monroe to serve as the Board's liaison with the J. Bauer Memorial Trust. Mr. Thoroughman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 11. Comments from the Floor:** Mr. Barnett thanked the board members and Mr. Purcell for all their work during the superintendent's search.
- 12. Adjournment:** Mr. Bolin made the motion to adjourn at 6:59 PM. Mr. Rockwell seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

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Submitted by:

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