



135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, OH 43545

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 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, Blake Stambaugh

Visitors: Lisa Owen

The Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities (HCBDD) Regular Board meeting was held on July 16, 2025 at 135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Daniel Bischoff and roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes, Revisions, or Additions to the Agenda

Resolution 25-43: The HCBDD approve the minutes of the June 18, 2025 Regular Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Buchhop. Roll call was taken and Resolution 25-43 was unanimously approved.

New Business from the Board

Resolution 25-44: The HCBDD approve canceling the August 20, 2025 Regular Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Andonian and seconded by Mrs. Cordes. Roll call was taken and Resolution 25-44 was unanimously approved.

Resolution 25-45: The HCBDD approve the Ethics Council recommendations on an outside employment checklist.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Cordes. It was shared that Board Member, Nichole Tripp is now an Autism Scholarship provider with the state of Ohio Department of Education and will be able to provide ABA Therapy in childcare

centers and preschool. Ethics Council members did not see a conflict of interest. Roll call was taken and Resolution 25-45 passed. Mrs. Tripp abstained from voting.

Updates from the Superintendent:

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

The finance committee met last week to review the preliminary budget. We remain financially stable and do not recommend asking for a levy in 2025.

Updates on the state budget were shared including requiring completion of online training for SSA's within the first 30 days and allowing the county prosecutor to recuse themselves from the budget commission and be replaced by a county commissioner. Elimination of replacement levies and allowing the county budget commission to reduce millage on any voter-approved property tax levy was vetoed. Also vetoed was school district property tax reductions. The General Assembly could override the vetoes.

Proposed Federal cuts in funding for programs for individuals with DD include Disability Rights Ohio, The Ohio State University Nisonger Center, and the University of Cincinnati Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities.

Lastly, the following upcoming events were shared:

- Special Olympics Cork and Keg festival is Saturday July 19.
- HARC will have an adult camp at Camp Palmer starting July 30 and a youth camp starting August 3.
- The OACB Policy and Budget symposium is August 6.
- The Superintendent's conference is August 7 and August 8.
- We will have a float in the Parade on August 10. If you would like to walk with us, please register online.
- HARC is looking for volunteers to work in the popcorn booth during fair week. If it is something you are interested in, please let Keri know.
- The HOPE Foundation BBQ is scheduled for September 26.
- Brooke Ward published a book and has a book signing at the American Legion Annex on Sept 27 1p – 6p. "If it ain't Brooke, don't fix it"

Business Manager Report

Resolution 25-46: The HCBDD approve the June 2025 financial reports as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mr. Davis. Roll call was taken and Resolution 25-46 was unanimously approved.

Contracts and Addendums

Resolution 25-47: The HCBDD approve the contracts and addendums as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Buchhop. Time Clock Plus, timeclock system renewal was discussed. Roll call was taken and Resolution 25-47 was unanimously approved.

Personnel/Policies

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

Keri Bunke, 1 year
Angel Dietrich, 1 year
Amber Falor, 1 year

Resolution 25-48: The HCBDD approve the revised policies as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cordes and seconded by Mr. Buchhop. 6.10 Waiting Lists and 6.17 MUI/UI were discussed as rule changes went into effect on July 1st. Roll call was taken and Resolution 25-48 was unanimously approved.

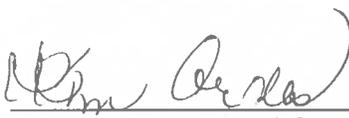
Departmental Reports

Melinda Camp, Employment First/Community Relations Manager, shared community employment numbers with the board. Mrs. Camp also shared information regarding our youth and how summer experiences are making an impact. We have noticed an increase in youth graduating from school and already having a job.

Adjournment

Resolution 25-49: The HCBDD approve to adjourn the July 16, 2025 Regular Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Tripp. Roll call was taken and Resolution 25-49 was unanimously approved.



Kim Cordes, Board Secretary

10/18/2025

Date