

ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Jan. 9th – 6:00 P.M.
801 W. Union St., Athens, OH 45701

The Mission of the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to enhance the quality of life for individuals by encouraging integration and independence, fostering partnerships, and advocating for individual rights.

1. Margaret Demko, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Arian Smedley did Roll Call.

ALLEN	Present
BOND	Present
DEMKO	Present
HUTZEL	Present
JOLLEY	Present

(No roll call necessary) Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Kevin Davis	Superintendent
Arian Smedley	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

*See sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

3. Margaret Hutzel read the Mission Statement.
4. Allen made motion to approve Agenda.

MOTION#:	01-09-01
MOTION:	ALLEN
SECOND:	HUTZEL
AYES:	ALLEN, BOND, DEMKO, HUTZEL, JOLLEY
CARRIES:	YES

5. New Business:

- a. Demko explained the only item on the agenda was to review the report and recommendation provided by the committee of the board. The report and recommendation pertained to a grievance hearing with respect to a complaint filed by the advocate for his son. The full board was previously provided a copy of the report via email. Demko asked if there were any questions.

There was brief discussion with Stephen Postalakis, the board's legal counsel, and Dr. Davis recounting how the hearing went.

Dr. Jolley asked what are next steps. Postalakis explained, if grievant appeals the Board's decision, it would go to the director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Bond asked what our deadlines are. Postalakis stated the board has until the

25th day to postmark a response. He added grievant has an additional 15 days to appeal the decision. The board will be notified by DODD if this happens.

There was additional discussion from Demko and Postalakis recounting the hearing, followed by discussion about the rationale for the committee of the board's decision.

Demko asked if the board would like to see any changes to the report and recommendation. Dr. Davis clarified what is being asked of them today, that the full board needs to approve or deny the committee of the board's decision. Hutzel stated she supported it.

Hutzel made a motion to approve the report and recommendation as written.

MOTION#: 01-09-02
MOTION: HUTZEL
SECOND: JOLLEY
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, DEMKO, HUTZEL, JOLLEY
CARRIES: YES

Postalakis then explained the board must respond with its own rationale for adopting the report and recommendation and, as part of its decision, advise the grievant of the next step in the process. The board then discussed their rationale.

Meeting was adjourned for a break while Dr. Davis and Smedley, with assistance from Postalakis, documented the statements of rationale of the board.

Once completed, board was presented with the official document.

Hutzel made a motion to approve the document and asked that the superintendent send to grievant.

Dr. Jolley asked if grievant's name needed to be in the decision. Postalakis said there is no reason for him to or not be, but added we can easily add it in there. Board agreed to add his name.

With that addition, Hutzel made a motion to approve the decision and asked that the superintendent send the decision to grievant.

MOTION#: 01-09-03
MOTION: HUTZEL
SECOND: ALLEN
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, DEMKO, HUTZEL, JOLLEY
CARRIES: YES

6. Bond made motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION#: 01-09-04
MOTION: BOND
SECOND: HUTZEL
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, DEMKO, HUTZEL, JOLLEY
CARRIES: YES

