

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its regular meeting on 6-28-21 in the gymnasium in the Administration Building at 7:30 p.m. with **President Teri Spoltman presiding.**

The meeting was called to order and a roll call revealed that a quorum was present.

Members Present: Mona Berning

Karla Butler

Beth Guggenbiller

Mike Linton

Jim Maurer

Teri Spoltman

John Werling

Others Present: Tonya Clark

Sarah Flenar

Rajeane Hedrick

Shawn Thieman

Board Members Absent:

Consent Agenda (Attachment):

The Consent Agenda was accepted by a motion from Karla Butler and a second by Jim Maurer. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

DSP Recruitment and Retainment- Scholarship Incentive—Education reimbursement policy. Provider agencies are very excited about this program. Starting the Fall, Shawn will meet with Guidance Counselors at local Schools/Colleges. Will be promoting this program with the schools. Beth Guggenbiller will let Shawn know when the Guidance Counselor have a meeting date set.

Building Projects—The ESC classrooms in the back have been gutted. They are getting new flooring, paint, bathrooms, etc. The bathroom cast iron pipes were disintegrating. This will be great for the ESC Classrooms and MCBDD also. We are on schedule and on budget. Baumer Construction has been great to work with on this project.

SSA Offices—New paint/carpet, desks. The Board will take a tour of the SSA Dept in August at the Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summary of 2020 Vendor Bills—Shawn handed out a report with the 2020 Vendor Bills. This report summarizes the expenses of MCBDD. Shawn highlighted the changes from 2019 to 2020. This is everything paid to an outside source (\$5000 and above). Shawn went over this report with the Board. The board felt having this list of Vendors/expenses was very beneficial to the board.

Service Coordinator Position—Molly Dillon has resigned her position as a Service Coordinator in Early Intervention. Her last day was Friday. She left for personal reasons, has accepted a job at Delaware County DD. We are taking application for this position, putting an ad in paper and online. If the Board knows of anyone that would be interested, please let Shawn know.

Superintendent Discussion—State Budget / Medicaid Rates—Discussed the percent of increase for the state. Right now, it is starting with 2% increase and a 2% increase next year from the State Budget. We are moving in the right direction. Hopefully a 6% increase in rates for DSP's.

Board Four Hour Inservice---will need to make plans for this.

Day at the Park—Teri S said it went well, great turn out. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Special Olympics—Weightlifting competition was just held. The cheerleaders were in a Parade in Willowdale.

Juneteenth---new holiday just approved by the government. Staff will be given this additional holiday.

Levy Plans—will need to start planning this fall for next year—possibly be able to merge 2 levies. Possibly reducing some of our millage.

Awards Banquet—will need to make plan for that, we moved it to the Fall-----October/November.

July Board meeting will be cancelled. We will meet on August 23 at 7:30 pm.

Tonya Clark expressed her appreciation to the board. This will probably be her last board meeting. The Board expressed their appreciation to her and wished her well as the Superintendent of Darke County.

Motion was made to adjourn by John Werling and a second by Karla Butler.
Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held in the Board Room in the Administration Building at 7:30 on August 23, 2021.