

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2016

I. Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President, Ms. Thomas Fain, at 4:37 p.m. Board Members present included: Ms. Thomas Fain, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Orlandi, Ms. Barnes Brown, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Morrison.

Mr. Daugherty was not in attendance. (Excused absence)

Staff present: Ms. Davis-Kramp, Mr. Goebel, Ms. Lees, Ms. Hetkey, Ms. Wilbraham, Ms. Finnerty, Mr. Bluebond, Ms. Majoros, Ms. Davis, Ms. Bohner, Dr. Stanley Bryson, Mr. Yamsek, Ms. Reed, Ms. Day, and Mr. Dryer.

Others present included parents Mr. and Mrs. Schofield and Jim Brown from Windfall Industries.

The Board President stated that the agenda has been revised.

II. Executive Session

No Executive Session was held. At this time, the meeting was temporarily adjourned until the 5:00p.m. General Session.

General Session resumed at 5:03 p.m.

III. General Session

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Mission Statement Affirmation

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes from the Nominating Committee Meeting, January 25, 2016

Motion was made by Ms. Orlandi, seconded by Ms. Barnes Brown, to approve the minutes from the Nominating Committee Meeting on January 25, 2016.

Motion passed with a unanimous “aye” vote.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the Annual Organizational Meeting, January 25, 2016

Motion was made by Ms. Barnes Brown, seconded by Ms. Holmes, to approve the minutes from the Annual Organizational Meeting on January 25, 2016.

Ms. Barnes Brown stated that Ms. Lees does a nice job on the minutes.

Motion passed with a unanimous “aye” vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, January 25, 2016

Motion was made by Ms. Orlandi, seconded by Ms. Morrison, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on January 25, 2016.

Motion passed with a unanimous “aye” vote.

D. Old Business

There was no Old Business this month.

E. New Business

1. 2016 Windfall Industries Resolution #03-16 (ACTION)

Motion was made by Ms. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Orlandi, to approve Resolution #03-16 to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Windfall Industries (WI) for consumer employment. The contract will be effective from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, for an amount not to exceed \$600,388.72. The 2016 Windfall Industries contract provides for payment of work adjustment wages to individuals served by the MCBDD, management of the cafeteria, and for providing work. A summary comparing the 2016 contract to the 2015 contract is attached. Windfall Industries has between 125 and 150 individuals from the MCAC on payroll. Mr. Bluebond reviewed section 2.2 and 2.3 of the WI contract in response to a Board Member question regarding grounds for termination by either party. The Superintendent stated that a review is done annually to ensure compliance. WI had no concerns with the contract.

Motion passed with a unanimous "aye" vote.

2. Abolishment and Creation of Position Resolution #04-16 (ACTION)

Motion was made by Ms. Orlandi, seconded by Mr. Perkins, to approve Resolution #04-16 to abolish the following position: Enterprise Coordinator, and to create the following position: Economic Developer. This resolution is for a change in title, as well as job description. The title of Economic Developer more accurately reflects the actual job duties and responsibilities of the position. There is no increase in cost associated with this request.

Motion passed with a unanimous “aye” vote.

F. Discussion Items

1. Parent recommendations for changes in state regulations

Ms. Kaye Schofield, parent, worked with Annie Finnerty, Director of Quality Systems, to draft documents for submission to the state requesting changes in state rule. (The proposed changes were included in the Board Packet.) Ms. Finnerty stated that Ms. Schofield is a true and loyal advocate for people with disabilities. Although Ms. Schofield is aware that the Board cannot take action on these proposed changes, she hopes it will cause the review of current policies and procedures. There will be minimal, if any, costs to the Board associated with these changes. The issue is more education and training for providers and medical personnel.

A discussion was also held regarding what type of oversight the county boards will have when waiver services are no longer being provided. Superintendent Annette Davis-Kramp stated that

the OACB is in support of county boards having the authority to not only monitor provider services, but also impose consequences if needed.

G. Reports Review

Due to time constraints, the Board President move the Superintendent's Report item to the bottom of the list to allow more time for questions at the end.

- Financial Report - Mr. Bluebond reviewed the Financial Report. The following was discussed:
 - This is the first month of the year's information and we are where we would expect to be.
 - The expenses are typical for the beginning of the year.
 - Revenue for 2016 is expected to be at about 99%.
 - The cash balance has continued to grow. As mentioned before, this will be addressed closer to budget time.
 - From January, 2015, to January, 2016, the agency caseload has increased by 50 individuals. This is a jump from the past years of 25-35 individuals per year. Mr. Bluebond expects the number to stay around 50 from here on out.
- Voucher Report(s) – Mr. Bluebond reviewed the Voucher Report. The following was discussed:
 - There are some one-time expenses on the report.
 - There are also some items from 2015 that were paid in 2016.
- MCBDD Enrollee Statistics Report – The Enrollee Statistics Report was reviewed. There were no questions or comments on the report.
- Provider Report – The Provider Report was reviewed. The following was discussed:
 - Dr. Kaye addressed the issue of the conflict that school districts have between federal law allowing students to stay until age 22 years, if their IEP team agrees they should continue to work toward education goals, and the Ohio Department of Education practice of issuing district report cards that require graduation of all students to take place by age 18 in order to be counted in the district's successful graduation rate. Students with disabilities are included in that graduation rate and are counted against districts' success if they stay in school past age 18 years, in spite of federal law's allowance to stay and the districts continuing to offer services for the benefit of the student. So the negative impact of graduating students after age 18 is reflected toward their ratings. All districts in Medina County are rated either Excellent or Excellent with Distinction. That rating is highly valued across the state, is reflected in home and property values, and in Ohio's data reporting to the Federal Office for Special Education Programs.
- MUI Report – This is a new report based upon the request of a Board Member. The Board liked the new format.
- Program Data Reports – Operating Plan 2015 Year End Results. There were no questions from the Board.
- Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent's Report was reviewed by Ms. Davis-Kramp. The following was discussed:

- The Superintendent informed the Board that there had been two deaths in the past few days (one adult, one child) and asked for a moment of silence for these two individuals.
- The Superintendent pointed out the article regarding the lawsuit against Seneca County Board of DD and the new House Bill that keeps county boards in service provision. She then asked the Board Members if there were any questions. The following were discussed:
 - The nine waivers allocated by the state for the first quarter are new waivers.
 - In regard to how many waivers we can get, Mr. Bluebond stated that we are meeting the needs of those who need a waiver, although there are many who want a waiver.
 - Windfall Industries: As the MCBDD slowly decreases waiver service provision, two services are now being transferred to show WI as the provider of record; the mobile Horticulture Crew and Foundations. Windfall Industries was able to hire a non-permanent employee of the Board to run the Horticulture Crew. The Foundations work site was always staffed by WI employees.
 - In order to determine if sub-minimum wage pay is appropriate for an individual, documentation is used. This may change in the future based on the Seneca County lawsuit.
 - Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority will be opening up the Section 8 Voucher wait list this year. The issue is finding landlords who will accept the voucher. There is a need for housing for those over the age of 55. A proposal was submitted by MMHA for funding for a new residential setting for seniors. More options for housing will be available in the coming years.
 - Ms. Morrison enjoyed the article on People First Language and will be sharing it with the students in her class. The Superintendent will look for additional training material regarding People First Language. This should be taught at the elementary school level in order to stop bullying before it starts. Individuals with disabilities currently visiting schools and speaking about their experiences when they were in school.
 - The lawsuit in Seneca County could happen in other counties and could be very difficult if all individuals were required to be paid at minimum wage.
 - Medina Creative Accessibility is now the service provider for Martial Arts as the previous agency, Asian Martial Arts, has disbanded.

H. Public Relations

The Board Members like the article in the newspaper regarding the two new Board Members.

- A donation of \$103,000.00 was presented to the MCBDD by the attorney of Dorothy Hirschman. She had no known ties to the agency but respected the services provided by the MCBDD.

- The deadline for application for the Donor Scholarship is March 31st. The scholarships will be awarded at the May Board Meeting. They include one \$1,000.00 and one \$500.00 scholarship.
- Participants from Leadership Medina County will be here to tour the agency for Education Month. This is a great way to interact with community influences.
- The Crisis Communication Plan was updated with detailed steps, resources, tools, samples for communication needs and electronic resources.
- Upcoming Events:
 - March is Developmental Disabilities Month.
 - The MCBDD cannot sponsor local fundraisers, but we have received several requests to donate gift baskets containing Hand in Hand Creations items.

I. Open Forum (Board Policy 2.4.4)

No speakers from the audience.

Mr. Perkins asked Jim Brown what kind of people they are looking for to fill the two WI open Board Member slots. Mr. Brown stated that they have a viable candidate from Wadsworth Schools for one slot and the other needs to be filled by a parent of an individual with a disability.

IV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Ms. Orlandi, seconded by Mr. Perkins, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Motion passed with a unanimous “aye” vote.

FOR APPROVAL

Sandra Thomas Fain
Board President
Medina County Board of DD

Elaine Orlandi
Secretary
Medina County Board of DD