

**The Autism Model School
Board Meeting Minutes
May 20th, 2025**

Meeting Start: 5:30 PM

Attending: Bruce Weinberg, Linell Weinberg, Kim Veizer, Kathleen Cott-Johnson, Jim Rothschild, Isaac Demarest

Excused: Toni Gerber, Lisa Marsalek, Mark Greenblatt, Raj Parikh

Also Attending: Joel Vidovic, Executive Director; Marcus Flynn – Recorder of Minutes; Brittany Beck, Sponsor Representative - ESC Lake Erie West

Meeting began at 5:30 PM

I. Agenda

- a. Discussion and approval.
 - i. **Motion to approve the May agenda as written with changes to the order of New Business:**
 - 1. **Demarest**
 - 2. **Veizer**
 - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**

II. Welcome and Public Comments

- a. None to present

III. Minutes

- a. Discussion and approval of minutes from the April 2025 board meeting.
 - i. **Motion to approve the April 2025 Minutes as written:**
 - 1. **Weinberg, L.**
 - 2. **Demarest**
 - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**

IV. Standing Reports

- a. Financial Report
 - i. The Board reviewed and discussed the March 2025 financial report.
 - 1. **Motion to approve March 2025 Financial reports:**
 - a. **Cott-Johnson**
 - b. **Gerber**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**
- b. Five-Year Forecast

- i. The board reviewed and discussed the five year forecast.
 - 1. **Motion to approve the five year forecast:**
 - a. **Cott-Johnson**
 - b. **Demarest**
 - 1. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**
- c. Sponsor Representative Report
 - i. Brittany Beck presented the Sponsor Representative Report for May 2025
 - ii. There were no questions.
 - iii. The monthly site visit was May 16th, 2025
- d. Policies and Procedures
 - i. Update to DEW’s Special Education Model Policy and Procedures
 - 1. Reviewed and discussed
 - a. **Motion to approve the DEW’s Special Education Policy:**
 - i. **Weinberg, L.**
 - ii. **Demarest**
 - 1. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**
 - ii. Parent Involvement Policy
 - 1. Reviewed and discussed
 - a. **Motion to approve the Parent Involvement Policy:**
 - i. **Weinberg, L.**
 - ii. **Demarest**
 - 1. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**
 - iii. Proposed revision to Administrative Handbook policy 13.02 and 13.03 (Sick Time Accrual and Personal Days and School Breaks)
 - 1. Reviewed and discussed
 - a. **Motion to approve the Sick Time Accrual Policy and Personal Days for Instructional Staff as written with the amendment to the paid out days for employees who part on good terms:**
 - i. **Cott-Johnson**
 - ii. **Demarest**
 - 1. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**
 - b. **Motion to approve the Personal Days for Non-Instructional Staff as written with the amendment to the paid out days for employees in good standing:**
 - i. **Veizer**
 - ii. **Demarest**

1. Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest

V. Director’s Report

- a. Staffing Update for April 2025
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the March 2025 Staff Changes:**
 - a. **Demarest**
 - b. **Weinberg, L.**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**
- b. Current Funding
 - i. We are still working on the data reporting error that occurred when EMIS began pulling data directly from PowerSchool. Career-Tech Program showing zero FTE currently- and subsequently zero funding. Once we get the error corrected, funding will be restored retroactively.
 - ii. This month’s payment report reflected steady enrollment of 94.82 students.
 - iii. This months’ State payment report reflects a small increase in Cat 6 FTE.
- c. Special Education Complaint
 - i. Complaint filed by parent regarding use of restraint/seclusion has resulted in two separate OEC investigations.
 - 1. CP0059-2025:
 - a. The Parent alleges, during the 2024-2025 school year, the Student’s individualized education program (IEP) did not meet the Student’s behavioral needs as demonstrated by an increase in the frequency and length of restraint and seclusion incidents involving the Student throughout the year. The Parent further alleges, the Educational Agency did not reconvene the Student’s IEP team to explore additional behavior supports until the Parent requested a meeting and no changes were made to the 2 Student’s behavioral supports and interventions at that time. This is an alleged violation of 34 C.F.R.300.324(b) & OAC 3301-51-07(1)(2) [Review and revision of IEPs].
 - 2. RS004-2025:
 - a. ISSUE 1:
 - i. The Parent alleges, throughout the 2024-2025 school year, the Student experienced multiple incidents of restraint and seclusion, yet the Parent was not provided with written reports of the incidents within a timely manner. This is an alleged violation of O.A.C. 3301-35-15(K) [Reporting].
 - b. ISSUE 2:
 - i. The Parent alleges, following the Student’s third incident of restraint and/or seclusion in the school year, the Community School did not hold a team meeting to consider if a functional behavioral assessment (FBA) or behavior intervention plan (BIP) needed to be

developed or amended. This is an alleged violation of O.A.C. 3301-35-15(G)(I) [Multiple incidents of restraint and seclusion].

- ii. District response to all allegations has been included in the Board packet.
- iii. No additional information to report at this time- until OEC completes their investigation.
- d. Software Update
 - i. Initial patent application was declined- citing other similar programs.
 - ii. Attorney is reviewing rationale for the decision for possible appeal.
- e. New Doors
 - i. Doors were painted to match school colors over Spring Break. They look fantastic!
- f. Graduation Ceremony/End-of Year Celebration
 - i. Event is scheduled for June 5th, 2025. Graduation ceremony to begin at 5pm with the "end-of-year" celebration beginning at 6pm. Great way to achieve compliance with our board member engagement goal!
 - 1. Food, Games, Karaoke, Face-Painting, Etc.
- g. Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) Convention
 - i. I will be attending the annual ABAI convention over Memorial Day weekend in Washington D.C.
- h. Grant Update
 - i. Grant Awarded
 - 1. Toledo Rotary Foundation
 - a. Submitted a \$10,000.00 request targeting upgrades to our PAES Lab (Practical Assessment and Exploration System) Program.
 - i. We were awarded \$5,000.00
 - 2. Grant Denied Grant
 - a. Submitted a. John Henry Eldred Jr. Foundation
 - i. Submitted \$30,000 request for funding for Summer Learning Program.
 - b. Dollar General Literacy Grant
 - i. Submitted \$5000 request for Summer Learning Program.
 - c. Lott-Conlon Foundation
 - i. Submitted a \$15,000 grant focused on supporting expenses to replace the fencing on the school's playground.
 - 3. Grants in Progress
 - a. Wood County Plays
 - i. Working on a submission for \$10,000 towards new playground equipment.

VI. Development Director's Report

- a. Development Director Report was reviewed and discussed.

VII. Transportation Directors Report

- a. Transportation Director Report was reviewed and discussed.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Sunshine Law Training
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - ii. All Sunshine Law training requirements have been met for FY25!
 - iii. 2025-2026 Sunshine Law Training- Due by April 30th, 2026
 - iv. 0 of 10 Board Members are now compliant for current year

IX. New Business

- a. FY 26 Board Meeting and Finance Committee Schedule
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the FY 26 Board Meeting and Finance Committee Schedule:**
 - a. **Demarest**
 - b. **Weinberg, L.**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**
- b. ESCLEW Spring Contract Modifications
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the ESCLEW Spring Contract Modifications:**
 - a. **Cott-Johnson**
 - b. **Veizer**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**
- c. Consideration of Canceling June Board Meeting
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to cancel the June board meeting:**
 - a. **Demarest**
 - b. **Rothschild**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**
- d. Board Officer Elections
 - i. Reviewed nominations
 - 1. Board of Directors Officer Election Nominations
 - a. President Nominations
 - i. Linell Weinberg
 - b. Vice President Nominations
 - i. Kim Veizer
 - c. Treasurer Nominations
 - i. Isaac Demarest
 - d. Secretary Nominations
 - i. Jim Rothschild
 - 2. **Motion to vote all positions as nominated:**

- a. **Demarest**
- b. **Rothschild**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**
- 3. **Motion to approve all elections start date as of July 1:**
 - a. **Cott-Johnson**
 - b. **Rothschild**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**

X. Executive Session

- a. Review of School Director’s Contract
 - i. **Motion to move to Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the compensation of the Executive Director; not to exceed 10 minutes (6:28 p.m.)**
 - a. **Weinberg, L.**
 - b. **Rothschild**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**
 - 1. **Roll Call Vote**
 - a. **Weinberg, L.-yes**
 - b. **B. Weinberg-yes**
 - c. **Demarest-yes**
 - d. **Veizer-yes**
 - e. **Rothschild-yes**
 - f. **Cott-Johnson-yes**
 - ii. **Motion to exit executive Session at 6:34 p.m.**
 - 1. **Cott-Johnson**
 - 2. **Weinberg, L.**
 - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**
 - 3. **Roll Call Vote**
 - a. **Weinberg, L.-yes**
 - b. **B. Weinberg-yes**
 - c. **Demarest-yes**
 - d. **Veizer-yes**
 - e. **Rothschild-yes**
 - f. **Cott-Johnson-yes**
 - iii. **Motion to increase the Executive Director’s Salary by 4%:**
 - 1. **Rothschild**
 - 2. **Demarest**
 - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, L., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Rothschild, Demarest**

Motion to adjourn at 6:39 PM

1. **Demarest**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15th, 2025 at 5:30pm. The meeting will be held at the office of Mark Greenblatt, located at 7150 W. Central Avenue, Ste. 100 Toledo, Ohio 43617