

Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Board Meeting
September 16, 2021
STAR, Inc. @ 5:00 P.M.

1. **Prayer & Pledge:** Cindy Gibson offered the prayer and Jon Peters led the pledge.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Acting President Michael Arnett, Recording Secretary Jeffrey Kleha, Cindy Gibson, Anthony Mantell, William Adams, Jon Peters and Ellen Murray.
3. **Agenda:** Purcell asked that an Executive Session be conducted *in accordance with ORC 121.22 Public Meetings – Exceptions (G) (1), the Board will enter into executive session to consider the dismissal of a public employee and to consider the investigation of charges against a public employee.* Gibson made the motion to accept adding the Executive Session and it was seconded by Adams. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Minutes:** Minutes for the regular meeting, conducted on 8/19/21 and the Facilities Committee meeting conducted on 9/14/21 were approved collectively on a motion made by Kleha and seconded by Gibson. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
5. **Expenses and Fiscal Report:** Finance Director Lynne Webb reporting. The Board received the written report prior to the meeting. Webb thanked the Board for signing eight *moral obligations*. She stated the month of August started with just over \$11 million, and ended with roughly \$10.7 million after revenue and expenditures. It was noted the current budget was in line with the five-year forecasted budget. Gibson made the motion to accept the written and oral report and it was seconded by Mantell. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
6. **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Matt Purcell reporting. Purcell thanked the Board for allowing him to continue to lead the Organization, as well as the Leadership Team and their staff for their on-going efforts in producing excellent work in a constantly changing and challenging environment.
Purcell updated the Board on the current COVID protocol being used at SCDD. He stated the one big change is it is no longer legally permitted to order quarantine for COVID contact. He stated he can request quarantine for a non-vaccinated employee who did not follow safety protocol, and can exclude them from the office facilities and any extracurricular activities as well. However, as of October 13, vaccinated and non-vaccinated employees cannot be differentiated in terms of action if exposed to COVID. Purcell noted SCDD would be following guidance from the City Health Department in future action/steps regarding COVID procedures.
7. **Program Reports:** The program reports were submitted to the Board prior to the meeting. Arnett thanked the Directors for their reports. There were no comments or questions regarding the reports.
8. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Facilities Committee** – W. Adams, Chair. Adams reported the Facilities Committee met on September 14 to discuss masonry work and the future of the VRS building. He stated that after reviewing a building report from an outside company, it was observed cracks in the masonry were allowing moisture to seep into the structure of the building. Although this did not compromise the safety of the building, it did need immediate attention as the moisture could weaken the masonry.

He stated TSHD Architects were consulted in assisting with the project, and if approved, will provide complete services start to finish, assuring quality work. It was noted SCDD and STAR both had positive history with the architect firm. TSHD submitted a proposal for services at the cost of \$22,500. Adams made the motion to recommend the Board approve this proposal and move forward with the repair of the masonry around the building. The motion was seconded by Mantell and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

The Committee also discussed future options regarding the future of the VRS building. One option was exploring looking at building a new facility. Many factors were discussed regarding this concept among the Committee. As this was only an informational discussion, no recommendation was necessary.

B. Ethics Council – J. Kleha, Chair – There was no need for an Ethics Council this month.

9. **Old Business:** As discussed at last month's meeting, there will be an in-service training for the Board members following the adjournment of this meeting by Kelly Rosler, CEO at SOCOG.
10. **New Business:** **Discuss contract renewal with SCOESC regarding Speech-Language Pathology Services.** Purcell noted this is very much needed as almost all students receive speech services, and he was very pleased with the personnel and the services being provided by ESC. It was also noted there was only a small percentage increase in the renewal. Adams made a motion to approve the contract renewal and it was seconded by Kleha. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
11. **Other:** None
12. **Comments from the floor:** None
13. **Executive Session:** The Board entered Executive Session *in accordance with ORC 121.22 Public Meetings – Exceptions (G) (1), the Board will enter into executive session to consider the dismissal of a public employee and to consider the investigation of charges against a public employee* at 5:12 PM on a motion made by Mantell and seconded by Kleha. The motion carried unanimously
14. **Adjournment:** The Board returned to regular session at 5:41 PM. On a motion made by Gibson and seconded by Murray, the Board adjourned at 5:42 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Prepared by:
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Submitted by:
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Recording Secretary