

Minutes of the Scioto County Board of DD Meeting Held at STAR, Inc. on February 20, 2014

6:00 PM

Prayer Leaders: Reverend John Gowdy, Temple Baptist Church

Pledge Leader: Richard L. Bolin

- 1. Roll Call:** Present were President Rodney H. Barnett, Vice President J. Michael Thoroughman, Recording Secretary Stephanie Childers, Klaire L. Purtee, C. William Rockwell, Jr., Jeffrey Kleha and Richard L. Bolin.
- 2. Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda as prepared.
- 3. Minutes:** Mr. Thoroughman made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2014 Officer Nominating Committee meeting, January 6, 2014 Special Board meeting, January 13, 2014 Finance Committee meeting, January 16, 2014 Ethics Committee meeting, January 16, 2014 Organizational meeting, January 16, 2014 Regular Board meeting, and the February 6, 2014 Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Kleha seconded. Mr. Barnett noted that the January 16 Regular meeting minutes omitted who made the second and whether or not the measure was approved on Item 3, D. Mr. Thoroughman and Mr. Bolin agreed to amend the motion to include the correction of this oversight. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 4. Finance Report:** Director of Finance Matt Purcell reviewed the reports that had been sent to board members in advance of the meeting. Mrs. Childers made the motion to approve the Finance Report. Mr. Rockwell seconded, and added that he would like the small type at the bottom of these reports to be enlarged in the future to make it easier to read. The motion was approved unanimously. It must be presumed that any moral obligations and 'then and now' letters, as well as the docket of expenses, presented during the meeting were included in the motion to approve the finance report.
- 5. Superintendent's Report:** Interim Superintendent Julie Monroe had submitted a written report in advance of the meeting. She expounded on the information regarding the Department of Justice's findings in Rhode Island. A report on this topic was released in January and Rhode Island was found to be out of compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Rhode Island will be integrating all day activities into community settings and closing all workshops in favor of competitive community employment over the next three years. To help Ohio County Boards of DD stay on top of this situation, the Ohio Association of County Boards Serving People with DD (OACB) is hiring a consultant.

Mrs. Monroe asked the Board members what their preferences were for attaining their required training for this year. Everyone seemed to agree that doing all four hours on a Saturday sometime in April would be best. Board members were asked to bring their calendars and ideas for training topics to the March meeting of this Board.

Mrs. Childers made the motion to approve the Superintendent's report. Mr. Bolin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **Program Reports:** Mr. Barnett thanked the authors of the program reports, which had been sent to board members in advance of the meeting. There were no additional comments, nor any questions.

7. **Old Business:** The matter of Board sub-committees was tabled at last month's meeting. Mr. Barnett, as board president, has it within his power to appoint members to the Ethics Council and any other sub-committees the Board deems necessary. He said he had spoken with the other board members and they were all content to remain on the committees as appointed last year.

Mr. Thoroughman, citing mainly scheduling difficulties, made a motion that the Board Chair not be included on every sub-committee. Mr. Rockwell seconded. There was some discussion and in the end, the motion and the second were withdrawn. The topic is to be revisited at a later date.

8. **Committee Reports:**

- A. **Ethics Committee:** Chairman Jeff Kleha reported that this Committee met earlier in the evening and agreed to recommend a number of direct services contracts to the Board. No conflicting interests were known to exist. He made that a motion, which Mr. Rockwell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- B. **Finance Committee:** Chairman Mike Thoroughman reported that the Finance Committee had had a very productive meeting with STAR Board of Trustees Chairman Mike Arnett on February 6. As a result of that meeting, the Committee recommended three things.

First, the Committee agreed to recommend that the Board approve a contract with STAR, Inc. for the provision of a variety of services from February 1 through December 31, 2014, with the stipulation that the amount paid to STAR not exceed \$109,000 per month. Mr. Bolin made the second. There was some discussion, after which the motion was amended to say that the contract would be approved pending review by board members, who had not seen the contract in advance of the meeting. The amended motion was approved unanimously.

The second recommendation from the Finance Committee was that an ad hoc committee be formed to plan for STAR, Inc.'s independence from the County Board. It was also recommended that the membership of the committee be limited to members of the SCBDD finance committee, representation from STAR's Board of Trustees and a small number of other interested parties. Mr. Thoroughman made the recommendation to form the committee. Mr. Barnett seconded. There was some discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The third recommendation was in regard to the compensation of the interim superintendent. A decision on this matter was deferred until after executive session.

9. New Business:

- A. Resolution 2014.2-01 Regarding Cash Conversion: This is a document required annually by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System for any contracted administrators who wish to convert vacation time into cash and allow that time to be considered for their highest annual salary. Mr. Kleha made the motion to adopt the resolution. Mrs. Childers seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- B. Letter for the Prosecutor: Ohio Revised Code Section 305.15 Division (D) allows a county board of DD to engage other legal counsel with the written permission of the County Prosecutor. Mr. Rockwell made the motion to authorize the Board President to request such permission from the County Prosecutor so that other legal counsel may represent the Board in a pending personnel hearing. Mr. Kleha offered the second and the motion was approved unanimously.
- C. Personnel Resolution: A decision on this matter was deferred until after executive session.

10. Miscellaneous:

- A. Laura Womack the driving force behind Ability Network Productions spoke to the Board about what this group is doing. What started out as fulfilling the requirements of a grant to help people with DD better understand their rights, has evolved into an active performing arts collaborative. After the success of two original stage-plays – Heartstrings in 2010 and Signposts in 2012 – the group is now attempting to create a movie length video where people with and without disabilities are included at every stage and facet of the production. A grand premiere night is planned for November 1 at the Friends' Center. The fundraising needed to make this project happen includes a dinner event on March 1. Ticket information is to be shared with board members. Mrs. Monroe noted that Laura is one of the Board's Service and Support Administrators who does ANP work in her spare time.
- B. Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Bolin reported that he had presented a plan of correction devised by the leadership of both SCBDD Adult Day Services and National Express to Randy Stout, who addressed his transportation concerns to the Board at January's meeting. He said that Mr. Stout seemed pleased with the outcome.

- 11. Comments from the Floor:** Mr. Barnett asked Awareness Coordinator Shawn Jordan to comment on some of the many events planned for DD awareness month. These include two special basketball games, participation in a city parade, and banners along Portsmouth's main street downtown. Anyone wanting a t-shirt for

the Hardwood Heroes Celebrity Basketball Game was encouraged to contact Ms. Jordan directly.

- 12. Executive Session:** Mrs. Childers made the motion for the Board to enter into executive session at 7:00 PM to discuss three unrelated personnel issues involving the compensation and/or discipline of three public employees. Mr. Rockwell seconded the motion, which was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

Actions after Executive Session: The Board resumed open session at 8:00 PM. The following occurred:

- A. Referee: It was noted for the Record that Drew G. Rolston, Esq. of Logan, Ohio has been selected by both parties as the referee in an upcoming personnel hearing regarding a former employee of the Board.
- B. Interim Superintendent's Compensation: Mr. Thoroughman made the motion that Mrs. Monroe's receive an additional \$650 per pay retroactive to January 16. Mr. Rockwell seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously in a roll call vote. This amount would be in addition to her salary as Community Services Director for the duration of the interim superintendent contract.
- C. Resolution 2014.2-02 Regarding a Settlement Agreement for a Workers' Compensation Claim: Mr. Rockwell made the motion to adopt the resolution authorizing CompManagement represent the Board for the purpose of settling Workers' Compensation Claim No. 12-322429. Mr. Thoroughman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 13. Adjournment:** The Board adjourned by acclamation at 8:08 PM.

Prepared by Margaret Compton

Submitted by:

Stephanie Childers, Recording Secretary