

Scioto County Board of DD Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2011

Special Meeting Held for the Purpose of Conducting General Business at STAR Workshop, 2625 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio

6:07 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:** Present were President Rodney H. Barnett, Vice President James “Mike” Thoroughman, Klaire Purtee, Jeffrey Kleha and C. William Rockwell, Jr. Absent were Stephanie Childers and Richard L. Bolin.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes from the July meeting had been distributed to board members before the meeting. Margaret Compton requested that the correction of a typographical error be included in the motion approving these minutes. Mrs. Purtee made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Mr. Kleha offered the second. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. **Expenses:** Business Manager Matt Purcell made a presentation regarding the Board’s financial status, including revenue, expenditures and the ending fund balances. Mr. Kleha made a motion to approve the docket of expenses, the financial report, and the ‘Then and Now’ certificates, of which there were four. Mr. Thoroughman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. **Minutes:** The Board returned to the topic of minutes in order to make a correction to the June 2011 minutes. Ms. Compton had inadvertently listed Mrs. Childers as both making and seconding a motion. It should have been that Mrs. Childers made the motion and Mrs. Purtee seconded. Mr. Kleha made the motion to amend the June minutes. Mr. Rockwell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Superintendent’s Report:** Benjamin Hollinger, reporting

Mr. Hollinger distributed a written report to the Board. The topics were calamity days for 12-month staff, strategic planning, the levy effort, the Bridges to Transition Grant, bus aides, Board committees, the payee program and fiscal sustainability.

In regards to calamity days for 12-month staff, Mr. Hollinger described an option to his original proposal, which would give 12-month staff up to 40 hours of calamity time before they would have to begin using vacation or personal leave in bad weather situations. As an incentive to keep programs operational on days when they might otherwise have been closed, 12-month staff would be awarded time, hour-for-hour, that could be used like personal leave over a 12-month period.

To move the strategic planning process forward, Mr. Hollinger asked the Board to consider approved a set of overarching themes to direct the leadership team as they develop the annual action plan. After some discussion, Mr. Kleha made a motion to approve an undated document containing a statement entitled 'Paradigm Shift' and a set of three statements labeled 'Goals'. Mr. Rockwell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Hollinger and Community Services Director Julie Monroe have done research for a better way to provide payee services. A contract with the Mid Eastern Ohio Regional Council of Government was presented to the Board. This group of 18 county boards of DD, known as MEORC, already provides payee services to a number of other county boards. Mr. Hollinger requested that the Board approve a pilot program for a small number of people to test its viability here. If the program is successful this would allow these services to be delivered to more people for less cost. After some discussion, Mrs. Purtee made the motion to approve the contract with MEORC. Mr. Kleha seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

6. **Program Reports:** With the short timeline between meetings no program reports were prepared.

7. **Old Business:**

A. Calamity day policy changes: Mr. Thoroughman made the motion to approve the second reading to the policies regarding calamity days, with the understanding that next month, the policies would reflect the changes suggested in Mr. Hollinger's second option. Mr. Kleha seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. The issue raised at last month's meeting of spending guidelines for the superintendent was revisited briefly, but no additional action was taken.

8. **Committee Reports:** No reports were given.

9. **New Business:**

Annually the Board is expected to establish the bus routes for the school program. To this end, Petermann Transportation had prepared a printout of the recommended routes for the 2011-2012 school year, with the understanding that the routes would be subject to change if necessary. Mr. Rockwell made the motion. Mrs. Purtee seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. **Miscellaneous:**

A. An open house and reception are planned at The Vocation Station immediately preceding the next board meeting. Mr. Thoroughman made

the motion that the September board meeting be held at that location (1619 Gallia Street, Portsmouth) at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Rockwell seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

- B. Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Kleha asked that the record reflect that the eligibility appeal hearing scheduled for this evening was postponed until September 15 at the request of the guardian of the individual who is appealing.
11. **Comments from the Floor:** Jennifer Oakley of Portsmouth addressed the Board.
 12. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Thoroughman that was seconded by Mr. Rockwell.