

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board's Regular Meeting held on November 17, 2023 at 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, Ohio.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Mr. Lopez, Board President, at 10:02 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Barry Alcock	Present
Mrs. Joyce Galbraith	Present
Mrs. Beth Glitt	Present
Ms. Susan Kish	Absent
Mr. Christopher Lopez	Present

**Staff Present:**

- Dr. Thomas Goodney – Superintendent
- Mr. David Varda – CFO/Treasurer
- Mr. Gale Marsh – Deputy Superintendent
- Mr. David Weaver – Assistant Treasurer
- Ms. Elaine Organ – Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

*Mr. Lopez, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Mr. Lopez asked for a moment of silence for the Tuscarawas Valley School District students, staff and parents that lost their lives in an accident on the way to the OSBA Capital Conference.*

### 23.11.01 APPROVED ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Alcock and seconded by Mrs. Glitt the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board to approve the adoption of the agenda of the November 17, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

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

### 23.11.02 APPROVED ADDENDUMS TO EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

It was moved by Mrs. Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Glitt the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board to approve addendums to the employment contracts of the Superintendent and CFO/Treasurer, effective August 1, 2023.

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

23.11.03

**APPROVED THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**6.01/Approved the Board Meeting Minutes**

1. Board meeting minutes for the October 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

**6.02/Approved the Financial Reports for September 2023 (Revised) and October 2023**

1. **Board Financial Update for September 2023 (Revised).** *(For Information Purposes)*
2. **Board Financial Update for October 2023.** *(For Information Purposes)*
3. **Investment Report for October 2023** that is on file in the Treasurer's Office.
4. **Bill List for October 2023:**

General Fund	\$1,992,695.15
Fiscal – Other Services	29,239.78
Dublin City Schools	688,347.23
Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools	509,608.71
Grandview Heights Schools	38,183.47
Hilliard City Schools	893,887.96
Reynoldsburg City Schools	286,906.67
Westerville City Schools	969,315.05
Whitehall City Schools	75,028.43
Upper Arlington City Schools	575,497.18
South-Western City Schools	397,647.54
Bexley City Schools	243,511.80
Columbus City Schools	79,981.26
Worthington City Schools	496,705.32
Hamilton Local Schools	197,990.70
Canal Winchester Local Schools	138,655.40
Groveport-Madison Local Schools	173,645.90
New Albany-Plain Local Schools	231,104.15
Delaware City Schools	258,593.75
Marysville Exempted Village Schools	66,716.42
North Union Local Schools	7,339.78
Olentangy Local Schools	2,338,878.16
Big Walnut Local Schools	317,925.55
Buckeye Valley Local Schools	254,295.83
Fairbanks Local Schools	23,903.75
Delaware Area Career Center	12,976.99
Pickerington Local Schools	118.68
Granville Exempted Village Schools	10.48
Chillicothe City Schools	12,871.42
Licking Heights Local Schools	233,353.53
OCALI – Operations-Family and Community Support	12,232.80
Mt. Vernon City Schools	71.98
ESCCO – Administrative Student Services	2,960,218.64
ESCCO – Audiology	9,646.99
ESCCO – Special Education Transition Services	11,859.30

ESCCO – Low Incidence Services	1,327,078.96
ESCCO – Hearing Impaired Services	146,426.02
ESCCO – Visually Impaired Services	50,369.85
ESCCO – English Language Services	23,010.30
ESCCO – Behavioral Support Class	250,908.80
ESCCO – STACK Autistic Student Services	1,964,741.65
ESCCO – Sun Behavior	268.00
ESCCO – Changes Student Services	5,589.87
Project Search	9,102.86
Delaware/Union ESC	147,657.88
Reynoldsburg Preschool	143,694.01
Bexley Preschool	12,455.18
Upper Arlington Preschool	129.92
Preschool Itinerant	2,821.84
Fairbanks Preschool	7,524.51
ESCCO – Campus Based Transition	186,732.36
ESCCO – Speech/Language Services	161,611.76
Strive	1,841,604.75
Cohen FY 21	5,485.08
Field Specialists FY 21	45,659.51
EANS General Fund	16,944.88
EANS Contract	491,644.30
Ventures	132,517.34
Ventures II	115,965.22
ESCCO – Mental Health Services	7,530.40
ESCCO – Adapted PE Services	11,472.96
ESCCO – Occupational Therapy Services	95,004.69
ESCCO – Physical Therapy Services	51,702.22
ESCCO - Achievement	22,316.73
ESCCO – Gifted Students Services	19,459.60
ESCCO – Professional Learning	52,549.96
ESCCO – Special Projects	49,420.76
ESCCO – Digital Learning	11,294.57
ODE Field Specialists FY 22	6,836.37
ODE Cohen FY 22	940.93
OCALI – FY 23	58.58
EANS II Contract	520,646.07
ESCCO – Tutoring Ohio Districts	138.78
ESCCO – Printing Services	18,620.54
ESCCO – Court Liaison Services	90,396.07
ESCCO – Conference Center	6,958.80
OCALI – AIM and Online Professional Development	8,682.73
ODE Field Specialist	19,476.66
OCALI – FY 24	529,766.99
OCALI – ELSR FY 24	20,926.58
OCALI – Early Screening & Services	28,235.26
OCALI – MCAT FY 24	9,771.65
OCALI – Tr Vis Employment First Tr	24,329.54
OCALI – Reg Coaches MSY	91,824.87
OCALI – IWGA FY 24	12,264.53
OCALI – Lifespan FY 24	8,417.82
OCALI – EA CH Inc Center of Ex	84,125.24
OCALI – Blueprint FY 24	3,663.12
OCALI – Ea Ch In Ldr FY 24	12,579.32
OCALI – Did You Notice FY 24	504.60
PBIS FY 24	6,634.08
Marburn Academy	5,262.12
Jonathan Alder Local Schools	5,638.69
Wellington Schools	10,755.38
Tolles Career & Technical School	4,264.64

Northridge Local Schools	13,068.46
Northridge Preschool	65,694.48
Southwest Licking Local Schools	65.50
Marion City Schools	134,951.60
Columbus DeSales	27,369.10
College and Career Success	30,559.72
One School Christian Academy	4,630.26
Worthington Christian School	47,644.88
Groveport Madison Christian School	23,547.02
St. Michael Worthington	9,250.94
Shepherd Christian School	2,996.90
Delaware Christian School	16,330.38
Columbus School for Girls	1,202.76
SOS	68,038.03
Columbus Academy	12,750.22
Star House	255,096.32
Ohio Alliance for High Quality Education	5,202.18
Investigations	9,907.61
Community School Monitoring Services	35,391.91
OCECD	151,290.94
PALL Summer	1,000.00
FCFC – Multisystem 2023	6,520.00
FCFC – JFS 2023	47,054.68
FCFC – BBL 2023	2,035.49
FCFC – P4S JFS 2023	19,818.68
Ohio Reading Corps FY 23	(50,704.59)
Martha Holden Jennings OSU Grant FY 23	2,292.81
FCFC – Admin 2024	23,835.77
FCFC – Multisystem 2024	83,283.40
FCFC – Help Me Grow EI 2024	180,258.32
FCFC – MS FCSS 2024	6,504.37
FCFC – JFS 2024	29,059.61
FCFC – BBL 2024	(7,555.50)
FCFC – Celebrate One 2024	4,727.40
FCFC – Home Choice 5-21	6,024.91
FCFC – React 2024	12,397.32
FCFC – P4S JFS 2024	11,133.22
FCFC – P4S Adm 2024	48,620.93
FCFC – MSY Crisis 2024	11,484.79
FCFC – MSY Flex 2024	981.16
EPSEA FY 24	157,908.07
Ohio Reading Corp	47,276.68
OCALI Conference	4,818.61
Background Checks	15,387.68
Section 125 Plan	10,700.32
COBRA Premium Payments	1,627.32
Employee Benefit Payment	9.32
Special Education Software Consortium	715.38
Rockbridge Academy	23,498.05
Medical Insurance	472,041.68
Dental Insurance	35,328.00
Workers Compensation	43,303.23
K-12 Network FY 23	46.10
SST – GRF FY 24	18,995.77
School Psychology FY 23	7,366.02
Ohio Personalized Learning FY 24	10,499.93
ESSER Family Engagement FY 24	6,576.96
HQIM FY 24	275,301.28
Math Pathways FY 24	15,991.75
Tutoring HB583 FY 24	93,594.67

ELRP FY 24	370,822.03
GEER II FY 23	66,587.98
SST – IDEA FY 24	142,562.62
SST – Urban Rel FY 24	8,974.82
SST Early Lit SSIP IDEA FY 24	7,549.77
LEP	22,525.10
Afghan RSIG FY 23	32,484.38
SST – Title I FY 24	20,059.12
SST – ELD	8,123.65
SST – Early Lit SSIP FY 24	2,335.59
Ohio Reading Corp	(15,366.41)
OCALI – Best FY 23	35,487.17
CDC Prime for Life FY 23	3,671.68
Ohio Reading Corp FY 24	165,000.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,946,949.37</b>

### 6.03/Approved Total Appropriations by Fund

1. Approved the total appropriations by fund for October 2023.

		September 30 Appropriations	Increase (Decrease)	October 31 Appropriations
001	GENERAL OPERATIONS	\$ 10,565,152.19	1,341,015.81	\$ 11,906,168.00
001	ALL OTHER OPERATIONS	142,428,465.46	5,255,040.81	147,683,506.27
001	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>\$152,993,617.65</u>	<u>6,596,056.62</u>	<u>\$ 159,589,674.27</u>
003	PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	333,988.17	-	333,988.17
018	PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT	2,867.50	-	2,867.50
019	OTHER GRANTS	18,154,044.97	46,735.33	18,200,780.30
022	DISTRICT AGENCY	890,158.56	715.38	890,873.94
026	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AGENCY FUND	5,920,000.00	-	5,920,000.00
027	WORKERS COMPENSATION SELF INS	143,908.00	-	143,908.00
451	K-12 NETWORK	46.10	-	46.10
499	MISCELLANEOUS STATE GRANT FUND	471,577.10	15,000.00	486,577.10
507	ESSER	21,699,194.03	59,790.18	21,758,984.21
508	GEERS	156,337.08	-	156,337.08
510	CORONVIRUS RELIEF FUND	91,000.00	-	91,000.00
516	IDEA PART B GRANTS	3,269,697.74	-	3,269,697.74
551	LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	165,568.38	-	165,568.38
571	REFUGEE CHILDREN SCHOOL IMPACT			
572	SST TITLE I	289,295.59	-	289,295.59
587	IDEA PRESCHOOL-HANDICAPPED	141,876.56	-	141,876.56
599	MISCELLANEOUS FED. GRANT FUND	1,946,762.43	111,930.00	2,058,692.43
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<u><b>\$207,633,617.74</b></u>	<u><b>\$6,830,227.51</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 214,463,845.25</b></u>

#### 6.04/Miscellaneous Consent Agenda Items / CFO/Treasurer

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

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

	<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue</b>
Martha Holden Jennings- OSU FY24 019 9428	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
PBIS FY24 001 9418	120,000.00	120,000.00
SST Family Engagement 499 9404	5,000.00	5,000.00
SST Transition 499 9402	10,000.00	10,000.00
K-12 Network Connectivity 451 9400	900.00	900.00
Homeless Grant 507 9400	59,790.18	59,710.18

2. Approved the following OCALI fund to fund transfers.

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
001 9313 Did You Notice	001 9300 OCALI FY 23	\$ 3,969.53
001 9316 Youth Admission Consulting Services	001 9300 OCALI FY 23	1,441.49
001 9310 Multi-System Youth Consulting & Tech. Assistance	001 9300 OCALI FY 23	2,037.06
001 9247 Bright Beginnings	001 9300 OCALI FY 23	3,102.08
001 9312 Early Childhood Inclusive Leadership	001 9300 OCALI FY 23	40,972.92

3. Approved the following Franklin County Family and Children First fund to fund transfers.

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
019 9300 Innovation	019 9400 Innovation	\$ 78,802.82
019 9302 Admin	019 9402 Admin	276,346.44
019 9303 Multisystem	019 9403 Multisystem	739,681.22
019 9305 EI Outreach	019 9405 EI Outreach	33,747.51
019 9308 EI BDD	019 9408 EI BDD	111.02
019 9312 BBL	019 9412 BBL	342,295.63
019 9313 Celebrate One	019 9413 Celebrate One	12,166.76
019 9314 Home Choice	019 9414 Home Choice	320,957.10
019 9317 P4S Admin	019 9417 P4S Admin	72,272.67

019 9318 MSY Crisis	019 9418 MSY Crisis	47,844.79
019 9319 MSY Flex	019 9419 MSY Flex	264,697.82

4. Approved the following revised fund to fund transfers:

From	To	Amount
001 9127 E Sun Behavior	001 9100 E Admin Student Services	\$ 268.00
022 9600 N. Spec. Ed. Software Consortium	022 9100 E Admin Student Services	715.38
001 9193 E Physical Therapy	001 9100 E Admin Student Services	32,228.93
001 9192 E Occupational Therapy	001 9100 E Admin Student Services	57,579.16
001 9466 E Northridge Preschool	001 9100 E Admin Student Services	65,694.48
001 9152 E Speech	001 9100 E Admin Student Services	112,572.84
001 9147 E Campus-Based Transition	001 9100 E Admin Student Services	124,625.73
001 9131 E Delaware-Union ESC	001 9100 E Admin Student Services	138,558.13
001 9125 E Behavior Support Class	001 9100 E Admin Student Services	189,279.25
001 9121 E Low Incidence	001 9100 E Admin Student Services	1,183,239.60
001 9126 E STACK	001 9100 E Admin Student Services	1,512,819.87
001 9153 E Strive	001 9100 E Admin Student Services	1,731,003.98

5. Approved to authorize the Treasurer/CFO to pay invoices against the following purchase order that was not processed in accordance with Section 5707.41 (D):. 2401061.

6. Approved the following purchase in accordance with Policy 6320 (Purchases) for services over \$50,000.00 and authorize the CFO/Treasurer to amend the Statement of Work with Columbus City Schools previously issued for the period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 to pay the following vendor to provide strategic communications consultation services to the Columbus City Schools.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Contract Funding</b>
Fahlgren Mortine	\$17,493.36	Foundation Funds

7. Approved the following purchase in accordance with Policy 6320 (Purchases) for services over \$50,000.00 and authorize the CFO/Treasurer to enter into a Statement of Work with Columbus City Schools to pay the following vendor to provide strategic communications consultation services to the Columbus City Schools; effective November 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Contract Funding</b>
Fahlgren Mortine	\$300,000.00	Foundation Funds

8. Approved the following amendment to the following purchase made in accordance with Policy 6320(Purchases) for services over \$50,000.00 and authorize the CFO/Treasurer to sign an amendment adding \$40,000.00 for the purchase of closed captioning services to the existing two-year agreement a two-year contract effective June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2025.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Contract Funding</b>
Kaltura, Inc.	\$129,000.00	OCALI

9. Approved the following purchase in accordance with Policy 6320 (Purchases) for services over \$50,000.00 and authorize the CFO/Treasurer to enter into a contract with the following vendor to provide Special Education consultation services to the Reynoldsburg City Schools; effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Contract Funding</b>
Madeline Partlow	\$124,650.00	General Fund

10. Approved to accept the donation from Van Trust to the ESC of Central Ohio Special Education Center of Lakeshore learning materials valued at \$399.34.
11. Approved to accept the following donations to The Ohio State University Student Leadership Research Program.

Mallot Foundation	\$5,000.00
Rees Realty Group	1,700.00
Vision Realty	1,700.00

#### **6.05/Resignations**

Approved the following resignations.

#### **ESC of Central Ohio**

1. Lee Woolever – Intervention Specialist, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 31, 2024

#### **Big Walnut Local Schools**

1. Lesley Shryock – Physical Therapist, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 24, 2024

#### **Olentangy Local Schools**

1. Sarah McAllister – Preschool Aide, effective December 1, 2023
2. Elizabeth Nolting – Preschool Aide, effective November 13, 2023
3. Sharone Robinson – Preschool Aide, effective May 25, 2023



## **6.06/Personnel Contract Changes**

Approved the following personnel contract changes for the 2023-2024 contract year.

### **ESC of Central Ohio**

1. Kristina Kehoe – Physical Therapist, contract change to 120 days at a revised salary of \$43,308.60, effective November 2, 2023
2. Elizabeth Strobe – Speech Language Pathologist, daily rate change to \$368.02, effective November 13, 2023

### **Olentangy Local Schools**

1. Melinda Barren – Behavior Specialist, Degree Allowance to MA +30, Column 6/Step 8, at a daily rate of \$405.14, effective August 1, 2023
2. Cheryl Bucci – Speech Language Pathologist, Degree Allowance to MA +45, Column 7/ Step 18, at a daily rate of \$570.61, effective August 1, 2023

## **6.07/Stipends**

Approved the following stipend requests:

### **New Albany-Plain Local Schools**

1. Lindsey Anders – Mental Health Specialist, 2023 Academic Achievement Stipend, \$1,500.00

### **Olentangy Local Schools**

1. Alison Armstrong – School Psychologist, Extended Summer Days, \$157.41
2. Stephanie Brickner – Pupil Services Supervisor, Educational Incentive, \$3,000.00

## **6.08/Contracts – Agreements**

Approved the following agreements.

1. Approved entering into a Client Services Agreement with Kaleidoscope Education Solutions, Inc to provide the ESC of Central Ohio with services to refer and place related service staff to supplement the ESCCO's workforce for limited periods of time; effective October 30, 2023 and continues until either party terminates the agreement, billed at negotiated hourly rates; and authorize the CFO/Treasurer to sign the agreement and documents related to the negotiated hourly rates.
2. Approved entering into an agreement, on behalf of the Franklin County Family and Children First Council, with the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, for FCFC to implement the Building Better Lives

initiative, in the amount of \$675,000.00, effective October 1, 2023 ending September 30, 2024, and authorize the CFO/Treasurer to sign the agreement.

Vote to approve the consent agenda.

*Approved the consent agenda:*

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

## **6.01/Items for the Board's Information and Review**

- **Governing Board Members' Update**

Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools

Mr. Alcock reported that the EFCTS Board met last week. An update on the Purple Star Program was presented to the Board. This program recognizes the military parents of students who are deployed and offers programs and services to these EFCTS families. Construction contracts were also approved by the Board for the additions to both EFCTS school buildings. Mr. Alcock also reported that the custodians and cafeteria workers narrowly approved to unionize.

Delaware Area Career Center  
No items to report.

- **Treasurer's Update**

Mr. Varda informed Board members that Jolene Carter, ESCCO Assistant Treasurer, is leaving at the end of the month. She has accepted the position of Treasurer at Marion City Schools. Ms. Carter's duties will be covered by a current staff member who is being promoted to cover the Franklin County Family and Children Services work. Mr. Varda and Mr. Weaver will share the duties to cover the work for our sponsored Community Schools.

- **Ohio Healthcare Consortium Update**

Mr. Varda reported that open benefit enrollment has been completed for the benefits that go into effect on January 1. Finalization of the selection of Stop/Loss coverage will be discussed at the Consortium's meeting next week.

- **Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Goodney reviewed two grant opportunities from the Department of Higher Education in the area of computer science and from the Department of Education and Workforce Development to elevate sustainability of initiatives related to learning loss at the end of ESSER Grant Funds.

Dr. Goodney reported that as a result of the new Department of Education and Workforce now being in place, ODE will no longer oversee early childhood programs. This will be done by the new Department of Children and Youth and will affect the ESCCO's early childhood preschool program.

The Ohio Senate will hold its hearing to vote on the appointment of Steve Dackin as the Director of the new Department of Education and Workforce in early December. Mr. Dackin is planning on attending the December Central Ohio Superintendents' Association meeting at the ESCCO. Dr. Goodney updated the Board on education legislation that is currently at a standstill in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Dr. Goodney and Mr. Varda reviewed the procedure for appointment a new Governing Board member to fill the current vacancy. The announcement of the vacancy will be listed on the ESCCO's website.

Dr. Goodney informed Board members that he and Dr. Kellogg recently met with representatives from Adept, a marketing company, that presented a possible campaign strategy to address the teacher shortage issue. Dr. Goodney reviewed Adept's presentation included a mission to raise awareness about the shortages in Ohio, increase enrollment in teaching programs, showcase the impact that teachers have in our communities and encouraging people to explore teaching as a profession at various stages of life. The presentation also included suggestions on how to solve the problem, how to engage the right partners and program budget.

#### **Upcoming Meetings / Events**

December 15, 2023 / 10 a.m.

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

January 12, 2024 / 10 a.m.

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

February 23, 2024 / 10 a.m.

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

March 22, 2024 / 10 a.m.

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

April 26, 2024 / 10 a.m.


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

**23.11.04**

#### **APPROVE ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Alcock and seconded by Mrs. Glitt the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Governing Board adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

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



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Christopher Lopez  
Governing Board President  
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio

**ATTEST:**



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