

ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 28, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
Virtually via Zoom

**The Mission of the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to serve our
community with compassion, innovation, and transparency**

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
CONNER	Present
DEMKO	Present
JOLLEY	Present
LEWIS	Present
OCHES	Present

Staff / Others in Attendance:

Dr. Kevin Davis	Superintendent
Arian Smedley	Assistant Superintendent
Steve Kramer	Director of Finance
Stephanie Kendrick	MUI Coordinator
Bridget Gilmore	Director of Facilities & Transportation
Angela Carter	Director of Employment Options
Autumn Brown	Director of Integrate Athens
David Sincoff	Behavior Support Specialist
Jerry Swackhamer	SSA / PGO
Tina Wilson	Integrate Athens Coordinator / ABEA

3. Demko read the Mission Statement.
4. Dr. Jolley motioned to approve the amended agenda (adding items i and m).

MOTION#: 6-28-22-1
MOTION: JOLLEY
SECOND: BOND
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

5. New Business:

Items for review and discussion:

- a. Dr. Davis shared that board members should expect to see a survey sent their way. The purpose is to collect board member input/feedback on the board meetings and board packets.
- b. Oches motioned to approve policy update: PBIS, and Restraint and Seclusion (Exhibit 1, Pages 1-10).

Discussion: Dr. Davis stated we must have this approved by Aug. 6 and requested it be approved this evening. He added we have adapted this from an Ohio Department of Education template. The main difference is that the ACBDD prohibits the use of seclusion. Davis Sincoff, Behavior Support Specialist, made the updates and was in attendance at the board meeting. There was a question on whether this changes practices that families need to be aware of. Sincoff stated there is no significant change that families would need to know about. The main changes involve training and reporting requirements.

MOTION#: 6-28-22-2

MOTION: OCHES

SECOND: LEWIS

AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES

CARRIES: YES

- c. Dr. Davis shared the next scheduled ABEA negotiations date is planned in July. The one issues on compensation remains.
- d. Dr. Davis shared the agency will be purchasing AT&T hotspots (in addition to the Verizon hotspots). The AT&T devices will be for those who cannot use the Verizon devices at their remote work locations.
- e. Dr. Davis shared the managers will be attending a Managers Retreat, as requested by the board. He walked the board members through the handout, which included an agenda of the two days, plus the estimated cost (Handout).
- f. Board members discussed on future meetings/trainings:
 - Next regular meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 23, 6:00 p.m. It was noted the next meeting must be in person.

Motions for vote:

- a. Oches motioned to approve May 2022 Meeting Minutes (Exhibit 2, Pages 11-15).

MOTION#: 6-28-22-3
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: JOLLEY
AYES: BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
ABSTAIN: ALLEN
CARRIES: YES

- b. Dr. Allen motioned to approve recommendation from Insurance Committee regarding the agency's health insurance plan (Exhibit 3, Pages 16-18).

Discussion: Dr. Davis provided a summary of the process through which we got to this evening's recommendation. He also walked the board members through the exhibit in the packet. In addition, he expressed appreciation to the health insurance committee. Committee members voted 3-1 in favor of the new plan. The one dissenting vote did not elaborate on a reason. There was discussion about the one-time payment to staff. There was also discussion about the frequency of plan changes.

MOTION#: 6-28-22-4
MOTION: ALLEN
SECOND: OCHES
AYES: ALLEN, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
NAYES: BOND
CARRIES: YES

- c. Oches motioned to approve extending Richard Suehrstedt's part-time employee status through December 31, 2022, to assist with OhioISP transition and adoption (Exhibit 4, Page 19).

MOTION#: 6-28-22-5
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: LEWIS
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- d. Dr. Lewis motioned to approve Assistant Superintendent to serve, when needed, as the Superintendent's designee (with voting rights) for the Athens County Family & Children First Council.

MOTION#: 6-28-22-6
MOTION: LEWIS
SECOND: BOND
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- e. Oches motioned to approve the Spring 2022 ATCO Legacy Fund recommendations (Exhibit 5, Page 20).

MOTION#: 6-28-22-7
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: BOND
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- f. Dr. Jolley motioned to approve applying spray foam in building by Beacon School (Exhibit 6, Page 21).

Discussion: Dr. Davis explained this work would help increase the storage space at Beacon School.

MOTION#: 6-28-22-8
MOTION: JOLLEY
SECOND: OCHES
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- g. Oches motioned to approve plans to make concrete repairs in various parts around the Beacon School / ACBDD facility (Exhibit 7, Pages 22-25).

MOTION#: 6-28-22-9
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: LEWIS
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- h. Dr. Allen motioned to approve covering the cost of Beacon School lunches for students during the 2022-2023 academic year (Exhibit 8, Page 26).

MOTION#: 6-28-22-10
MOTION: ALLEN
SECOND: OCHES
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, LEWIS, OCHES
ABSTAIN: JOLLEY
CARRIES: YES

- i. Bond motioned to approve expending up to \$25,000 for the renovations of the active sensory room at Beacon School, utilizing funds raised by the Polar Bear Plunge.

MOTION#: 6-28-22-11
MOTION: BOND
SECOND: JOLLEY

AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- j. Oches motioned to approve participating in Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Title 6.B Transition Grant and ODE's Early Childhood Special Education Grant for State FY 21, to receive available funds.

MOTION#: 6-28-22-12
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: LEWIS
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- k. Dr. Jolley motioned to approve renewed and increased stipend (\$2.50/hour) for ESC Paraprofessionals assigned to Beacon School, pending Prosecuting Attorney's approval (Exhibit 9, Pages 27-29).

Discussion: Dr. Davis walked the board members through the exhibit in the packet. Dr. Jolley expressed an interest in increasing the stipend (to \$2.50), since it has been several years since the stipend level has been adjusted. Board members were in agreement.

MOTION#: 6-28-22-13
MOTION: JOLLEY
SECOND: LEWIS
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- l. Oches motioned to approve agreement with Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center for OT services at Beacon School, pending Prosecuting Attorney's approval (Exhibit 10, Page 30).

MOTION#: 6-28-22-14
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: ALLEN
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- m. Dr. Allen motioned to approve agreement with Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center for PT services at Beacon School, pending Prosecuting Attorney's approval, with the added request of exploring options around the Ohio Medicaid Schools Program (Handout).

MOTION#: 6-28-22-15
MOTION: LEWIS
SECOND: ALLEN
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- n. Bond motioned to approve agreement with Athens County Family & Children First Council with added language about exploring eligibility with OhioRISE as a priority, pending Prosecuting Attorney approval (Exhibit 11, Pages 31-35).

MOTION#: 6-28-22-16
MOTION: BOND
SECOND: OCHES
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- o. Bond motioned to approve agreement between Hopewell Health Centers and the ACBDD for the purpose of Expanded Allied Health Services, pending Prosecuting Attorney's approval (Exhibit 12, Pages 36-37).

MOTION#: 6-28-22-17
MOTION: BOND
SECOND: OCHES
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- p. Bond motioned to approve MOU between the ACBDD, the Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board, and Ohio Network for Innovation (ONI), pending Prosecuting Attorney approval (Exhibit 13, Pages 38-42).

MOTION#: 6-28-22-18
MOTION: BOND
SECOND: ALLEN
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- q. Bond motioned to approve resolution expressing appreciation to Tri County Career Center for their collaboration with the DSP Readiness Pilot Project (Exhibit 14, Pages 43-47).

MOTION#: 6-28-22-19
MOTION: BOND
SECOND: ALLEN
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

6. Board Reports:

- a. Superintendent, Dr. Kevin Davis (Exhibit 15, Pages 48-51).
Report stands.
- b. Director of Finance and Operations, Steve Kramer (Exhibit 16, Pages 52-61).
Report stands.

- c. Director of Human Resources, Gwen Brooks (Exhibit 17, Pages 62-64).
Report stands.
 - d. Director of Facilities and Transportation, Bridget Gilmore (Exhibit 18, Page 65-67).
Report stands.
 - e. MUI Coordinator, Stephanie Kendrick (Exhibit 19, Page 68).
Report stands.
 - f. Director of Service and Support, Tristin Lawrence (Exhibit 20, Pages 69-71).
Report stands.
 - g. Director of Education, Becky Martin (Exhibit 21, Pages 72-73).
Report stands.
 - h. Director of Employment Options, Angela Carter (Exhibit 22, Pages 74-75).
Report stands.
 - i. Director of Integrate Athens, Autumn Brown (Exhibit 23, Pages 76-79).
Report stands.
 - j. Assistant Superintendent, Arian Smedley (Exhibit 24, Pages 80-84).
Report stands.
7. No comments from Visitors relative to the agenda.
8. Regarding comments from Unions relative to the agenda, Swackhamer thanked the board for approving the insurance plan change, including the one-time payment to staff.
9. No comments from the Board.
10. Bond motioned to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

MOTION#: 6-28-22-20
MOTION: BOND
SECOND: LEWIS
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES