

# Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities

2606 Brady Lake Road  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

**October 17, 2018**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Dennis M. Coble Administration Building**

## MINUTES

Michelle Sahr; called the regular meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Board Members present by Roll Call:

Carol J. Fruscella, John Gargan, Timothy Moran, Michelle Sahr, William Tarver

A quorum is present.

Administrative Staff Present (absences noted by Superintendent)

G. Brown, Supt., C. Brown, T. Byich, C. Clevenger-Morris, M. Condos, D. Cotton, M. Dolensky, L. Leslie, B. Puleo, G. Slapnick, G. Smith, K. Smith, T. Torch, J. Vennetti, G. Winsen

Excused: , A. Hall, K. Hill, E. Martinez, K. Sumwalt

Guests present: Christina Matthews, Phil Miller, CEO, Portage Industries, Inc., Bonnie Taylor, Michael Horning, Education Alternatives, Joe Persavich, Tina Hannahs,  
Staff: B. Cooper, J. Gunther, D. Harrod, C. West, J. Miller, N. Nadasky, B. Orth, D. Gordon, C. Smith, K. Suder, K. Holbert, S. Bontempo, R. Wood, J. Fetterolf, M. Karas, E. Ferguson, M. Smith, D. Lemasters

Motioned to approved excused Board Members: Kelly Butler, Cheri Michael

Motion by W. Tarver

Second by T. Moran

Motion carried by voice

Marco Condos, Facility Maintenance Supervisor, introduced **Richard (Woody) Woods**, Intermittent Custodian, effective September 18, 2018

A presentation by Joe Persavich, Self-advocate, on his experience at the *Project STIR* conference

Public Comment: Christina Matthews and Christina West regarding the *Fields Playground Committee* to establish an accessible playground in Portage County.

Adopted a motion to approve minutes from Regular Meeting held September 19, 2018

Motion by T. Moran  
Second by W. Tarver  
Motion carried by voice vote

Motioned to approve the agenda for October 17, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented at table with the removal of the Executive Session.

Motion by J. Gargan  
Second by C. Fruscella  
Motion carried by voice vote

Motion for the Ratification of the September 2018 Invoice Payments as authorized by the Superintendent.

Motion by T. Moran  
Second by C. Fruscella  
Motion carried by voice vote

Motioned for the Acceptance of the September 30, 2018 Financial Reports.

Motion by J. Gargan  
Second by W. Tarver  
Motion carried by voice vote

Board committee report: Transportation/Facilities Committee, October 11, 2018  
Kelly Butler, Chair (in absence of Ms. Butler, Carol J. Fruscella, gave the report)  
Reviewed procedure for online auction  
Recommendation to Board to approve two resolutions regarding Capital Fund (18-10-02 and 18-10-03)  
Recommendation to Board to approve RFP for Architect Services (18-10-04)

Motioned to approve Resolution 18-10-01 Acceptance of Gifts, Memorials, Grants, and Donations for the Month of September 2018 in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)

**RESOLUTION 18-10-01**

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, MEMORIALS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2018**

WHEREAS, the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities has received, gifts, memorials, grants and donations during the month of September 2018 as specified

below: and

To:	From:	
Portage County Board of DD for refreshments for the <i>Transition Booster Family Sessions</i>	Doyle Medical LLC	250.00
Happy Day School Fair Booth Randolph Fair	Portage County Agricultural Society	50.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$300.00</b>

WHEREAS, Board Policy 1.17 requires that all gifts, memorials and donations valued at more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) be reported to the Board at each regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, Policy 1.17 further requires the Board to accept or reject such gifts, memorials, donations, and grants by resolution with a roll call; now; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities accepts with appreciation the aforementioned named gifts, memorials, grants and donations

Submitted by: Gina Brown, Superintendent, & Diane Cotton, Director Business Management

The resolution was moved by **Timothy Moran** seconded by **Carol J. Fruscella**

It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities concerning and relative to the adoption of this resolution were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The aforesaid resolution having been put to a roll call vote, the result of which is as follows:

Kelly Butler,	excused	Carol J. Fruscella,	aye
John Gargan,	aye	Cheri Michael,	excused
Timothy Moran	aye	William Tarver,	aye
	Michelle Sahr,	aye	

CERTIFICATION

I, Beverly Puleo, Assistant to the Superintendent, for the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities, do hereby certify that the aforesaid motion was duly adopted at a meeting held on **October 17, 2018**, and an accurate copy of said resolution may be located in the official minutes of the Board.



Beverly Puleo, Assistant to the Superintendent

Motion to approve Resolution 18-10-02 for Approval to Close Fund 4100 (Capital Fund) and Transfer Remaining Funds to Fund 1340 (General Operating Fund) in the amount of three hundred fifty-one thousand, four hundred ninety dollars and eighty-three cents (\$351,490.83)

**RESOLUTION 18-10-02**

**APPROVAL TO CLOSE FUND 4100 (CAPITAL FUND) AND TRANSFER  
REMAINING FUNDS TO FUND 1340 (GENERAL OPERATING FUND)**

WHEREAS, The Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities (hereinafter “Board”) originally transferred funds from the general operating fund 1340 to the capital fund 4100 for various building projects; and

WHEREAS, The Board has funds still available in fund 4100 that have not been used for the original capital fund establishment; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes transfer of three hundred fifty-one thousand, four hundred ninety dollars and eighty-three cents (\$351,490.83) from fund 4100 to fund 1340 to close fund 4100, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or his/her designee is further authorized to take any and all action to carry out this resolution.

Submitted by: Gina Brown, Superintendent and Diane Cotton, Director of Business Management,

The resolution was moved by **John Gargan** and seconded by **Timothy Moran**

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John Gargan,	aye	Cheri Michael,	excused
Timothy Moran,	aye	William Tarver.	aye
		Michelle Sahr,	aye

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*Beverly Puleo*

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Beverly Puleo, Assistant to the Superintendent

Motion to approved Resolution 18-10-03 Request to Establish a Capital Projects Fund and Transfer Funds from the General Operating Fund 1340 to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$360,000.00

**RESOLUTION 18-10-03**

**REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND AND TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND 1340 TO A CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

WHEREAS, The Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities (hereinafter “Board”) requests that the Portage County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter “Commissioners”) establish a capital projects fund per Ohio Revised Code 5705.13(C); and

WHEREAS, The Board is making this request to complete the three phases of capital projects (which include associated architectural services) listed below over the next several years with Phase 1 for 2018-2019 project start dates; Phase 2 for 2020 project start dates and Phase 3 for 2021 project start dates, therefore, be it

<i><b>ESTIMATED PROJECT PHASE</b></i>	<i><b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b></i>	<i><b>ESTIMATED COST</b></i>
1	Renovations at Portage Industries Facility to Meet Requirements for Separation of Services	\$30,000
1	Generator for Dennis M. Coble Administration Building including installation	\$60,000
1	Heat Pump Replacements (3) at Portage Industries Facility	\$60,000
1	Building Renovations to Maximize Use of Space Available for Current Needs	\$150,000
1	Technology Upgrades Program-Wide; including Servers (3), Firewalls with Software Licensing (3), Computers (37)	\$60,000
2	Happy Day School Roof Replacement	\$402,500
2	Telephone System Replacement Program-Wide	\$50,000
3	Portage Industries Facility Roof Replacement	\$345,000
3	School Bus Replacements (2), Small	\$120,000
3	Computer Replacements (25)	\$20,000

RESOLVED, that upon the authorization of a capital projects fund by the Commissioners, the Board authorizes the 2018 transfer of three hundred sixty thousand dollars and no cents (\$360,000.00) from fund 1340 to the newly established capital projects fund for projects estimated to commence phase 1 of the capital projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or his/her designee is further authorized to take any and all action to carry out this resolution.

Submitted by: Gina Brown, Superintendent; Marco Condos, Supervisor of Facility Maintenance and Diane Cotton, Director of Business Management,

The resolution was moved by **William Tarver** and seconded by **Timothy Moran**

It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities concerning and relative to the adoption of this resolution were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The aforesaid resolution having been put to a roll call vote, the result of which is as follows:

Kelly Butler,	excused	Carol J. Fruscella,	aye
John Gargan,	aye	Cheri Michael,	excused
Timothy Moran,	aye	William Tarver,	aye
		Michelle Sahr,	aye

**CERTIFICATION**

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Beverly Puleo, Assistant to the Superintendent

Motion to approve Resolution 18-10-04 for Authorization to Superintendent to Seek Requests for Proposals for Architectural Services

**RESOLUTION 18-10-04**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT TO SEEK REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (hereinafter “DODD”), through the state accreditation process, has required the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities (hereinafter “Board”) to create a physical separation between the private provider leasing a portion of the building and the Board, and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Board Facility Committee recommends conducting a building use study for all facilities to improve future quality and performance of current facilities and help with strategic planning on creating buildings that are easier to manage and more user friendly, and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need for renovations at the Community and Provider Relations Facility (hereinafter “CPR”) at 7008 State Route 88, Ravenna, Ohio 44266 in order to meet the requirements of DODD, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to seek requests for proposals for architectural services for renovations at CPR, as well as a building use study of all facilities of the Board, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or his/her designee is further authorized to take any and all action to carry out this resolution.

Submitted by: Gina Brown, Superintendent; Marco Condos, Supervisor of Facility Maintenance and Diane Cotton, Director of Business Management.

The resolution was moved by **Timothy Moran** and seconded by **William Tarver**

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Kelly Butler,	excused	Carol J. Fruscella,	aye
John Gargan,	aye	Cheri Michael,	excused
Timothy Moran,	aye	William Tarver,	aye
		Michelle Sahr,	aye

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Beverly Puleo, Assistant to the Superintendent

Motion to approve Resolution 18-10-05 for the Establishment of Selection Committee for the Earl & Mary Lohr Community Service Award as Recommended by the Superintendent for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Program Years: Current/Former Employee, Bill Whitacre; Parent/Guardian, David Smith; Social Service Agency, Mark Frisone, Family & Community Services, Inc.

**RESOLUTION 18-10-05**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE EARL & MARY LOHR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE 2018-2019 AND 2019-2020 PROGRAM YEARS**

WHEREAS, the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities (herein after referred to as the Board) established the Earl & Mary Lohr Community Service Award by Resolution 06-12-01; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 07-09-02 the Board established a Selection Committee of five (5) members to select the recipient of this award; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 07-09-02, the members of the Selection Committee shall include the current Board President, another current Board member, a current or former employee, a parent/guardian of an individual currently or formerly receiving Board services, and a representative from a private or public social service agency in Portage County; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 07-09-02, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the Board for its approval, persons willing to serve as the current/former employee, parent/guardian, and social service agency members of this Selection Committee; and

WHEREAS, the term of committee members other than Board members shall be for two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the three non-Board members have expired and there is a need to designate three non-Board members for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 program years; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the



following persons for the employee, parent/guardian, and social service agency members of the Selection Committee for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 program years;

Current/Former Employee:	Bill Whitacre
Parent/Guardian	David Smith
Social Service Agency	Mark Frisone, Family & Community Services Inc

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or his/her designee is authorized to take any and all action to carry out this resolution.

Submitted by: Gina Brown, Superintendent

The resolution was moved by **William Tarver** and seconded by **Timothy Moran**

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The President asked for a volunteer of one (1) Board Member (other than the President) for the 2018 *Earl and Mary Lohr Community Service Award* Selection Committee; Mr. Tarver volunteered.

Motion to approve Resolution 18-10-06 Request To Modify The Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriation Budget As Approved By The Portage County Board Of Developmental Disabilities Per Resolutions 17-05-02 And 18-02-05 in the amount of one thousand, four hundred ninety dollars (\$1,491.00) for a total Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriation Budget amount of twenty-one million, two hundred thirty-two thousand, two hundred thirty-five dollars (\$21,232,235.00)

**RESOLUTION 18-10-06**

**REQUEST TO MODIFY THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 APPROPRIATION BUDGET AS APPROVED BY THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PER RESOLUTIONS 17-05-02 AND 18-02-05**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (hereinafter ORC) §5126.05(A)(5), the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities hereinafter Board) shall adopt a budget, authorize expenditures for the purposes specified in chapter 5126, and do so in accordance with §319.16 of the ORC; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the Director of Business Management herein request that the Board authorize the modification of the fiscal year 2018 appropriation budget due to revised expenditure projections; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve and authorize a modification to the Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriation Budget by an increase in the amount of one thousand, four hundred ninety dollars (\$1,491), with the modified amounts shown in the table below for a total Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriation Budget amount of twenty-one million, two hundred thirty-two thousand, two hundred thirty-five dollars (\$21,232,235); and be it further

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Modification</b>	<b>Modified Amount</b>
<b>Fund 1340</b>	<i>DD Operating Fund</i>	\$20,780,424	\$0	\$20,780,424
<b>Fund 1343</b>	<i>IDEA Part B Grant</i>	\$57,570	\$0	\$57,570
<b>Fund 4100</b>	<i>Capital Fund</i>	\$350,000	\$1,491	\$351,491
<b>Fund 8104</b>	<i>Gift/Donation Fund</i>	\$42,750	\$0	\$42,750
	<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$21,230,744</b>	<b>\$1,491</b>	<b>\$21,232,235</b>

RESOLVED, that the Board herein requests that the Portage County Budget Commission so modify the county funds as detailed in this table; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with ORC § 319.16 and 5126.0220, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to direct the Portage County Auditor to encumber funds and pay Board obligations in accordance with the Board’s approved Appropriation Budget as detailed in this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby gives the Superintendent the authority to modify appropriation line items within any of the modified fund accounts listed in the Table above during fiscal year 2018 as revenues and needs change.

Submitted by: Gina Brown, Superintendent, & Diane Cotton, Director of Business Management

The resolution was moved by **William Tarver** and seconded by **Timothy Moran**

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Motioned to Select: Delegate/Alternate to the OACBDD Annual Convention, November 28-30, 2018 for Delegate Assembly November 28, 2018

Delegate: John Gargan  
Alternate: Gina Brown, Superintendent

Motion by T. Moran  
Second by C. Fruscella  
Motion carried by voice vote

No September 2018 Management Reports were reviewed (Technology Report at table)

Reviewed September 2018 Personnel Report; Lynn Leslie, Director of Human Resources

**Recap of Personnel Actions for September 2018**

- As of September 2018, there were 102 employees including eight (8) intermittent positions and one (1) vacancy.

**Positions Added/Abolished:****Abolished:**

Account Clerk I, 240 days, 8 hrs/day (Transportation) effective September 13, 2018

**Added:**

Account Clerk II, 240 days, 8 hrs/day (Administration), effective September 13, 2018

**Job Postings/Vacancies**

School-Age Transition Coordinator, 199 days, 8 hrs/day (Children's Services), vacant August 28, 2018, Posted September 10-28, 2018, v

**Supplemental Positions:**

Softball Coach [2] (April-June) vacant September 1, 2017, posted July 14-28, 2017, filled (1), effective June 27, 2018

Recreation Program Coordinator, vacant September 1, 2018, posted July 27-August 3, 2018, Vacant

**New Hires:**

Richard Wood Intermittent Custodian (Maintenance), effective September 18, 2018

**Promotions/Transfers:**

Catherine Smith (Laid off) Vehicle Attendant, 184 days, 4 hrs/day (Laid off 9/21/18 Transportation) to Substitute Instructor Assistant (Children's Services), effective September 24, 2018

Lauren Myers Account Clerk II, 240 days, 8 hrs/day (Transportation) to Account Clerk II, 240 days, 8 hrs/day (Administration), September 13, 2018

**Reclassifications:****Additional Assignments:****Supplemental Agreements:****Separations:**

Joan Monroe (Laid off) Vehicle Attendant, 184 days, 4 hrs/day (Transportation), effective September 21, 2018

Marcella Schaaf (Laid off) Vehicle Attendant, 184 days, 4 hrs/day (Transportation), effective September 21, 2018

**Retirements:**

Reviewed September 2018 Enrollment Report with enrollment of 956 beneficiaries for the month of September representing an increase of twenty-six (26) and a decrease of twenty-eight (28) beneficiaries from August 2018.

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- On July 30, 2018, the President signed legislation giving state Medicaid programs more time to comply with Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirements by delaying penalties imposed on the states until January 1, 2020. The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) would like to clarify what this means for Ohio's EVV program. Ohio's EVV program, and accompanying requirements, are still ongoing and applicable. Providers in Ohio who were impacted by the first phase of the Medicaid EVV implementation (fee-for-service providers of state plan home health nursing and aide services, private duty nursing, RN assessment, Ohio Home Care Waiver nursing, Ohio Home Care Waiver personal care, and Ohio Home Care Waiver home care attendant services) should be using EVV. The recently signed legislation only delays penalties for those states that have been unable to implement their EVV systems by the original deadline of January 1, 2019. Ohio implemented the first phase of EVV well in advance of this date, so this legislation only applies to Ohio if additional populations are not implemented by the new deadline of January 1, 2020. Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5160-1-40, which mandates the use of EVV for certain home and community-based services (state plan home health nursing and aide services, private duty nursing, RN assessment, Ohio Home Care Waiver nursing services, Ohio Home Care Waiver personal care services, and Ohio Home Care Waiver home care attendant services), was effective January 1, 2018. Ohio's EVV program went live January 8, 2018, but ODM gave providers a six-month grace period to come into compliance with the rule. This allowed both providers and ODM to become familiar with the system before any claims were impacted. Providers subject to EVV should be using the EVV system or an approved alternate EVV vendor now. Due to the questions that ODM has received on using an alternate EVV system, an informational webinar is being offered to agency providers. If you are an agency provider who is currently using an alternate EVV system or has been exploring using an alternate EVV system, this webinar is for you! This webinar will cover:  
The Alternate EVV System Certification process, including Phase 2 Certification and Re-Certification  
Key Alternate EVV documents and things to know  
Frequently asked questions regarding Alternate EVV systems  
The webinar is being offered on Wednesday, September 26, at 10am EST. It will last approximately 90 minutes. There will be time at the end of the presentation for questions. If you are unable to make the live webinar, it will be recorded and posted to the ODM EVV webpage.
- Training for NE Region next Friday September 21, 2018, 9am–4pm. Community integration for people with criminal offenses

This training will provide information on how to:

1. Support community integration for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are convicted of criminal offense.
  2. The roles of probation and parole in supporting community integration & forming partnerships with probation and parole
  3. An overview of sex offender registration laws and a discussion on their application
  4. the practical application of the laws to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
  5. Supporting community integrations for individuals with ID/DD who engage in criminal behavior but are not convicted
  6. Balance rights and safety
  7. Using trauma informed approach
  8. Dignity of Risk vs. Safety for the Community in the Digital Age
- Synergy Conference- Date: October 3-5
    1. Synergy brings together a cross section of all stakeholders—people with developmental disabilities, their family members, professionals and staff of county boards of DD and providers of residential and day service settings. We will learn, socialize, network and have fun.
    2. Two individuals served will be attending this year.
    3. Some of the topics are:
    4. Communicate to Collaborate, Facilitate and Motivate, Trauma Informed Care, APPRECIOLGY—The Art and Science of Appreciation, Victim Assistance - Overcoming System Barriers, The Ohio Ethics Law: It's Everybody's Business!, Create a Culture of Coordinated Support, Navigating Change without Losing Your Focus, How do I Know Who Are the Best Providers?, Supporting Sex Offenders with ID/DD in the Community, Takin' it to the Streets!, Create the Life You Want Using LifeCourse Tools!, Gearing up for Inclusion, Never Give Up, Technically Speaking.About Support, Build Better Lives, and more.
  - Members of the Parent Mentor Council will be on hand to answer specific questions about the Parent Mentor's role, how they address the unique needs of families and schools in their respective districts, and provide valuable tips for getting your project up and running successfully.
    1. Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, 9:30am-3pm
    2. Xenos Christian Fellowship, 1340 Community Park Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43229, USA
    3. More information: **9:00 a.m. – Registration**
  - Waiting list rule went into effect September 1, 2018 and the assessments have begun.
  - DODD will be here 9/28 to discuss housing for individuals in Portage County. We will be discussing housing resources, programs as well as strategies to offset challenges associated with housing. They will be visiting the house on Depeyster Street in Kent.
  - Family Swim has resumed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-730 @HDS
  - Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Randolph Fair and the Balloon A Fair.
  - Thank you to John Vennetti, Emily Martinez, George Winsen, Gary Slapnicker and Michelle

Dolensky for all their hard work to secure the remote Supports grant.

The President announced Next Regular Board Meeting:

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting, 5:00pm, at the Dennis M. Coble Administration Building

**NOTE:** **Board In-service:** prior to Wednesday, November 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting:  
Time 3:30-4:30pm

**Final Director Martin's required in-service Topic:**

*Key Statewide Data and the Data Warehouse*

The President asked if any other business needed to come before the Board. There being none, he called for a motion for adjournment at 6:18pm

Motion by J. Gargan

Second by W. Tarver

Motion carried by voice vote.

### INFORMATION

**Tuesday/Thursday, October 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, 2018** Board Eligible Family Swim, 6-7:30pm,  
Happy Day School

**Wednesday, October 17, 2018** Genetics Outreach Clinic, 9:00am-3:00pm, Happy Day School

**Friday, October 19, 2018** Halloween Dance, 6:00-8:00pm, Beall Hall on Kent State  
Campus, 1475 East-way Drive KSU

**Friday, October 26, 2018** *Community Trunk or Treat*, Happy Day School Parking Lot,  
6:00-8:00pm, benefit for Miller Community House

**Saturday, October 27, 2018** Rootstown Chamber of Commerce, Business & Community  
Expo, 10:00am-2:00pm, The NEW Center at NEOMED

**Wednesday, October 31, 2018** Fall Festival, 9:30am, Happy Day School

**Tuesday/Thursday, November 1, 6, 7, 13, 15, 20, 27, 29, 2018** Board Eligible Family Swim,  
6-7:30pm, Happy Day School

**Thursday, November 8, 2018** Parent-Teacher Conferences (Report cards distributed) 1:00-  
7:00pm

**Friday, November 9, 2018** Staff In-Service, Maplewood Career Center

**Monday, November 12, 2018** Parent Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Reed Memorial Library,  
Ravenna

**Wednesday, November 21, 2018** Genetics Outreach Clinic, 9:00am-3:00pm, Happy Day  
School

**Thursday/Friday, November 22-23, 2018** Thanksgiving Break, Agency Closed

**Saturday, December 1, 2018** Ravenna Elks Annual Christmas Party, 12:00-2:00pm,  
Ravenna Elks

**Special Olympics**

To be Announced

Respectfully Submitted,



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Beverly Puleo, Assistant to the Superintendent



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Michelle Sahr, President



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John Gargan, Secretary