



Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 28, 2025

The Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities regular session was called to order by President Tiffany Pierce at 5:47 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Prior notice
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of November Minutes:

01-25 Moved by Rubin Garcia, seconded by Tracie Dearing, to accept the Minutes for the November 26, 2024 Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Ratification of Paid Expenditures:

Karon Fisher presented the December Expenses and Financial Statements to the Board.

02-25 Moved by Sharon Chaney, seconded by Tammy Hopkins, to approve the December Expenses, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Superintendents Report:

Happy New Year! With the new year comes a new strategic plan for our county. I met with the team and made updates from the previous plan. I've also put together a plan for the next three years. Those are provided in your board packet. I am hoping that for next year, we will have some time to gather some community input as well as board member and staff input. From there, I'm hoping that I can expand a little bit more on our goals over the next few years. More to come!

In the coming months, we may see some changes to how property tax levies can be proposed to taxpayers in Ohio. In 2025, there are some interesting things due to happen at the state level in the legislation. There is currently a lot of discussions around property taxes in Ohio. The 136th General Assembly is looking to take a deep dive into how property taxes are collected and levied in the counties. I am attaching a Gongwer news report that scratches the surface so you have some understanding of the potential changes coming from the state that will trickle down to the counties. You will see in the article that it seems to be mostly targeted at public school districts, but if changes are made to the legislation, it will impact how DD boards are able to function in the future.

The Hocking CBDD is currently conducting a superintendent job performance evaluation. They are planning to convene in February to present this evaluation. Vinton DD has a policy regarding the superintendent evaluation. In the coming months, I am proposing that the Vinton Board work with the Hocking Board through consultant Rich Bourgault, to compile results. The current policy needs updated to reflect the collaboration with Hocking, but otherwise the terms of the policy are open enough that this board can design the evaluation process to what best aligns with Hocking. Along the same vein, I'm including my superintendent development plan for your approval.

Old Business:

None.

Informational Items:

Superintendent Jill Squires presented a Gongwer article 'Extraordinarily Complex' Property Tax Work Pushed to Next Session.

Administrative Approvals

None.

New Business:

Approval of Invoice Resolution #2025-01-01:

03-25 Moved by Ruben Garcia, seconded by Sharon Chaney to approve Invoice Resolution #2025-01-01, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Approval of IRS Standard Mileage Rate for 2025:

04-25 Moved by Tracie Dearing, seconded by Karen Hauck to approve IRS Standard Mileage Rate for 2025, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Approval of Superintendent's Professional Development Plan:

05-25 Moved by Tracie Dearing, seconded by Karen Hauck to approve Superintendent's Professional Development Plan, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Approval of VCBDD 2025 Strategic Plan:

06-25 Moved by Karen Hauck, seconded by Sharon Chaney to approve VCBDD 2025 Strategic Plan, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Approval of Service and Support Administration Service Contractual Agreement Extension:

07-25 Moved by Tracie Dearing, seconded by Ruben Garcia to approve Service and Support Administration Contractual Agreement Extension, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Approval of Revised Policy Superintendent Evaluation B-05:

08-25 Moved by Tammy Hopkins, seconded by Tracie Dearing to approve Revised Policy Superintendent Evaluation B-05, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Approval of Revising Policies Resolution #2025-01-02:

09-25 Moved by Sharon Chaney, seconded by Tracie Dearing to approve Revising Policies Resolution #2025-01-02, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Adjournment:

10-25 Moved by Tracie Dearing, seconded by Ruben Garcia, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as to form:

Sharon Chaney, Secretary

Tiffany Pierce, President