MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Darke County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2021, at

8:30 a.m. MS. SCHMIDT called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Bateman, present; Mr. Besecker, present; Mr. Booher, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Schmidt, present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution #5-29-2021

MR. BESECKER moved and MR. JAMES seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

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| **VOTE** | Mr. Bateman | Yea | Mr. Besecker | 1st | Mr. Booher | Yea |
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|  | Mr. James | 2nd | Ms. Schmidt | Yea |  |  |
| **Motion Passed** | |  |  |  |  |  |

**FINANCES**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Resolution #5-30-2021

MR. BOOHER moved and MR. BESECKER seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

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| **VOTE** | Mr. Bateman | Yea | Mr. Besecker | 2nd | Mr. Booher | 1st |
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|  | Mr. James | Yea | Ms. Schmidt | Yea |  |  |
| **Motion Passed** | |  |  |  |  |  |

**PERSONNEL**

APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 EMPLOYEE CONTRACT RENEWALS

Resolution 05-31-2021

MR. BESECKER moved and MR. JAMES seconded the motion to accept the following contract renewals for the 2021-2022 school year(s):

Certified

Emily Brenner – 4 year contract, Preschool teacher;

Brandy Buck – 2 year contract, Speech Therapist;

Paula Farmer – 1 year contract, Speech Therapist;

Ashlee Filby – 4 year contract, Preschool teacher;

Lisa Giuffre – 2 year contract, Director of Pupil Services;

Mike Gray – 2 year contract, Superintendent;

Krista Hoggatt – 4 year contract, Speech Therapist;

Holly Holzapfel – 4 year contract, Preschool Teacher;

Stacey Lefeld – 4 year contract, School Psychologist;

Stacy Niekamp – 4 year contract, Speech Therapist;

Meredith Pollitz – 4 year contract, Speech Therapist;

Evette Sharp-Paul – 4 year contract, School Psychologist

Classified

Donna Zartman – 1 year contract, Hearing Interpreter;

Madelyn Breig – 2 year contract, Teacher’s Assistant;

Bethany Clark – 2 year contract, Teacher’s Assistant;

Christian Coblentz – 2 year contract, Mental Health Therapist;

Christina Hoffman – 2 year contract, Teacher’s Assistant,

Roxanne Stocksdale – 1 year contract, EMIS

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| **VOTE** | Mr. Bateman | Yea | Mr. Besecker | 1st | Mr. Booher | Yea |
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|  | Mr. James | 2nd | Ms. Schmidt | Yea |  |  |
| **Motion Passed** | |  |  |  |  |  |

APPROVAL TO EMPLOY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST FOR 2021-2022

Resolution 05-32-2021

MR. BESECKER moved and MR. JAMES seconded the motion to employ Kristin Miller, Occupational Therapist, for the 2021-2022 school year(s) at 185 days and salary to be determined.

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| **VOTE** | Mr. Bateman | Yea | Mr. Besecker | 1st | Mr. Booher | Yea |
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|  | Mr. James | 2nd | Ms. Schmidt | Yea |  |  |
| **Motion Passed** | |  |  |  |  |  |

APPROVAL TO EMPLOY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST FOR 2021-2022

Resolution 05-33-2021

MR. BESECKER moved and MR. JAMES seconded the motion to employ Andrea Dexter, Occupational Therapist, for the 2021-2022 school year(s) at 150 days (80% of full time) and salary to be determined.

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| **VOTE** | Mr. Bateman | Yea | Mr. Besecker | 1st | Mr. Booher | Yea |
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|  | Mr. James | 2nd | Ms. Schmidt | Yea |  |  |
| **Motion Passed** | |  |  |  |  |  |

APPROVAL TO EMPLOY PHYSICAL THERAPIST FOR 2021-2022

Resolution 05-34-2021

MR. BESECKER moved and MR. JAMES seconded the motion to employ Bryan Kyle, Physical Therapist, for the 2021-2022 school year(s) at 185 days and salary to be determined.

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| **VOTE** | Mr. Bateman | Yea | Mr. Besecker | 1st | Mr. Booher | Yea |
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|  | Mr. James | 2nd | Ms. Schmidt | Yea |  |  |
| **Motion Passed** | |  |  |  |  |  |

APPROVAL TO EMPLOY PHYSICAL THERAPIST FOR 2021-2022

Resolution 05-35-2021

MR. BESECKER moved and MR. JAMES seconded the motion to employ Amy VanSkyock, Physical Therapist, for the 2021-2022 school year(s) at 150 (80% of full time) days and salary to be determined.

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| **VOTE** | Mr. Bateman | Yea | Mr. Besecker | 1st | Mr. Booher | Yea |
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|  | Mr. James | 2nd | Ms. Schmidt | Yea |  |  |
| **Motion Passed** | |  |  |  |  |  |

APPROVAL TO EMPLOY SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST INTERN

Resolution 05-36-2021

MR. BESECKER moved and MR. JAMES seconded the motion to employ Sydney Bowser, School Psychologist Intern, for the 2021 2022 school year(s) at 185 days with no benefits and starting on Step 0 of the School Psychologist schedule.

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| **VOTE** | Mr. Bateman | Yea | Mr. Besecker | 1st | Mr. Booher | Yea |
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|  | Mr. James | 2nd | Ms. Schmidt | Yea |  |  |
| **Motion Passed** | |  |  |  |  |  |

APPROVAL FOR SUPT TO HIRE STAFF FOR SUMMER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Resolution 05-37-2021

MR. BESECKER moved and MR. JAMES seconded the motion to authorize the superintendent to hire teachers and teachers’ assistants for the Summer Preschool program once the funds have been established by federal grant money.

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| **VOTE** | Mr. Bateman | Yea | Mr. Besecker | 1st | Mr. Booher | Yea |
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|  | Mr. James | 2nd | Ms. Schmidt | Yea |  |  |
| **Motion Passed** | |  |  |  |  |  |

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Gray discussed the following:

* End-of-the-Year News – We are hiring Occupational and Physical Therapists to service our districts next year.
* Graduation – All the Darke County schools have graduation ceremonies set and Dr. Homan has approved all of them.
* Teacher Raises – We will be bringing a recommendation to you for staff raises based on what the other schools in the County are giving staff.
* Health Plan Renewal – We received a 12% increase for the 2022 plan year from the EPC. This increase coincides with our loss ratio which was 172%.
* Preble County ESC – There will be changes to programs next year as a couple of districts are going a different route with special education preschool.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #05-38-2021

MR. BESECKER moved and MR. BOOHER seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at

9:30 a.m.

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| **VOTE** | Mr. Bateman | Yea | Mr. Besecker | 1st | Mr. Booher | 2nd |
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|  | Mr. James | Yea | Ms. Schmidt | Yea |  |  |
| **Motion Passed** | |  |  |  |  |  |