

Defiance County Board of DD Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2023

5:00 pm

- The March regular board meeting of the Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities was held March 28, 2023 at the Defiance County Board of DD.
- The meeting was called to order by Ms. Jami Cameron, President, at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were Ms. Stephanie Meyer, Ms. Roberta Phlipot, Ms. Erika Steece, and Ms. Ruby Schindler. Ms. Beth Headley was excused. Approximately 52 others consisting of Board employees and members of the public were also present.
- Recognition of 2023 Special Olympics State Basketball Team, Coaches, and Coordinator. Board President, Jami Cameron, acknowledged the team and congratulated them on their accomplishment. Commissioners Pocratsky and Phipps presented a proclamation and a certificate to each player.
- Petitioners: Colleen Hammons read a poem for DD Awareness Month.
- Motion was made by Ms. Schindler and seconded by Ms. Phlipot to approve the February 28, 2023 Board Meeting minutes.
Motion approved unanimously.
- Motion was made by Ms. Phlipot and seconded by Ms. Steece to approve the February 2023 Expenditures.
Motion approved unanimously.
- Additions: Discussion on multi-system housing was added. Acceptance of the retirement/resignation of Jean Jacques was added.
- Agency/Department Reports: Quarterly Strategic Plan Update and Program Highlights were discussed.
- Recognition of March Staff Anniversaries: Jennifer Mulka, Community Programs Assistant, 1 year (March 29, 2022).
- Motion was made by Ms. Meyer and seconded by Ms. Schindler to endorse the hiring of Joy Grahn, Instructor Assistant, effective March 9, 2023.
Motion approved unanimously.
- Motion was made by Ms. Phlipot and seconded by Ms. Meyer to accept the resignation of Jean Jacques who will retire on April 28, 2023.
Motion approved unanimously.
- Motion was made by Ms. Schindler and seconded by Ms. Phlipot to approve the Resolution pertaining to the Provision of Educational Services for 2023-2024 School Year.
Motion approved unanimously.

- Motion was made by Ms. Meyer and seconded by Ms. Steece to approve a \$500.00 donation to PAR and a \$500.00 donation to Synergy.

Motion approved unanimously.

- Motion was made by Ms. Phlipot and seconded by Ms. Meyer to approve psychological services contract with Northeastern Local Schools for contract term 3/1/2023 - 8/31/2025.

Motion approved 5 yes; 1 abstained.

- Motion was made by Ms. Schindler and seconded by Ms. Steece to approve agreement with Northern Buckeye Education Council for E-Rate Eligible Category One Bundled Leased Lit Fiber with Direct Internet Access for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

Motion approved unanimously.

- Discussion regarding Guardianship Services board. Heidi Hull explained that the board is up and running and will serve three counties. A rough budget has been developed and will be shared between the three counties that will utilize the service. The preliminary budgetary ask is \$10,000 per county board and probate court, but this number is subject to change once the board establishes an official budget.

- Motion to appoint Maggie Fisher to the Guardianship Services Board was tabled as the board requests additional information on Maggie.

- Board Training May 3, 2023 at Defiance College – Roberta Phlipot, Ruby Schindler, Jami Cameron, Stephanie Meyer, and Erika Steece all confirmed their availability.

- Distribution of Ohio Ethics information to Board Members and members signed acknowledgement of receipt.

- Discussion regarding multi-system youth housing. Conversation is taking place with neighboring counties regarding the need for local respite and housing options for multi-system youth. Defiance is being explored as a possible housing location due to its central location and the proximity to the Independence Education Center, which serves many multi-system youth.

- Motion to go into Executive Session at 5:37 p.m. for the purposes of preparing for collective bargaining and superintendent evaluation and contract.

The roll was called and the vote resulted as follows:

Ms. Cameron-yes, Ms. Headley-excused, Ms. Meyer-yes, Ms. Phlipot-yes,
Ms. Schindler-yes, Ms. Steece-yes.

- The Board exited Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. and declared no action was taken while in Executive Session.

The roll was called and the vote resulted as follows:

Ms. Cameron-yes, Ms. Headley-excused, Ms. Meyer-yes, Ms. Phlipot-yes,
Ms. Schindler-yes, Ms. Steece-yes.

- Motion was made by Ms. Philipot and seconded by Ms. Schindler to adjourn.
Motion approved unanimously.

Stephanie Meyer, Board Secretary

Date