

**GREENE COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST
FULL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2008**

PRESENT:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
DENNY MORRISON*	SUPERINTENDENT/BEAVERCREEK CITY SCHOOLS
BILL VOSKUHL	GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
SUE GIGA	GCFCF DIRECTOR
DAVE NUSCHER	INTEGRATED YOUTH SERVICES
FRED BAXTER*	ODYS
KATHY GORBY*	CORS
JASON ROUSH	TCN
BETH RUBIN*	GCDJFS
RENEE LAMMERS	GCFCF-FAMILY STABILITY
PAM HAMER*	FCF-HMG-REP ECCC
MARK MCDONNELL*	GREENE COUNTY COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT
GINGER SMITH	FCF-PARENT SUPPORT
LINDA BUTLER	BUTLER CONSULTING
MARCIA DOWDS	GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN OHIO, BUCKEYE TRAILS
KENT YOUNGMAN*	GC MHRB
GRETA JONES	PARENT REP
JOHN LA ROCK*	MRDD
RHONDA REAGH*	EXE. DIRECTOR – GC CSB
LINDA WAREHIME	FCF – ADMIN SUPPORT TECH
MELANIE HART	OSU EXTENSION
HOWARD POSTON*	GREENE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RICH SCHULTZE	GREENE CATS
TERRY THOMAS	SUPERINTENDENT-GCESC
BETH BRIDGEMAN	OSU EXTENSION
DEBBIE MATHESON	GCFVPC
AMY AMBURN	GCCSB/STUDENT INTERN

*** Mandated Members**

The meeting was called to order by Mark McDonnell @ 9:07 a.m. and he thanked everyone for coming. Everyone introduced themselves. Minutes from the June 2008 Full Council meeting were reviewed. Dave Nuscher made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Bill Voskuhl seconded and the motion passed without exception.

August 2008 PROGRAM REPORT

Everyone had reviewed the Program Report previously sent in the mailout prior to the meeting. As there were no additions or corrections, a motion was made by

Rhonda Reagh to accept the Program Report as presented, seconded by John LaRock and the motion was passed without exception.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering Committee - Under Committee Reports, Mr. McDonnell reported that the last Steering Committee was in June and that there was no meeting in July. The Committee will meet after the Full Council meeting today. There was nothing further to report.

Audit/Finance Committee - Dr. Youngman advised that the Audit/Finance Committee had met earlier in the day to review the Fiscal Summary Reports for January-June 2008. There are no unexpected expenses. Nothing outstanding. An additional \$2500 in FAST dollars has been received from the state. Additional money has been received for HMG and the revised allocation of use of money was reviewed by Ms. Giga and Pam Hamer. The revision will be presented to the Commissioners on August 19. The Audit/Finance Committee will recommend reports to the Steering Committee for approval. Review and approval of April-June 2008 Admin Allocation & Expense Reallocations was deferred until September because we are waiting on final invoice from CORS.

A BETTER CHILDHOOD-ECCC (MS PAM HAMER):

Ms. Hamer reported that the committee had met on July 8th at the new facility, Faith Methodist Church. Two new parent reps were present, and they are expecting two more new reps in September. The committee approved a new Chair, Brenda Sandman Stover, and Vice-Chair is Kathy Gorby.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (MS JONES):

Ms. Jones reported that there is nothing new to report at this time. The next meeting will be August 18.

GOVERNANCE: BY-LAWS AMENDMENT (MS. GIGA)

Ms. Giga explained that Denny Morrison, the Superintendent of the Beavercreek Schools, who serves as a mandated member of the Council, suggested that there would be a benefit in involving other school districts to a greater extent. He suggested that another district might be asked to serve on the Steering Committee. This would require an amendment to our current By-Laws, which was e-mailed to each Steering Committee member on June 26. A motion to accept this change was made by Kent Youngman, seconded by Bill Voskuhl, and was passed without exception.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Community Health Assessment (Mr. McDonnell):

Mr. McDonnell made a presentation of the new Greene County Community Health Assessment. Statistics show that Greene County is healthier now and that 85.6% of people in Greene County are in good health. The report is very lengthy and Mr. McDonnell distributed a sheet and asked everyone who is interested in receiving a Full or Partial summary to so indicate on the sheet.

GCCSB Levy (Dr. Rhonda Reagh)

Greene County CSB is seeking a 1.5 mil levy (a replacement of current 1 mil, plus an additional .5 mil) on the November 4 election ballot. Ms. Reagh distributed a “draft” Fact Sheet regarding this levy and frequently asked questions. Ms. Reagh reviewed the sheet with the Council and gave some statistics. A final Fact Sheet will be distributed in the near future. She asked for everyone’s support for this levy. Dr. Reagh introduced Amy Amburn, a field student in a MSW program.

GCMRDD Levy (John LaRock)

GCMRDD is seeking a 3.5 mil Renewal Levy on ballot on November 4. The levy will help to maintain current level of services in Greene County for MRDD. The levy will allow for more growth in the Early Childhood/Adult programs, more growth in programs for Autism, and an Adult Day Habitation Center for adults who cannot work and are medically fragile. Additional information is available on MRDD’s website. Written materials regarding the levy will be available soon. Mr LaRock urged everyone to support the levy.

MHRB Levy (Dr. Youngman):

GCMHRB is seeking a 1.5 mil replacement levy with a .5 mil increase on ballot on November 4. Dr. Youngman distributed a Fact Sheet regarding the levy. A renewal or replacement levy with no increase would result in significant program cuts and a future reduction in services. All Greene County levy dollars are used for Greene County citizens. Dr. Youngman urged everyone to support the levy.

OTHER ITEMS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR/DIRECTOR:

Denny Morrison, Superintendent of Beavercreek Schools advised that his district is growing tremendously and is 1,000 students over capacity. There has been no increase in dollars since 1991 and the schools are funded 100% locally. They are in need of a new elementary and middle school, and need to expand the high school. Beavercreek has the 4th largest high school in Ohio and by 2010 expects to be the largest high school in the state. They also have the highest academic rate in the state of Ohio. There is a need for a 3 mil levy in November, but the last two levies on the ballot have been defeated.

Terry Thomas, Superintendent, GCESC, advised that Dr. Browning is leaving as the Superintendent of Greeneview Schools. They are in the process of looking for an “interim” superintendent.

Xenia’s “Under One Roof” will be on the ballot in November.

GMH Hospital renewal levy will be on the ballot in November.

A motion to endorse all levies on the November ballot was made by Rich Schultze, seconded by Linda Butler, and was passed. Everyone “abstained” on their own levies.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kathy Gorby advised that they are still recruiting for Early Learning.

Linda Butler of Butler Consulting distributed flyers regarding Grant Writing seminar being held at GCDJFS on August 29. There is also information on their website.

Rich Schultze of Greene CATS advised that Miami Valley has received Federal Funds which has been used to help transport the handicapped and also to help transport “low income” people to their workplace. There has also been three new FLEX routes added.

Rhonda Reagh talked about the Alternative Response Program which started on 7/1/2008. It is off to a good start. She assured everyone that there would be training available soon.

Beth Rubin advised that August is CSEA Awareness Month and there will be an Open House and Free Family Event on August 13 at the Media Center. A flyer will be distributed by e-mail. Greenworks is gearing up for an influx of people because of layoffs from GM and DHL, and urged everyone to refer people who need jobs to come in, Greenworks can help. Ms. Rubin also advised that effective 7/1/2008, the eligibility standard for child care assistance increased to 200% of the Federal

Poverty Level. While this looks like a good thing, there is no additional funding for this expansion, and TANF is already expecting a deficit. The reduced TANF funds for local programs is expected to seriously impact local social service organizations who utilize TANF/PRC for many of the programs we rely on for our customers.

Mark McDonnell reminded everyone that the golf outing is 8/15.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda L. Warehime
Administrative Support Technician
Family & Children First**

Date