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At the regular August meeting held on August 24, 2023, Mr. Campbell attended the Superintendent Executive Committee meeting on July 14. Ohio Association of County Boards Adam Herman talked about his meeting with Director Miller from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). OOD provides Summer Youth programs and the new accessible Ohio program. This helps businesses with handicap accessibility. The American Rescue Plan Act funds were discussed on how to use with Home and Community Based Services. Attorney Rebecca Princehorn presented on how to be compliant with the House Bill 140 and Levy Campaigns. Levy language must be in dollars for each \$100,000 of the county auditors appraised value.

Mr. Campbell responded to Lynn Fairclough's email requesting if the Board would reduce the main operating levy by half a mill for 2024. He responded by stating the Board will collect the levy at the full voted amount of 3.6 mills for 2024 due to inflation, increased Medicaid rates that address direct support professional pay rate increases, and replacement schedule for school buses.

Mr. Campbell attended the Superintendent Summer Conference on August 11, 2023. Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) is working on a new strategic plan. Steve Tucker from OACB talked about County Boards are to cease providing and billing for Medicaid Provider Services as of 2-28-2024, work on the Hardship Rule for county board in financial trouble, the Waiver rate increases for 2024, and Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities administrative fee. Staff from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities discussed the accreditation process, appendix K unwinding, extending age and diploma waivers for providers, direct support professional surveys to verify wage increases, the implementation of the Blueprint group recommendations using American Rescue Plan Act dollars, and the consideration of elimination of the special minimum wage certificate.

Ray Heaston reported that we have five buses. Four were purchased in 2015. The retention schedule for buses is ten years. We are looking at purchasing a new bus for 2025 to 2028. The 2024 budget is due to Auditors office by October 1, 2023.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved payment of June bills in the Hot Lunch account in the amount of \$2,090.50;
- Approved payment of June bills in the General Funds account in the amount of \$106,650.34;
- Approved payment of June bills in the Residential Services account in the amount of \$15,407.58;
- Approved payment of July bills in the General Funds account in the amount of \$101,107.97;
- Approved payment of July bills in the Residential Services account in the amount of \$196,753.26;
- Approved the Program Division Reports as presented;
- approved the Ethics Council recommendation of 2 new and 33 renewal applications for Family Selected Services.
- No executive session.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 28, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. at the County Board office.