



135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, OH 43545

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2025

Board Members Present: Samantha Andonian, Daniel Bischoff,
Chris Buchhop, Kim Cordes, Tim Davis,
Nichole Tripp

Superintendent: Kelly Rieke

Staff Present: Keri Bunke, Melinda Camp, Tracy Deblin,
Jessica Harmon, Heather Obermyer,
Blake Stambaugh

Visitors: Shannon Allen, Lydia Kuehner, Lisa Owen

The Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities (**HCBDD**) Regular Board meeting was held on May 21, 2025 at 135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Daniel Bischoff and roll call was taken. Amy Rosebrock was absent from the meeting.

Approval of Minutes, Revisions, or Additions to the Agenda

Resolution 25-32: The HCBDD approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Regular Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mr. Davis. Roll call was taken and Resolution 25-32 was unanimously approved.

Updates from the Superintendent:

Kelly Rieke, Superintendent, shared a few updates with the board.

Our 2023 cost report audit has started and will take 6-8 weeks to complete. We have not had an audit since 2013.

The finance committee met on May 5th to review our year-to-date budget and five-year projections. The committee does not recommend a levy for the ballot in 2025.

Mrs. Rieke also shared she has completed the requirements for her superintendent certification renewal and was approved for a 5-year renewal expiring in June 2030.

The Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) sent out a policy brief on May 20th regarding House Bill 144: Keith's Law. This is a statewide 9-1-1 special needs registry that would enhance the state's communication disabilities database by allowing 9-1-1 systems to access voluntarily submitted information about residents with disabilities. This will help first responders better support people with disabilities during emergencies. This has passed in the House and now moves to the Senate.

There is a proposed constitutional amendment that seeks to eliminate property taxes in Ohio. This could potentially show up on the November ballot. Our current governor and county boards are opposed to this amendment. It lacks a replacement funding mechanism for essential services that rely heavily on property tax dollars like school and county boards of DD.

We are keeping a close eye on the federal budget and the proposed cuts to Medicaid. This budget still needs approval from the House and Senate. We are unclear of the ramifications for individuals we serve.

Business Manager Report

Resolution 25-33: The HCBDD approve the April 2025 financial reports as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Tripp and seconded by Mrs. Cordes. Roll call was taken and Resolution 25-33 was unanimously approved.

Personnel/Policies

Mr. Bischoff, Board President thanked the following employees for their years of service:

Jody Farber, 10 years
Stephanie Jones, 10 years
Theresa Myles, 22 years

Resolution 25-34: The HCBDD approve the revised policies as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Buchhop. 2.07 Firearms and Other Weapons was put into our new policy format. 6.12 Individual Support Services was also reviewed. The finance committee also reviewed this policy. This policy is a way to set up guardrails for locally funded services. A Resource Allocation Committee has been formed and will meet quarterly to monitor funds and review procedures as it relates to this policy. Roll call was taken and Resolution 25-34 was unanimously approved.

Departmental Reports

Keri Bunke, Community Relations Coordinator along with Voices of HOPE officers Shannon Allen and Lydia Kuehner shared information about advocacy and how their roles help others speak up for themselves.

Adjournment

Resolution 25-35: The HCBDD approve to adjourn the May 21, 2025 Regular Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Davis. Roll call was taken and Resolution 25-35 was unanimously approved.



~~Daniel Bischoff, Board President~~

Kim Cordes, Secretary



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