

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its annual meeting on 11-28-22 at the Administration Building at 7:30 pm

The meeting was called to order with President Teri Spoltman presiding and a roll call revealed that a quorum was present.

**Board Members Present:** Mona Berning, Karla Butler, Beth Guggenbiller, Mike Linton, Dan Muhlenkamp, Teri Spoltman, John Werling

**Board Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Sarah Flenar, Beth Gehret, Rajean Hedrick, Shawn Thieman

**CONSENT AGENDA (ATTACHMENT) :**

The Consent Agenda was accepted by a motion from Dan Muhlenkamp and seconded by Mona Berning. Motion was carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Building Projects**—Things are mostly wrapped up. The only project remaining is updating the foyer/entrance way. Working on the interior/giving it a facelift. Janel will be taking pictures and possibly using puzzle pieces. Will keep the board informed.

**Levy Renewal**—The renewal levy passed 70% voting for it. We were very pleased with this response from the voters.

**Staff Awards Banquet – November 17**— Mike Overman was surprised to receive the Albert Heckler award. Chris Schulte was recognized for her 40 years of employment by the Board of DD. Everything went well. A good time was had by all.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2023 Budget Discussion**— Sarah met with the Budget and Finance Committee. Sarah went over the different funds/budgets, General Fund, Help Me Grow Fund, Severance Fund, FCFS Fund, also Expenses. **Motion to Approve the 2023 Budget/Funds. Motion made by Karla Butler. Seconded by Beth Guggenbiller. Motion Carried.**

**2023 Cost of Living Adjustments**—Most staff will be getting raises anywhere from 2% to 4%-depending on length of service/and where they are at on their rate/scale of pay. Staff will also be getting two Cost of Living Adjustments. One in January and one in July, \$1000 each. **Motion to Approve the 2023 Cost of Living Adjustments—Motion made by Mona Berning. Seconded by John Werling. Motion Carried**

**Superintendent Discussion— Medicaid Payment for DSP's**—no payments have occurred yet. There is a conference with OACB this week. Superintendents are meeting each month and discussing this.

**Special Olympics**—Basketball, Cheerleading are starting up. Sam is going to have a flag football team this year. Will also be going to Winter games again this year.

**Accreditation**—Beth talked about the upcoming accreditation in February.

**December Board Meeting---**We will not be having a meeting in December. Our next meeting is January 23, 2023.

**The Board went into Executive Session at 8:03 pm to consider the appointment, employment dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public official on a motion by Karla Butler and Seconded by Mona Berning.** Roll Call as follows, Mona Berning, Karla Butler, Beth Guggenbiller, Mike Linton, Dan Muhlenkamp, Teri Spoltman and John Werling.

**The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:31 pm on a motion from John Werling and Seconded by Karla Butler.** Roll Call as follows, Mona Berning, Karla Butler, Beth Guggenbiller, Mike Linton, Dan Muhlenkamp, Teri Spoltman and John Werling.

**Motion to approve a 5 year Contract Extension for Superintendent Shawn Thieman. Motion was made by Mona Berning. Seconded by Dan Muhlenkamp. Motion Carried.**

**A Motion was made to adjourn by Mike Linton and a second by Beth Guggenbiller. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held in the Board Room in the Administration Building at 7:30 pm on January 23, 2023.**