

**Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

**Annual Board Meeting**

**April 25, 2022**

Place of Meeting: Larc Lane Center-Training Center  
1155 Larc Lane, Toledo, Ohio

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mr. Ron Volk, President, presided  
Mr. Bill Axe, Ms. Megan DeSloover, Dr. Eileen  
Quinn, Mr. Nate Turner, Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom  
and Ms. Linnie Willis

Members Absent: N/A

**I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mr. Ron Volk, President, welcomed everyone to the Annual meeting. He thanked special guests in attendance and introduced the Board members.

**II. Board Business:**

A. Oath of Office:

As required by the Ohio Constitution, Board members took the oath of office, which was administered by Judge Jack Puffenberger of the Lucas County Probate Court. Judge Puffenberger thanked Board members for their service on the Board.

B. Call to Order:

Mr. Volk, President, thanked Judge Puffenberger. He then called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

C. Consent Agenda:

After roll call, Mr. Volk made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated April 25, 2022 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

1. March 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes – To approve the March 28, 2022 Board meeting minutes as submitted.

2. Contract Voucher – R.W. – To approve Voucher for R.W. effective May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed Forty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$46,912.00).

**III. Keynote Speaker: Trevor Lane, Director of God’s Abled Ministries**

Ms. Michele Myerholtz, Assistant Superintendent, introduced keynote speaker Mr. Trevor Lane. Mr. Lane is an advocate for people affected by disability, a preacher, and a motivational speaker. He is the Director of God’s Abled Ministries, whose mission is to provide a safe and creative place to help individuals with special needs reach their God-given potential. Mr. Lane is the published author of two books: “Beyond the Mat,” which chronicles his high school wrestling career, and “Perfectly and Wonderfully Made,” a children’s book.

**IV. Feature Presentations:**

The Community Partnership Awards are presented to organizations, businesses and individuals in our community who partner with the Board to improve LIFE for individuals with developmental disabilities so they can reach their full potential. LIFE is the acronym for the Board’s Core Values:

- L – Living LIFE
- I - Inclusion
- F – Freedom of Choice
- E - Everyone has worth

A. Community Partnership Awards

Mr. Nabil Shaheen, Public Information Manager, introduced the recipients of this year’s Community Partnership Awards.

1. Federal Bureau of Investigation: Alex Hunt and Peter Swarts
2. Kevin Fong, Toledo Zoo
3. Maumee Police Department
4. Rob Watson

All recipients were present to accept their awards.

B. Special Recognitions:

1. Self-Advocate of the Year – Assistant Superintendent Myerholtz announced the Self Advocate of the Year which was awarded to Grace Hansen. Ms. Hansen was unable to attend. Her award will be forwarded to her.
2. Staff Person of the Year – Superintendent Mariucci presented the 2021 Staff Person of the Year Award to Ms. Heather Pohlman.

3. Manager(s) of the Year – Superintendent Mariucci presented the 2021 Manager(s) of the Year Award to Ms. Sarah Dodson, Service and Support Administration Coordinator; and Ms. Angie Ruiz, Fiscal Manager.
4. 2021 Spirit Award – Mr. Michael Malone was chosen as the 2021 Spirit Award winner. This award embodies the spirit of service and recognizes a lifetime of dedication to individuals with developmental disabilities.

**V. 2021 Memorial**

Assistant Superintendent Myerholtz introduced a touching video which honored those individuals with developmental disabilities in Lucas County who passed away due to COVID.

**VI. 2021 Accomplishments/Priorities for 2022**

Assistant Superintendent Myerholtz introduced a video identifying the accomplishments of 2021. She highlighted the 2022 priorities.

**VII. Adaptive Storytelling Project**

The Adaptive Storytelling Workshop is a partnership with the University of Toledo and members of SALUTE (Self-Advocates LUCas TolEdo) where students/self-advocates in the project learn how to tell their story to an audience. Mr. Shaheen introduced Ms. Jorita Fox from the Adaptive Storytelling Project. Ms. Fox told her story of how she became a self-advocate.

**VIII. New Business: Ethics Council Review**

The Ethics Council convened immediately after the Annual Meeting.

**IV. Closing Remarks/Adjournment**

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Volk congratulated all award winners, community partners and Board staff and thanked everyone for all of their hard work. He also thanked everyone for attending the meeting as well as thanked Mr. Lane and Ms. Fox for sharing their inspiring stories.

**VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Turner made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Tyler-Folsom. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori A. Mariucci, Superintendent

Attest:

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Eileen Quinn, Recording Secretary

Approved by:

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Ron Volk, President