

**Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

**December 18, 2023**

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

Time: 5:30 P.M.

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

Member Absent: N/A

I. Call to Order/Welcome:

Mr. Ron Volk, President, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Following roll call, Mr. Volk then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

During the presentation of Special Recognition Awards, the Board recognized:

- A. Cindy Deye, Community Connections Trainer, as the December 2023 Staff Person of the Month. Ms. Deye was in attendance to accept her award.

Mr. Volk then opened the floor for public comments. Ms. Linda Repka, Provider Support Specialist, addressed the Board expressing her concerns with the current Professional Bargaining Unit Negotiations and their informal vote to strike. Mr. Ted Marshall, parent of individual with autism and Chief Executive Officer of the ROOC Center, addressed the Board advocating for his son, the ROOC Center, the Professionals in the Bargaining unit and for our clients.

Mr. Volk indicated that the Board has been kept apprised of negotiations by the management negotiating team. The management negotiating team is open to meeting with the entire local Union and present the Fact-Finders report as well as what has been presented/offered at the bargaining table.

II. Board Action Items:

- A. Consent Agenda:

Mr. Volk opened the floor to Board members and asked if there were any topics to be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Topics for Board Discussion section. There were no topics removed from the Consent Agenda.

After hearing no topics be removed from the Consent Agenda, Mr. Axe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated December 18, 2023 as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Willis. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Board Meeting Minutes

To approve the following Board Meeting Minutes as submitted:

- a) November 21, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- b) November 27, 2023 Board Meeting

2. Correspondence:

To approve the following correspondence as submitted:

- a) December 6, 2023 Correspondence to Ohio General Assembly
- b) December 12, 2023 Correspondence to Amy Wachob, Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio, Inc.
- c) December 14, 2023 Correspondence from Tina Haggerty, DoDD

3. Contracts:

a) Room and Board Contracts for 2024:

To approve the following Room and Board Contracts for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024:

i) Community Residential Services	\$75,000
ii) Sunshine, Inc.	\$150,000
iii) Wiley Homes	\$110,000
iv) Zeigler Habilitation Homes	\$31,000

b) Preferred Properties, Inc. Annual Contract

To approve a Contract for Housing Services with Preferred Properties, Incorporated, for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, at a cost not to exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) and the Therapeutic Respite House Project at a cost not to exceed Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$55,400.00) for a total annual cost not to exceed Five Hundred Five Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$505,400.00).

c) Occupational Therapy Contract: Rehab Dynamics

To approve a Service Agreement with Rehab Dynamics for OT services for eligible children for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$124,000.00).

d) Consultation Services: Nineteen Services

To approve the Agreement with Nineteen Services, Inc. for Consultation Services from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at a cost not to exceed Sixty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$66,000.00).

e) Lucas County Guardianship Services Board MOA

To approve the Agreement with the Lucas County Guardianship Services Board from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at a cost not to exceed Three Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$335,000.00).

f) Clearwater COG

To approve the Contract with Clearwater COG from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, at a cost not to exceed Two Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$248,892.00).

g) Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services

To approve the agreement with Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services for the provision of on-site Eligibility Workers, for the term January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed Forty-Seven Thousand, Eighty-Five Dollars (\$47,085.00).

h) Leadership Development Training

To award an eighteen (18) month contract for leadership development training from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to In2Great at a cost not to exceed Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500.00).

i) Speech Language Pathologist

To approve the Speech Therapy Services and Supports agreement with Cullen O'Connor from January 3, 2024 through December

24, 2024, at a cost not to exceed Fifty Thousand, Nine Hundred Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$50,908.50).

4. Finance Department Purchase Order(s)

To approve the 2024 blanket purchase orders as attached to memo dated December 18, 2023.

5. Multi-System Youth Bids

To award a contract for serving multi-system youth in Lucas County to Viaquest effective February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 at a cost not to exceed Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$425,000.00). The Board has the option to renew the contract for additional one-year terms.

6. Liability and Vehicle Insurance Bids

To renew the Board's liability and vehicle insurance with Ohio School Plan in accordance with the attached Coverage Proposal submitted by Hylant for 2024 at a cost not to exceed Forty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$43,247.00).

B. Topics Requiring Board Discussion:

1. Finance Reports **(Board Motion)**

Ms. Angie Ruiz, Fiscal Manager, highlighted the Financial report for November, 2023. After discussion, Mr. Volk made a motion to approve the Financial report for November 2023. Seconded by Ms. DeSloover. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolutions and Vouchers **(Board Motion)**

Ms. Ruiz indicated that the payment schedule for November 2023 stands as submitted. Ms. Tyler-Folsom made a motion to approve the payment schedule for October 2023. Seconded by Dr. Quinn. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Presentation:

There is no formal presentation scheduled for this month.

IV. Program Priorities and Goals Update:

- A. Management Letter: Interim Superintendent Myerholtz highlighted the Management Letter for November 2023.
- B. Statistics/Metrics: November 2023 figures were provided in the Metrics Report dated December 14, 2023.
- C. Provider Community:
  - 1. Preferred Properties, Inc.: The Executive Director report for November 2023 was provided by Ms. Cheryl Wilson. The report stands as submitted.
- D. Supplemental Reports:
  - 1. MUI Unit Reports – A status of November 2023 MUI unit activities was provided. There were 57 MUIs filed in November 2023.

V. Board Governance Matters:

- A. Board Member Comments/Questions/Assignments/Presentations: There were no comments.
- B. Legislative Update: A status of legislative activities was provided in a memorandum dated December 18, 2023 prepared by Mr. Bradley King, Attorney. Per Ms. Mary Anne Burns, Legal Counsel, the report stands as submitted.
- C. Future Service Contracts: Per request of the Board, service contracts will be submitted one month in advance for review. There are no contracts requiring Board review this month.
- D. Annual Board Meeting: The Annual Board meeting has been scheduled on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The Larc Lane Center-Training Center is reserved. Mr. Volk requested that Board members give some thought to a keynote speaker, special recognitions, and individuals or organizations to be recognized as Community Partners. Please contact Interim Superintendent Michele Myerholtz or Nabil Shaheen, Community Outreach & Communications Manager, with nominations.
- E. OACB Annual Convention Summary: The 2023 Annual Convention was held in-person at the Hilton Columbus at Easton on November 29<sup>th</sup> thru December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. There were several virtual sessions offered daily as well for those who were not able to attend in-person.

- F. Board Liaison Assignments: Annually, the Board reviews Board Liaison Assignments. Please let Interim superintendent Myerholtz know if you would like to change your current assignment before the January 2024 Board meeting.
- G. Nominating Committee Mr. Volk thanked Mr. Axe and Dr. Quinn for volunteering to serve on the Nominating Committee. The committee announced that it is recommending the following slate of officers for the 2024 calendar year:

Mr. Ron Volk	President
Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom	Vice President
Mr. Bill Axe	Recording Secretary

No formal action is necessary until the January 2024 Organizational Board meeting at which time the Board members will be asked to vote on the officers.

VI. Old Business

There were no issues to come before the Board under Old Business.

VII. Board Calendar of Events:

- A. Monday, December 25, 2023 – Monday, January 1, 2024: Winter Holiday Break
- B. Tuesday, January 2, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m.: Board Facilities Open
- C. Monday, January 15, 2024: Martin Luther King Holiday-Facilities Closed
- D. Monday, January 22, 2024: LCBDD Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Larc Lane Center
- E. Monday, April 22, 2024: LCBDD Annual Meeting at 6:00 p.m. – Larc Lane Center

VIII. Executive Session:

Mr. Axe made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss Pending Litigation with the Attorney, Client Matters Required to be kept Confidential by Federal or State Law, Collective Bargaining and Employee Compensation. Seconded by Ms. Willis. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Mr. Bill Axe voted - yes  
Ms. Megan DeSloover voted - yes  
Dr. Eileen Quinn voted - yes  
Mr. Conor Smenner voted - yes  
Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom voted - yes  
Mr. Ron Volk voted - yes  
Ms. Linnie Willis voted - yes

Motion by Ms. Tyler-Folsom to return to regular session at 7:28 p.m. following discussion of the above. Seconded by Mr. Axe. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Mr. Bill Axe voted - yes  
Ms. Megan DeSloover voted - yes  
Dr. Eileen Quinn voted - yes  
Mr. Conor Smenner voted - yes  
Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom voted - yes  
Mr. Ron Volk voted - yes  
Ms. Linnie Willis voted - yes

IX. New Business:

A. Mr. Volk made a motion to adopt resolution in response to notice of informal strike vote received by the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities from AFSCME, Ohio council 8, Local 3794, AFL-CIO, Professional (Union) (see attached). Seconded by Mr. Axe. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Mr. Bill Axe voted - yes  
Ms. Megan DeSloover voted - yes  
Dr. Eileen Quinn voted - yes  
Mr. Conor Smenner voted - yes  
Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom voted - yes  
Mr. Ron Volk voted - yes  
Ms. Linnie Willis voted - yes

B. The Ethics Council convened immediately after the Board meeting.

X. Adjournment:

Mr. Volk thanked everyone for attending tonight's Board meeting. Motion by Ms. DeSloover to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Michele Myerholtz, Interim Superintendent

Attest:   
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Bill Axe, Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald C. Volk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Approved by:

Ron C. Volk, President