

THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2024
Sarah A. Winters Building, 601 Senior Drive, New Lexington, Ohio 43764

I. **President Rachel Barnhart called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.**

II. ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Rachel Barnhart	X			
Kevin Howell	X			
Fritzie Nitschke		X	X	
Matt Sheridan	X			
Denise Dupler	X			
Sky Gettys	X			
Karen Chennells	X			

Others in attendance: David Couch, Chrissy Berkheimer, Caley Boyden, Chuck Davis, Shelly Lackey, Ashley Reed, Jessica Stroup, and Renee Young.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Res. 2024-09-01

Kevin Howell moved to approve the September regular board meeting agenda and any additions, as submitted. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

Discussion: No additions.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

*****With having an Executive Session at the end of the meeting, President Rachel Barnhart welcomed Renee Young to the meeting. Renee introduced herself and her purpose for running for Perry County Commissioner.***

IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Res. 2024-09-02

Karen Chennells moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024, PCBDD regular board meeting, as presented. Denise Dupler seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

V. BOARD REPORTS:

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DAVID COUCH - *Verbal Report*

David's report was included in the packet. David shared that at the end of the meeting he wanted to go into an Executive Session to discuss how the Board would like to proceed with the Transitional Superintendent role. All board members up for reappointment were approved. The search for a replacement for Matt Sheridan has started, which is with the Probate Judge. October will be the last training for the Board. Caley may be out for a championship volleyball game, if that is the case, David will do part of the training in October and Caley will wrap it up in November with any questions. Jenny's MUI report was included in the packet. Caley and David met with the Prosecutor about the levy. He will guide us in this process. New Director, Kara Wente of the Department of Children and Youth met with David and Ashley at New Lex. She was impressed with our collaboration with all the Perry County agencies as she does not see that happen. New Lexington school has a childcare program as part of their workforce development program. David is in discussions with them about our participation in the service, as we have employees who would be interested. David feels this would be a benefit for employees. His thoughts are putting money into the program and then having employees pay weekly for the care to recoup some of the money provided. The hope is this will help retain staff. Jessica accepted our TPE award at the banquet, it was a wonderful evening. David would like to open the basketball program up to all providers to see if anyone would want to oversee the program. With this, David will likely approach the Board for an increase in the amount provided as support.

B. CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT – ASHLEY REED

Ashley's report was included in the packet. No discussion.

C. SSA ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – CHUCK DAVIS

Chuck's report was included in the packet. Loved the picture of SSAs helping move an individual.

D. COMMUNITY SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT - SHELLY LACKEY

Shelly's report was included in the packet. Shelly shared that normally she spotlights someone in her department, but she wanted to spotlight Jessica, as she did a phenomenal job at TPE.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JESSICA STROUP

Jessica's report was included in the packet. No discussion.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Res. 2024-09-03

Sky Gettys moved to approve the financials and expenditures, as presented. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Caley shared that the Auditor's office was off on our levy projections by about \$100,000. Sky questioned if there was anything that she could do for the upcoming budget and Caley shared that she must use what the Auditor gives her. We received the final grant payment for State Fiscal Year 24 for Part C EI. Corrections for UST & Liability insurance paid out of the wrong line by the Commissioner's office. There were three pay periods in August. We have less than 10 people on the waiting list. We have no individuals on the immediate needs list.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:
RES. 2024-09-04

Matt Sheridan moved to amend Resolution 2024-08-08, adopted at the August 2024 meeting, by striking out “will” and inserting “may”. The Resolution will read: Motion to clarify the purpose of the Reserve Fund, which has been established to contain funds not needed to pay for current operating expenses or capital improvements but that may be needed to pay for operating expenses in the future. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: Brief discussion following the August Board meeting raised the issue of the change. The motion can be amended by majority vote. The changes to the Resolution read: Motion to clarify the purpose of the Reserve Fund, which has been established to contain funds not needed to pay for current operating expenses or capital improvements, but that will **may** be needed to pay for operating expenses in the future.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
RES. 2024-09-05

Kevin Howell moved to enter Executive Session at 5:36 pm to consider the employment of a public employee, Transitional Assistant Superintendent. Denise Dupler seconded the motion.

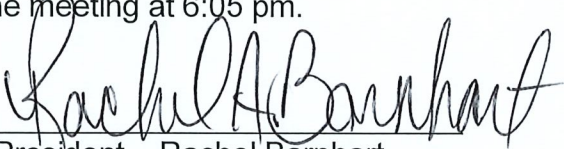
Motion Passed by majority vote.

Sky Gettys moved to end Executive Session at 6:05 pm. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

X. ADJOURNMENT: Sky Gettys moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm.



President – Rachel Barnhart



Board Secretary – Denise Dupler