

MINUTES – combined work session and regular meeting
Thursday, April 27, 2023

Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board

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5:30 p.m.

The **combined work session and regular monthly meeting** of the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the Summit DD administrative offices located at 2355 2nd Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221. The **work session** convened at 5:42 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Dohnal, President
Tami Gaugler, Vice President
Jason Dodson, Secretary
Denise Ricks

BOARD MEMBER EXCUSED

Meghan Wilkinson
Allyson V. James
Gregg Cramer

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Kamlowsky, Superintendent
Drew Williams, Assistant Superintendent
James Armstrong, Director of Legal Svs.
Russ DuPlain, Director of IT & Facilities
Maggi Albright, Recording Secretary

Billie Jo David, Director of
Communications & Quality
Joe Eck, Director of Labor Relations
& Risk Management
and others

I. SUMMIT DD SUMMER YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Summit DD's summer youth work experience program is projected to serve about 65 youth through either a paid work experience or in career exploration. Kids between the ages of 16-20 who are still enrolled in school or recently graduated will have the opportunity to work up to twenty hours per week for five weeks, paid at minimum wage. The career exploration component provides opportunities for kids ages 14-15 to explore the work world or post-secondary educational/vocational options. At the conclusion of the program, we will recognize employers who participated as well as review outcome data of students who have previously been supported. Following are three contracts for discussion tonight that support these summer work opportunities for youth with disabilities.

II. PRIME TIME PERSONNEL CONTRACT

Prime Time Personnel will support the summer youth program by serving as the employer of record. Prime Time Personnel will process employment-related documents on behalf of participating students and will handle all payroll functions, ensuring students are paid weekly and that worker's compensation, tax documents and required insurances are in place.

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WORK SESSION *(continued)*

II. PRIME TIME PERSONNEL CONTRACT *(continued)*

Prime Time Personnel charges a 30% service fee for these services. The contract is for the period June 1 through September 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$65,650. This amount represents minimum wage to be paid to the workers as well as the 30% service fee. Funds are available in the budget and the Prime Time Personnel contract has been recommended for approval by the April Services & Supports and Finance & Facilities Committees.

III. RESOURCE EMPOWERMENT CENTER SUMMER YOUTH WORK PROGRAM CONTRACT

Resource Empowerment Center (REC) is one of the providers supporting kids in the summer work program by providing job coaching and transportation to and from worksites. REC will be paid the equivalent of the waiver rate for the total contract amount not to exceed \$64,320 with the contract period June 1 through October 21, 2023. Funds are available in the budget and the REC contract has been recommended for approval by the April Services & Supports and Finance & Facilities Committees.

IV. WEAVER INDUSTRIES SUMMER YOUTH WORK AND CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM CONTRACT

Weaver Industries (WI) is also supporting kids in the summer work program in both career exploration as well as paid work with job coaching and transportation to and from worksites. WI will be paid the equivalent of the waiver rate for the total contract not to exceed \$97,400, for the period June 1 through October 31, 2023. Funds are available in the budget and the WI contract has been recommended for approval by the April Services & Supports and Finance & Facilities Committees.

V. MARCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Revenue for the month of March included quarterly Title XX and Help Me Grow grant reimbursements. First half property tax settlement from the County had not come in at the time March financials statements were prepared but has since been received so it should be reflected on the April financial statements. Relative to expenditures, staff continue to track spending with Merakey for professional behavioral services as well as grants paid to providers for staff recruitment and retention activities. March ended in a deficit position of \$14,530,167 and a fund balance of \$50,213,134. The March Financial Statements have been recommended for approval by the April Finance & Facilities Committee.

The work session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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BOARD MEETING

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board convened at 5:50 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Frank, a parent and former Summit DD staff, commended the Board for continuing the Summer Youth Work Experience Program, such a vital steppingstone for youth to transition from school to work. Ms. Frank commented that she really likes the *new staff spotlight* area of Summit DD's website and also how pleased she is to hear of the inclusive Barbie Doll line that feature dolls with Down Syndrome, amputees and dolls that use a wheelchair for mobility. Ms. Frank asked about the upcoming direct services professionals (DSP) fair and how information is being disseminated. Assistant Superintendent Drew Williams replied staff have been working with local colleges, the job center, messaging on social media and posting information on the DSP website. Mrs. Ricks commented that Akron Public Schools have sent emails on this topic as well.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MARCH 23, 2023 (combined work session and regular meeting)

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 23-04-01

Mr. Dodson moved that the Board approve the minutes of the March 23, 2023 combined work session and regular meeting. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Gaugler, was unanimously approved.

III. BOARD ACTION ITEM

A. MARCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 23-04-02

Mrs. Gaugler moved that the Board approve the March financial statements. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Ricks, was unanimously approved.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The State budget passed the Ohio House containing provisions that will raise the wage component in the Medicaid rate for DSP services to \$17/hour effective January 1, 2024 and to \$18 effective July 1, 2024. This is a significant commitment to people with disabilities and the DSPs who support them. Superintendent Kamlowsky noted she will be following the budget as it goes through the Senate in the coming weeks.

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BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(continued)*

Superintendent Kamlowsky noted she presented Summit DD's replacement levy request to the full Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB) this week. SSAB approved a resolution recommending that course of action to the County Executive. Executive Shapiro has sponsored legislation on behalf of Summit DD which will be introduced to County Council on May 8th.

V. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Dohnal noted business is being conducted professionally and everything is running smoothly; he thanked all for jobs well done and wished everyone a good weekend.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION No. 23-04-03

Mr. Dodson moved that the Board enter into Executive Session in compliance with Sunshine Laws, Ohio Revised Code 121.22, Section G, Subsection (4) to discuss collective bargaining matters. Upon reconvening, the Board may or may not conduct additional business. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gaugler.

Roll call: Gaugler-yes, Dohnal-yes, Ricks-yes, and Dodson-yes.

The regular session of the Board Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

The Board entered Executive Session at 5:58 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

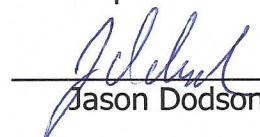
VII. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

A. WEA I TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION No. 23-04-04

Mrs. Gaugler moved that the Board approve the tentative agreement for Weaver Education Association I OEA/NEA (WEA I) collective bargaining agreement for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Ricks, was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Jason Dodson, Secretary