

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio's Governing Board's Organizational and Regular Meetings held virtually through Zoom on January 15, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Mrs. Glitt, Governing Board President Pro Tem.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Edward Bischoff	Present Virtually
Mrs. Joyce Galbraith	Present Virtually
Mrs. Beth Glitt	Present Virtually
Mr. Christopher Lopez	Present Virtually

**Staff Present** Dr. Tom Goodney – Superintendent

**Virtually:**

- Mr. David Varda – Treasurer/CFO
- Mr. Michael Trego – Deputy Superintendent
- Mr. David Weaver – Assistant Treasurer
- Mr. Dan Adkins – Assistant Director for the Center of Technology and Digital Learning
- Ms. Elaine Organ – Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

*Mrs. Glitt, Governing Board President Pro Tem, led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### 2.01 Appointment of New Governing Board Member

#### 21.01.01 APPOINTMENT OF NEW GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

It was moved by Mrs. Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Bischoff the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board to approve the following resolution to appoint Charm London to serve as a member of the Governing Board.

Whereas a vacancy has been caused on the Governing Board by reason of resignation; and

Whereas this Governing Board has by law the authority to fill the vacancy through December 31, 2021;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by a majority vote of all the remaining members of the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio that Charm London be and hereby is, appointed to serve as a member of the Governing Board of this educational service center for the term ending on December 31, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer shall give written notice of this appointment to the appropriate Board of Election, with a copy of this Resolution and the statement that Ms. London has been appointed.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea; Mr. Lopez, yea; Mrs. Glitt, yea  
Motion passed.

#### 2.02 Oath of Office for Newly Appointed Board Member

The Treasurer/CFO administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Educational Service Center Governing Board member, Charm London.

#### 2.03 Nominations for Board President

Mrs. Beth Glitt was nominated by Mrs. Joyce Galbraith.

#### 2.04 Closing Nominations for Board President

### 21.01.02 CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD PRESIDENT

It was moved by Mrs. Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Lopez the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board to close the nominations for Board President.

**Roll Call to Close Nominations:** Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea; Ms. London, yea; Mr. Lopez, yea; Mrs. Glitt, yea  
Motion passed.

### 21.01.03 2.05 Roll Call to Elect Mrs. Beth Glitt for Board President

**Casting of Votes for Board President:** Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea; Ms. London, yea; Mr. Lopez, yea; Mrs. Glitt, yea  
Motion passed.

#### 2.06 Nominations for Board Vice-President

Mr. Christopher Lopez was nominated by Mrs. Joyce Galbraith.

#### 2.07 Closing Nominations for Board Vice-President

### 21.01.04 CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

It was moved by Mr. Bischoff and seconded by Mrs. Galbraith the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board to close the nominations for Board Vice-President.

**Roll Call to Close Nominations:** Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea; Ms. London, yea; Mr. Lopez, abstain; Mrs. Glitt, yea  
Motion passed.

**21.01.05**      **2.08 Roll Call to Elect Mr. Christopher Lopez for Board Vice-President**

**Casting of Votes for Board Vice-President:** Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea; Ms. London, yea; Mr. Lopez, abstain; Mrs. Glitt, yea  
Motion passed.

**21.01.06**      **APPROVE ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Bischoff and seconded by Mr. Lopez the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board approve the adoption of the agenda of the January 15, 2021 Organizational Board Meeting.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea; Ms. London, yea; Mr. Lopez, yea; Mrs. Glitt, yea  
Motion passed.

**21.01.07**      **APPROVE ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, TREASURER/CFO, AND GOVERNING BOARD**

It was moved by Mrs. Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Lopez the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board approve the following 2021 organizational resolutions pertaining to the Superintendent, Treasurer/CFO, and Governing Board.

**Resolutions Pertaining to the Superintendent**

1. Designated the Superintendent as the official purchasing agent for the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio for 2021.
2. Authorized the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel and/or accept resignations as needed for emergency situations; such employment to be presented for approval at the next regular board meeting.
3. Authorized the Superintendent to sign agreements not exceeding one year in length, per Board Policy

**Resolutions Pertaining to the Treasurer/CFO**

1. Authorized the Treasurer/CFO to pay properly authorized bills within the limits of appropriations for merchandise/services that have been received in good condition and to report monthly to the Governing Board a summary of those bills paid.
2. Authorized the Treasurer/CFO to sign agreements not to exceed one year in length, per Board policy.
3. Authorized the Treasurer/CFO to receive, expend and account for State and Federal funds.

4. Adopted the following resolution authorizing the use of facsimile signatures:

**WHEREAS**, it is required by law that no monies of the Educational Service Center shall be disbursed by check unless signed by the Treasurer/CFO and no purchase order shall be issued without the signatures of the Treasurer/CFO and Superintendent of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Auditor of State through H.B. 694 has approved the use of facsimile signature by the Treasurer/CFO impressed upon each check and the signatures of the Treasurer/CFO and Superintendent impressed upon each purchase order by a machine maintained in the custody of the Governing Board Business Services Center.

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the facsimile signature of David A. Varda, Treasurer/CFO, appear upon all checks issued and that the facsimile signatures of David A. Varda, Treasurer/CFO, and Thomas L. Goodney, Superintendent, appear upon all purchase orders issued by the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio in accordance with the provisions of the law.

5. Authorized the Treasurer/CFO to temporarily invest funds as allowed by law.
6. Authorized the Treasurer/CFO to make within fund transfers as may become necessary and report same on a regular basis to the Governing Board.
7. Authorized the Treasurer/CFO to establish a change fund of \$750.00.
8. Authorized the Treasurer/CFO to set a maximum limit of \$25,000.00 for any credit card account utilized by the ESC of Central Ohio in 2021.
9. Established a Records Commission for 2018 consisting of the Governing Board President, Superintendent and Treasurer/CFO. A meeting will be held no later than September 2021.

#### **Resolutions Pertaining to the Governing Board**

1. Adopted the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) as the parliamentary authority governing the Governing Board in all cases which it is not inconsistent with statute, administration code, or the Governing Board's Bylaws.
2. Approved the establishment of a Board Service Fund as provided in ORC 3315.15 and recommend that the Governing Board set aside an amount of money from its General Fund to pay expenses of Board members incurred while they perform their duties. Said fund shall not exceed \$20,000.00.
3. Authorized the Governing Board President, Treasurer/CFO and/or Superintendent to engage any appropriate legal counsel, as needed, with the firms of Bricker & Eckler, LLP, Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP; Porter,

Wright; Morris & Arthur, LLP; Squires, Sanders & Dempsey, Ice Miller LLP, Mazanec, Raskin & Rider Co., Pepple & Waggoner, Ltd., Peters Kalail & Markakis Co., LPA, Scott Scriven LLP, McNeese, Wallace & Nurick, LLC and Pollock Law Firm for legal services.

4. Waived the reading of the previous meeting minutes provided that copies of the minutes have been distributed to the Governing Board at least two days prior to the date of the next succeeding meeting.
5. Appointed Mrs. Joyce Galbraith to serve as the 2021 OSBA Legislative Liaison.
6. Governing Board members are eligible to purchase benefits under the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio for calendar year 2021.

*Vote to approve the 2021 organizational resolutions for Superintendent, Treasurer/CFO and Governing Board.*

**Roll Call:** Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea; Ms. London, yea; Mr. Lopez, yea; Mrs. Glitt, yea  
Motion passed.

#### **21.01.08 ADJOURN 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

It was moved by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Bischoff the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board adjourn the 2021 organizational meeting and reconvene in regular session.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea; Ms. London, yea; Mr. Lopez, yea; Mrs. Glitt, yea  
Motion passed.

*Mrs. Glitt convened the meeting in regular session at 10:14 a.m.*

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Mr. Edward Bischoff	Present Virtually
	Mrs. Joyce Galbraith	Present Virtually
	Mrs. Beth Glitt	Present Virtually
	Ms. Charm London	Present Virtually
	Mr. Christopher Lopez	Present Virtually

#### **21.01.09 APPROVE ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Mrs. Galbraith and seconded by Ms. London the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board approve the adoption of the agenda of the January 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea; Ms. London, yea; Mr. Lopez, yea; Mrs. Glitt, yea  
Motion passed.

21.01.10

**APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Bischoff and seconded by Mr. Lopez the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board approve the following:

**5.01/Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Approved Board meeting minutes for the December 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

**5.02/Approval of the Financial Reports for December 2020**

- 1. Board Financial Update. *(For information purposes)*
- 2. Investment Report for December 2020 that is on file in the Treasurer’s Office.
- 3. Travel and meeting Expense Report for the Governing Board Members, Superintendent and Treasurer, December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 that is on file in the Treasurer’s Office.
- 4. Bill List for December 2020:

General Fund	\$485,385.23
Dublin City Schools	431,826.93
Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools	222,590.09
Grandview Hts. City Schools	31,975.63
Hilliard City Schools	555,684.76
Reynoldsburg City Schools	251,123.88
Westerville City Schools	693,350.17
Whitehall City Schools	33,628.04
Upper Arlington City Schools	338,283.12
South-Western City Schools	76,660.62
Bexley City Schools	192,452.10
Columbus City Schools	89,964.64
Worthington City Schools	255,868.80
Hamilton Local Schools	132,734.89
Canal Winchester Local Schools	82,310.43
Groveport-Madison Local Schools	159,394.37
New Albany-Plain Local Schools	152,191.31
Delaware City Schools	202,908.19
Marysville Exempted Village Schools	39,390.54
North Union Local Schools	6,251.96
Olentangy Local Schools	1,465,098.69
Big Walnut Local Schools	189,211.16
Buckeye Valley Local Schools	194,082.80
Fairbanks Local Schools	23,929.66
Delaware Area Career Center	9,801.86
Liberty Thurston Local Schools	108.57
Granville Exempted Village Schools	23.98
Chillicothe City Schools	18,378.20
Licking Heights Local Schools	182,959.27
OCALI – Operations-Family and Community Support	20,272.20
OCALI – Multi-System Youth	19,270.13
OCALI – Suite of Residence Mod.	38,553.31

Mount Vernon City Schools	511.87
OCALI – PBIS Modules FY 20	32,718.63
OCALI – Res ASD Consulting	625.00
ESCCO – Administrative Student Services	102,511.66
ESCCO – Teacher Quality Partnership	2,818.20
ESCCO – Audiology	2,697.04
ESCCO – Special Education Transition Services	6,001.83
ESCCO – Low Incidence Services	103,807.29
ESCCO – Hearing Impaired Services	137,769.90
ESCCO – Visually Impaired Services	20,127.69
ESCCO – English Language Services	20,100.35
ESCCO – Emotionally Disturbed Services	80,579.21
ESCCO – STACK Autistic Student Services	255,539.34
ESCCO – Sun Behavior	7,080.24
ESCCO – Changes Student Services	8,493.53
Project Search	9,936.51
Delaware/Union ESC	12,926.36
Psychology	14,923.62
Reynoldsburg Preschool	108,045.38
Bexley Preschool	11,530.28
Upper Arlington Preschool	48,758.34
Preschool Itinerant	18,006.73
Fairbanks LSD Preschool	6,361.41
ESCCO – Campus Based Transition	39,503.39
ESCCO – Speech/Language Services	76,613.52
Strive	68,393.00
OCALI – FY 21	266,453.88
OCALI – CSD FY 21	191,021.03
OCALI – Imp of Ohio Aut Re	47,059.54
OCALI – EF Transmission	24,400.65
OCALI – Lifespan FY 21	8,098.13
OCALI – Part C to B FY 21	9,593.17
ODE Contract (Cohen) FY 21	9,019.81
ODE Contract (Field Specialists) FY 21	27,397.29
ODE Contract (Kuhn) FY 21	9,729.73
ODE Contract (Lamphere) FY 21	6,333.08
Ventures	108,966.33
Ventures II	97,605.73
ESCCO – Mental Health Services	10,231.76
ESCCO – Adapted PE Services	15,218.18
ESCCO – Occupational Therapy Services	35,965.44
ESCCO – Physical Therapy Services	10,687.57
ESCCO – Center for Achievement	43,484.37
ESCCO – Gifted Students Services	8,926.98
ESCCO – Professional Learning	79,765.34
ESCCO – Special Projects	9,640.88
ESCCO – Digital Learning	13,465.38
ESCCO – Printing Services	8,916.02
ESCCO – Court Liaison Services	1,820.25
ESCCO – Conference Center	3,282.21
OCALI – AIM and Online Professional Development	19,723.97
Marburn Academy	9,396.60
Wellington Schools	462.60

Tolles Career and Technical Center	3,255.00
Northridge Local Schools	10,138.66
Southwest Licking Local Schools	121.96
Marion City Schools	110,963.96
Cardington-Lincoln Local Schools	7,780.90
Columbus DeSales	16,919.44
College and Career Success	34,121.93
Gahanna Christian Academy	5,235.80
Columbus School for Girls	10,709.19
SOS	46,482.79
Columbus Academy	16,418.98
Star House	175,602.20
Ohio Alliance for High Quality Education	4,248.42
Investigations	3,453.10
Community School Monitoring Services	24,672.74
OCECD	135,705.81
OCALI – Bldg Cap Assistive Tech.	3,167.27
FCFC – Admin 2021	21,374.55
FCFC – Multisystem 2021	104,616.80
FCFC – Help Me Grow EI 2021	230,608.22
FCFC – EI Outreach 2021	453.00
FCFC – JFS 2021	61,785.22
FCFC – Home Choice 0-5 2021	6,786.21
FCFC – BBL 2021	12,123.26
FCFC – Celebrate One 2021	461.19
FCFC – React 2021	10,036.26
FCFC – JFS P4S 2021	20,854.00
FCFC – P4S Adm 2021	4,482.08
FCFC – MSY Crisis 2021	32,394.00
FCFC – MSY Flex 2021	13,641.50
Ohio Reading Corp FY 21	31,738.60
AmeriCorp Mentor Success FY 21	5,826.12
EPSEA	104,271.96
Chase CRF FY 21	20,876.36
OCALI – OCALICON Conference	51,319.30
Background Checks Rotary	10,544.50
Section 125 Plan	12,605.25
Rockbridge Academy	23,291.22
Medical Insurance	389,686.00
Dental Insurance	31,280.00
Workers Compensation	9,264.77
SST – GRF FY 21	17,945.33
School Psychologist FY 21	11,865.15
OTES	538.36
Health/Hygiene Training	5,175.05
Geer Fund FY 21	50,669.75
City of Columbus CRF	102,211.71
Franklin County CRF	42,061.93
SST – IDEA FY 21	147,121.17
SST – Early Lit. SSIP IDEA	5,594.69
SST – Urban Rel.	7,403.88
LEP FY 21	992.30
SST – Title I FY 21	19,236.64

SST – ELD FY 21	7,597.09
SST – Early Lit. SSIP FY 21	1,466.61
Early Childhood FY 21	1,523.61
Striving Readers FY 20	7,870.67
OCALI – Bldg Cap Assistive Tech	16,598.89
Striving Readers FY 21	2,820.54
Ohio Reading Corp FY 21	40,423.03
AmeriCorps Mentors Success FY 21	6,753.61
I3 Grant FY5 Part 2	9,442.19
OCALI – BEST FY 21	14,257.53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,207,600.02</b>

### 5.03/Approval of Total Appropriations by Fund

1. Approved the total appropriations by fund for December 2020.

Fund Number	Fund Description	November Appropriation	Increase (Decrease)	December Appropriation
001	General Fund			
	Total General Fund	\$122,823,198.57	\$511,219.71	\$123,334,418.28
	Other Funds			
003	PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	268,948.43	0.00	268,948.43
018	PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT	-	0.00	-
019	OTHER GRANT	14,520,548.70	25,125.00	14,545,673.70
022	DISTRICT AGENCY	1,195,476.71	0.00	1,195,476.71
026	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AGENCY FUND	4,758,649.00	0.00	4,758,649.00
027	WORKERS COMPENSTATION SELF INS SCHOOLNET	139,644.00	0.00	139,644.00
450	EQUIP/INFRASTRUCTURE	-	0.00	-
451	K12 NETWORK CONNECTIVITY	2,700.00	0.00	2,700.00
499	MISCELLANEOUS STATE GRANT FUND	782,645.25	0.00	782,645.25
506	RACE TO THE TOP	-	0.00	-
507	HEALTHY LIVING	5,175.05	93,750.00	98,925.05
508	GEERS	18,000.00	2,239,930.00	2,257,930.00
510	CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND	2,020,000.00	0.00	2,020,000.00
516	IDEA PART B GRANTS	2,849,060.81	0.00	2,849,060.81
551	LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	177,476.78	0.00	177,476.78
571	REFUGEE CHILDREN SCHOOL IMPACT	593,332.82	0.00	593,332.82
572	SST Title 1	318,566.07	0.00	318,566.07
587	IDEA PRESCHOOL-HANDICAPPED	183,835.57	0.00	183,835.57
590	IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY	-	0.00	-
599	MISCELLANEOUS FED. GRANT FUND	2,431,872.28	0.00	2,431,872.28
	Total Other Funds	30,265,931.47	2,358,805.00	32,624,736.47
	Grand Total All Funds	\$153,089,130.04	\$2,870,024.71	\$155,959,154.75

**5.04/Approval of Miscellaneous Consent Agenda Items / Treasurer**

Approved the following miscellaneous consent agenda items recommended by the Treasurer/CFO.

- 1. Approved the following new grants and authorize the Treasurer/CFO to establish the appropriate funds:

	<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue</b>
Education 499 9107	\$ 394,513.11	\$394,513.11
GEERS 508 9100	2,257,930.00	2,257,930.00
OCER Grant 507 9101	93,750.00	93,750.00
Martha Holden Jennings and OSU Collaboration 019 9133	17,125.00	17,125.00
Martha Holden Jennings and OSU Support 019 9134	3,000.00	3,000.00
Autism Speaks Modules 001 9175	15,000.00	15,000.00
State Family Engagement 551 9101	18,141.14	18,141.14

- 2. Approved the following fund to fund transfer:

<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	
OCALI FY 20 001 9085	OCALI FY 21 001 9160	\$746,162.78

- 3. Approved to accept a monetary donation of \$200.00 to the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) in memory of Janet Jenkins from Robert and Julianne Louwers.
- 4. Approved to accept a monetary donation of \$28.50 to the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) from the Workplace Giving Programs managed by FrontStream.

**5.05/Stipends**

Approved the following personnel contract change for the 2020-2021 contract year.

**Olentangy Local Schools**

- 1. Stephanie Welch-Grenier – Vision Specialist, decrease in contract days to 74, at a revised salary of \$28,968.67 for the 2020-2021 contract year, effective January 21, 2021

## 5.06/Stipends

Approved the following stipend requests.

### ESC of Central Ohio

1. Kristin Morgan – Payroll Manager, Extra duty/performance bonus, \$2,500.00
2. Michael Skavaril – Intervention Specialist, Mentor for Ohio University Interns/Spring Semester, \$300.00
3. Lewis Stemen – ESC/Star House Interim Administrator, October 1, 2020 through January 7, 2021, \$3,100.00
4. Jaime Stewart – Payroll Supervisor, Extra duty/performance Bonus, \$2,500.00

### Olentangy Local Schools

1. Abigail Kisseberth – School Psychologist, Summer assessments/evaluations for students, \$1,326.20

## 5.06/Contracts / Agreements

Approve the following contract.

1. Approved to enter into a contract with Quadient, Inc. to provide the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) with the rental of a postage machine, beginning March, 2021 through March, 2024, in the amount of \$1,500.00; and authorize the Treasurer/CFO to sign the contract.

**Vote to approve the consent agenda.**

*Approved the consent agenda:*

**Roll Call:** Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea; Ms. London, yea; Mr. Lopez, yea; Mrs. Glitt, yea  
Motion passed.

## Items for the Board's Information and Review

- **Governing Board Members' Update**

### Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools

Mrs. Glitt, Mrs. Galbraith and Mr. Lopez reported that the recent EFCTS Board meeting was very informative. New Superintendent, Dr. Miller, provided Board members with 12 objectives that will deal in obtaining what their client school districts need from the career center. A new communications staff member has been hired to provide effective information to students at all levels regarding program opportunities at the career center including several new satellite programs. EFCTS has also contracted with a communications

consulting firm to assist in this area. Dr. Miller informed EFCTS Board members that the goal is to return students to the classroom full-time by the end of March.

#### [Delaware Area Career Center](#)

Mr. Bischoff reported that DACC Board members were updated on the Superintendent search at their recent meeting. The application deadline is next week and the scheduling of interviews will take place in the near future. Work continues on plans to return students to school full-time. It is critical that students return to complete the necessary hours required to secure their certificates in such programs as Firefighting and Emergency Medical Technician.

- **Treasurer's Update**

Mr. Varda informed Board members he will notify the Board of Elections regarding Ms. London's appointment to the Governing Board. This will generate notification to the Ohio Ethics Commission. New Board members are required to file their disclosure form within 15 days of appointment which is February 1, 2021 for Ms. London. Mr. Varda informed Board members they will be notified about filing their disclosure forms by May 15, 2021.

Mr. Varda reported that our client school district Treasurers continue to meet virtually bi-weekly. Mr. Aaron Rausch, Director of the Office of Budget and School Funding from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), recently attended to update the Treasurers regarding current ODE fiscal issues. Mr. Rausch informed Treasurers that their districts will be receiving four times the amount in ESSER funds than they received last Spring. Districts will be required to use these funds by June, 2023. Client school districts can use ESSER funds to pay for services from the ESC of Central Ohio instead of using General Fund monies. Mr. Varda reported that ESCs anticipate receiving funds from ODE that will come from the 10% discretionary ESSER funds they are permitted to use for ODE initiatives. These funds will be to engage ESCs to support the implementation of these initiatives. It is also the hope that the ESCCO will receive additional Geer funds (Governor's Emergency Education Relief funds) in the near future.

- **Ohio Healthcare Consortium Update**

Mr. Varda reported that the Consortium Board may approve another premium holiday during the pandemic if fund levels continue to remain healthy. This will be reviewed after first quarter calendar year financial statements are available and analyzed.

- **Superintendent's Update**

January is the Ohio School Board Association's Board Member Recognition Month. Dr. Goodney expressed his appreciation for the Governing Board members' service to the ESC of Central Ohio.

Dr. Goodney updated the Board members on the opening of schools and the vaccination roll-out. The difficulty in providing substitute teachers to the districts continues to be an issue during the pandemic.

Dr. Goodney informed Board members that there were many changes regarding legislation during the lame duck session since his update in December. Many of the bills were scrapped, however, over 12 that dealt directly with education were passed very late in the session. House Bill 404 extended a Board of Education's ability to hold meetings remotely through July. Dr. Goodney updated Board members on school funding legislation that was passed by the House, but not the Senate during the lame duck session. This will be taken up again during the next budget cycle. Provisions were made for additional studies. The Ohio Educational Service Center Association and its Critical Issues Committee will continue to work in providing input in the area of school funding.

Dr. Goodney also updated the Board on House Bill 436 that provides a series of mandates for school districts in the area of dyslexia screenings and required professional development for teachers. Dr. Goodney informed Board members that this could be an opportunity for the ESCCO to provide this training. With the passage of House Bill 442, related service staff will no longer be required to be licensed by the Ohio Department of Education. They will continue to need licensure through their State Board and register with the Ohio Department of Education. House Bill 164 has eliminated community school sponsor ratings for the 2019-2020 school year, so sponsors could focus on supporting their schools during the pandemic.

Dr. Goodney updated Board members on two current lawsuits in which the ESCCO was named. One of which the ESCCO was removed and the goal is to be removed from the second in the near future.

Mr. Bischoff, as a member of the Ohio Math and Science Coalition, discussed his concern that teachers are not doing a good job covering Math in the classroom. Dr. Goodney updated Board members on the collaboration between the ESC of Central Ohio and the Montgomery County ESC. As a result, a portal has been developed to assist teachers with particular math concepts and assist with the development of lessons. In addition, a portal has been developed for parents to help support their children in the area of Math.

- **Upcoming Meetings / Events**

**Note:** *To be determined if future Board meetings and graduation will be held virtually via Zoom or in-person at 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, Ohio.*

February 26, 2021 / 10 a.m.

Governing Board Regular Meeting / Virtual

March 26, 2021 / 10 a.m.

Governing Board Regular Meeting / 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, Ohio

April 23, 2021 / 10 a.m.

Governing Board Regular Meeting / 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, Ohio

May 21, 2021 / 10 a.m.

Governing Board Regular Meeting / 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, Ohio

June 25, 2021 / 10 a.m.  
Governing Board Regular Meeting / 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, Ohio

**21.01.11 APPROVE ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Bischoff and seconded by Ms. London the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Bischoff, yea; Mrs. Galbraith, yea; Ms. London, yea; Mr. Lopez, yea; Mrs. Glitt, yea  
Motion passed.

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Beth Glitt  
Governing Board President  
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio

**ATTEST:**

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David A. Varda  
Treasurer/CFO  
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio