

Defiance County Board of DD Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2025

5:15 pm

- The January regular board meeting of the Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities was held January 28, 2025 at the Defiance County Board of DD.
- The meeting was called to order by Jami Cameron at 5:23 p.m. Board members present were Mr. Clayton Crates, Ms. Beth Headley, Ms. Kim Hurtig, Ms. Roberta Phlipot, and Ms. Ruby Schindler. Board member, Ms. Stephanie Meyer, was present remotely via Zoom. Approximately 7 others, consisting of Board employees and members of the public were also present.
- Motion was made by Ms. Headley and seconded by Ms. Schindler to approve the November 19, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion approved unanimously via roll call vote.
- Motion was made by Mr. Crates and seconded by Ms. Phlipot to approve the November and December 2024 Expenditures.
Motion approved unanimously via roll call vote.
- Motion was made by Ms. Headley and seconded by Ms. Hurtig to approve the Resolution pertaining to the Required Medicaid Match Payment for the 2025 Calendar Year for \$1,038,957.00.
Motion approved unanimously via roll call vote.
- Motion was made by Ms. Phlipot and seconded by Ms. Schindler to approve the Resolution Declaring the month of March as “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.”
Motion approved unanimously via roll call vote.
- Motion was made by Ms. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Crates to approve Policy Chapter 2: General Board Member Requirements.
Motion approved unanimously via roll call vote.
- Motion was made by Ms. Headley and seconded by Ms. Hurtig to approve the new mileage reimbursement rate of \$.70 per mile, effective January 1, 2025.
Motion approved unanimously via roll call vote.
- Motion was made by Ms. Phlipot and seconded by Ms. Headley to approve quote from Fitzenrider for \$24,786.00 for the replacement of a boiler.
Motion approved unanimously via roll call vote.
- Motion was made by Ms. Schindler and seconded by Ms. Phlipot to:

- Appropriate \$177,120.00 to the advances out expense line (010.3900.537100), in the general fund (010) from the expense line (010.3900.539000) "unappropriated money."
- Approve an advance of \$177,120.00 from the general fund (010) from expense line (010.3900.537100), to the Capital Housing Fund (034) revenue line "advance in" (034.0034.400400).
- Appropriate \$177,120.00 to the Capital Housing Fund (034) expense line (034.3401.531100) "other expense".

Motion approved unanimously via roll call vote.

- The following items were reviewed/discussed:
 - Review of 2022 Cost Report Audit – Karrah Rath explained the purpose of the County Board Cost report and explained that the audit went well. Karrah learned a lot through the process.
 - Discussion about 4 hours of 2025 Board Member Training – NOWAC will provide 2 hours of board member training and the board will meet for an additional two hours to receive training on MUI and Medicaid Waivers. The Superintendent will propose some possible dates for consideration. The board preference is to complete all two hours at one time after a regular board meeting.
 - Discussion regarding Joining the Defiance Chamber of Commerce – the board is in favor of joining the chamber.
 - Discussion regarding agreement with Clarissa Barnes, Defiance College Autism Studies Program, to assist with support strategies for students at Good Samaritan School – Clarissa Barnes will begin consulting with educational teams for the rest of this school year. At that time, we will reassess the service.
 - Statewide Discussion Topics:
 - Supports Intensity Scale - "SIS" Assessment – The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is looking toward this assessment as a means of obtaining reliable needs assessments for clients. There is concern about the length of time the assessment takes to complete and the amount of training required to become an assessor. This is in addition to the considerable length of time it takes to complete an Ohio Individual Service Plan. Superintendent will keep the board apprised of updates.
 - Property Tax – Ohio law makers are pushing for tax reform and over 20 bills have been presented for consideration. This is in light of rising property values and the resulting rising property taxes. The Ohio Association of County Boards and the Superintendents Association are watching developments closely in order to advocate for County Boards and our unique funding streams that may potentially be impacted.
- Motion was made by Ms. Schindler and seconded by Ms. Hurtig to adjourn at 5:58 p.m.
Motion approved unanimously via roll call vote.

Roberta Phlipot, Board Recording Secretary

Date