

TRUMBULL COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

November 16, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Trumbull County Educational Service Center was held telephonically on November 16, 2020, via Go To Meeting.

Mr. Jeffrey Dreves, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. followed by attendance roll call. Members present were: Mrs. Denise Domhoff, Mr. Al Haberstroh, Mr. William Holland and Mr. Tom Krispinsky. Also present were Michael Hanshaw, Superintendent; Robert Marino, Ed. D, Assistant Superintendent; Lori Simione, CPA, Treasurer; Kathleen Vilsack, Director of Pupil Services; Carlotta Sheets, Supervisor, Department of Human Resources and Communications and Christopher Hubinsky, Technology Administrator.

RESOLUTION

20-221

Motion by Mr. Haberstroh, Second by Mr. Krispinsky to approve A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING PLAN, AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE COMPANION BILL TO SUBSTITUTE H.B. 305, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE 133RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXPEDITE THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in *DeRolph v. State of Ohio (1997)* that Ohio's method for funding schools through the state's school foundation program was unconstitutional under Article VI, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in *DeRolph*, the Ohio Supreme Court declared that Ohio's school funding system was over-reliant on local property taxes, and as such, was inherently discriminatory to children based on where they reside for disparities exist between communities of affluence and impoverishment; and

WHEREAS, since the *DeRolph* decision, the Ohio General Assembly has failed to create a funding system that meets Ohio's constitutional standard of securing "... a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state"; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's solution to satisfy the Ohio Supreme Court's order has been to pass a series of biennial budgets containing politically expedient remedies that have not eliminated the over-reliance on local property tax or mitigated the discriminatory nature inherent in the series of "funding fixes" legislated over the last 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's previous biennial budget crafted by the 132nd Ohio General Assembly, and effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, created a funding system with "capped" districts, and districts receiving a minimum level of funding referred to as the "guarantee"; and

WHEREAS, the previous biennial budget identified 503 school districts out of 610, or 82%, either "capped" in their funding, or on the "guarantee," which is a testament that Ohio's funding model is not effective; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's current biennial budget crafted by the 133rd General Assembly, froze foundation funding for Ohio schools at 2019 fiscal year levels (effectively placing all districts on "the guarantee"), which funding levels have subsequently been cut due to the economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the current school funding system in Ohio lacks a rational basis for determining both the cost of educating students and how the funding of education is shared between the state and local taxpayers; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Robert Cupp (R) and Representative John Patterson (D) convened a statewide workgroup, made up of eight practicing school district CFO/Treasurers and eight practicing Superintendents (the “Cupp-Patterson Workgroup”), to devise a new formula, and recognizing that Ohio needs an overhaul to its school funding system, have spent the last three years determining the inputs necessary to fund a “thorough and efficient system of common schools” that reduces the over-reliance on local property tax and creates equity in the state foundation system; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup carefully analyzed national research, best practices, actual Ohio school district spending data, and drew on their own extensive experience in educating students and operating school districts to make recommendations for a school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio’s students in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations that laid out a rational, transparent, comprehensive and – most of all – fair system for funding schools based on the actual cost of providing a basic education for all students in Ohio (the “Base Cost”); and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed a method of sharing the funding of the Base Cost between the state and local taxpayers that is easy to understand and based on a fair, defensible measure of the capacity to generate funds locally; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup identified and provided a framework for providing additional resources to meet needs beyond those of basic education, including the areas of the social, emotional, safety, and mental health of students, the additional challenges driven by students living in poverty, with special needs, with limited English proficiency, and who are academically gifted; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations for properly funding Career Technology Centers, Educational Service Centers, and Charter and Community schools; and

WHEREAS, based on the research and work outlined above, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup produced and recommended the Fair School Funding Plan, which was introduced in House Bill (H.B.) 305, and is currently incorporated into and improved upon in a companion bill in the Senate, Senate Bill (S.B.) 376; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor of Ohio have an opportunity to devise a funding formula, as outlined in the Fair School Funding Plan, that is an investment in Ohio’s children and Ohio’s future.

Roll Call: Mr. Haberstroh, Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

20-222

Motion by Mrs. Domhoff, Second by Mr. Holland to approve the Financial Reports presented by the Treasurer as of October 31, 2020.

Roll Call: Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Holland, Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Haberstroh, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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20-223 Motion by Mrs. Domhoff, Second by Mr. Krispinsky to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting via Teleconference.

Roll Call: Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Holland, Mr. Haberstroh, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

APPROPRIATIONS

20-224 Motion by Mr. Krispinsky, Second by Mr. Haberstroh to approve an adjustment in appropriations as follows:

FUND	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL		ADJUSTED		REASON
		APPROPRIATION	ADJUSTMENT	APPROPRIATION		
001	GENERAL FUND	\$21,672,524.37	\$75,000.00	\$21,747,524.37		TVLA
025	NEOMIN	\$2,870,625.64	\$45,000.00	\$2,915,625.64		Budget Adjustment
508	GOVERNORS EMERGENCY EDUCATION RELIEF	\$0.00	\$257,410.00	\$257,410.00		New Grant
587	SPECIAL ED PRESCHOOL	\$53,261.78	\$2,320.19	\$55,581.97		Additional Allocation

Roll Call: Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Haberstroh, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

MEMBERSHIPS

20-225 Motion by Mr. Haberstroh, Second by Mr. Holland to approve the 2020 Dues Assessment increase for OESCA.

Roll Call: Mr. Haberstroh, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

NEW BUSINESS – PERSONNEL MATTERS

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

20-226 Motion by Mr. Holland, Second by Mr. Haberstroh to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Governing Board of the Trumbull County Educational Service Center and the Trumbull County Board Classified Staff Association.

Roll Call: Mr. Holland, Mr. Haberstroh, Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

NEOMIN

20-227 Motion by Mr. Krispinsky, Second by Mrs. Domhoff acting solely as fiscal agent for NEOMIN and at the recommendation of the NEOMIN Governing Board retroactively employ **Brianna Sloan, Fiscal Application Software Analyst** on a 1 year, 260 day prorated contract at a prorated salary of \$45,000.00 effective November 9, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Roll Call: Mr. Krispinsky, Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Holland, Mr. Haberstroh, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

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GIFTED ASSESSOR CONSULTANTS

20-228 Motion by Mrs. Domhoff, Second by Mr. Holland to employ the following list of Gifted Assessor Consultants on an as needed basis:

Bob Pavalko
Olivia McCullough
Lauryn Gintert
Eddie Davidson
Mary Beth Wensel

Roll Call: Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Holland, Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Haberstroh, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

CLASSIFIED - RESIGNATION

20-229 Motion by Mr. Krispinsky, Second by Mr. Haberstroh to accept the resignation of **Linda Doran, Classroom Assistant** for the purpose of retirement effective December 31, 2020.

Roll Call: Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Haberstroh, Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Holland, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

CERTIFIED - RESIGNATION

20-230 Motion by Mrs. Domhoff, Second by Mr. Holland to accept the resignation of **Andrew Garchar, Occupational Therapist** for the purpose of retirement effective October 31, 2020.

Roll Call: Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Holland, Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Haberstroh, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

20-231 Motion by Mr. Haberstroh, Second by Mr. Holland to accept the resignation of **Kayla McCann, TVLA Liaison** effective August 24, 2020.

Roll Call: Mr. Haberstroh, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

CERTIFIED – EMPLOYMENT

20-232 Motion by Mrs. Domhoff, Second by Mr. Haberstroh to employ the following on one year contracts.

Name	Position	No. of Days	Effective date
Koniowsky, Lisa	Physical Therapist	184 days prorated	November 26, 2020
*Seiser, Hallic	Physical Therapist	Up to 55 days	November 30, 2020
Testa, Meredith	Occupational Therapist	184 days prorated	November 9, 2020

*Pending Background checks and license

Roll Call: Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Haberstroh, Mr. Holland, Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

SUBSTITUTES

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20-233 Motion by Mr. Krispinsky, Second by Mr. Haberstroh to retroactively employ the additional list of substitutes on an as needed basis effective October 20, 2020.

Roll Call: Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Haberstroh, Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Holland, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

POLICY UPDATES

20-234 Motion by Mrs. Domhoff. Second by Mr. Haberstroh to approve the Policy Updates as distributed.

Roll Call: Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Haberstroh, Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Holland, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

20-235 Motion by Mr. Krispinsky, Second by Mr. Holland to adjourn this meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Krispinsky, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Domhoff, Mr. Haberstroh, Mr. Dreves – ayes. Motion Carried.

Date Approved

Board President

Attest: _____

Treasurer