



# Ohio Association of Pupil Service Administrators

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### Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators Business Meeting Date: February 9, 2017 Quest Business Center

- I. Call to Order: Lisa Bruening, 11:45 a.m.
- II. Secretary's Report: Posted on Clubrunner site for review. Motion to Accept: Nancy Nimmo; Seconded: Sarah Walker. Approved
- III. Treasurer's Report: Posted on Clubrunner site for review. Deposited \$10,695 since December. Expended \$14,735 with total remaining assets of \$29,638. Membership at 328. Motion to Accept: Kelly Kempf; Seconded: Donna Stelzer. Approved
- IV. Program's Report: Dee Hepperly shared that tomorrow will include a legal update, as well as autism program. Next conference will be May 5, 2017, with ODE updates and an Ohio Department of Health discussion on school nursing services. The day will conclude with a presentation from the Lau Center to discuss EL responsibilities that districts have.
- V. Past President's News: James Tatman noted that we will be looking for nominations for Secretary. He reminded the membership that it is a four-year commitment. James also mentioned that the membership should plan on attending the President's Reception at the neighboring hotel.
- VI. Communications Report: Gwenn Spence presented for Valerie Riedthaler. She informed the membership that the handouts for tomorrow will be posted solely online rather than working with printed materials.
- VII. Executive Director Report: Dr. Opperman presented his full report for online distribution and summarized the following:
  - a. reported that the Ohio Coalition has been funded recently after a "hold up" of several months from the Ohio Department of Education. They will again take over the parent mentor training and responsibilities.
  - b. Dr. Opperman next shared that OASPA did break with tradition in putting out some information of a political nature around the nomination of Betsy DeVos for Education Secretary in President Trump's Cabinet.



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He described the level of concern raised by members as the reason to request that Ohio's Senators be contacted to oppose the nomination.

- c. Dr. Opperman noted that several "significant changes" to the funding bill for education at the state level. He asked that members keep an eye on the preliminary budget to see where there is movement and what the implications might mean if the 2% decrease remains.

### VIII. Committee Reports:

- a. State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children – Christy Evan: Christy shared there was a 45-minute conference call in January. She recommended members be on the lookout for an Ohio RFP regarding parent informational materials.
- b. NAPSAs – James Tatman: The Winter NAPSAs Board Meeting occurred recently to plan the Fall Conference, which will be in Virginia Beach in October of 2017. He feels the roster of presentations is shaping up to be very informative and engaging.
- c. Ohio Coalition – Dr. John Opperman: Shared in the Executive Director Report as submitted.
- d. OCALI Update – Sarah Walker: Sarah mentioned that the next meeting will be in March of 2017 following the cancellation of December's meeting.
- e. Title I Committee of Practitioners – Dr. Karen Hall: Dr. Hall also noted stepping away from tradition to promote some advocacy measures. She specifically mentioned arguments presented to avoid competitive grants for School Improvement Funding since many low achieving schools have neither the funds nor the time for grant writing. Similarly, the CoP has argued for different funding opportunities than a 3% set aside for Supplemental Educational Services under Title I-A or a 3% set aside for professional development opportunities under Title II-A. Instead, the CoP noted that local control of the funds would be more appropriate.
- f. Historian – Kathy Brand: Kathy shared some agenda items from 1997 to highlight similarities from then to now.

### IX. Old Business:

- a. Next OAPSA Conference – May 5, 2017



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b. Data will be evaluated to determine whether there will be a September conference. The next school year conferences are currently scheduled for Dec 8, 2017; Feb 8 & 9, 2018; and May 4, 2018. Some location changes may be in the offing, depending upon researched options.

X. New Business:

a. Nominations for Secretary; Dr. Opperman indicated he would like to see the Secretary Nomination come from other parts of the state than northeast Ohio so that we can have a broader base of representation.

XI. Adjournment: Motion to Accept: Kim Allen; Seconded: Deb Dennis.  
Approved