



Mission: To enhance the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities

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For Immediate Release

(SIDNEY, OH--) The Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in regular session on Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. at S&H Products on South Stolle Drive.

Superintendent Laura Zureich presented the following information to the Board:

- People First Representatives, Rhonda Miller, Brady Hoying, Melissa Dawson, Robert Schmidt, and advisor Cheryl Long, gave a presentation regarding the radio spots they recorded for WMVR to promote March as Disabilities Month.
- "Dine to Donate" was held on Saturday, March 20th and Sunday, March 21st at Applebee's in Sidney. Ten percent of a bill when presented with a flyer was donated to help fund the S&H Products Annual Appreciation Banquet for adults with developmental disabilities.
- The 4th Annual BEST 5K Run/Walk for Kids will be held April 24, 2010 at Tawawa Park in Sidney. Registration forms are available at Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center or can be obtained online at the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities Website, www.shelbydd.org.
- Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center has a total of 312 children attending preschool. Two hundred children are enrolled on IEP's, 30 children are under assessment, and 82 are typically developing preschoolers. The total enrollment numbers include children attending the Fort Loramie Preschool site operated by Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center, where 17 children are enrolled on IEP'S, 1 is under assessment and 13 are enrolled as typically developing peers. Parent/Teacher Conferences to determine the educational placement for fall were held on March 4th and 1th. On February 1th and 1^{8th}, children were invited to bring an adult special person to the Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center gym for an evening of play. Staff members set up centers from their classrooms for the children to interact with their adult friend.
- The resignation of Christa Meyer, nurse at Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center, was accepted. The Board thanked Christa for her years of service and dedication to people with disabilities.

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- Project specs for the South Building HVAC Control Project will be completed by March 26th, with project advertising on March 27th & 28th. Bid openings will take place on April 19th or 20th. April's Board meeting date has been changed from April 15th to April 21st to accommodate the bidding process.
- Service and Support Administration reported the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will be coming on March 24th to provide information about the Accreditation process, and representatives from the Ohio Association of County Boards will be coming on April 20th to review the services and organization of the SSA Department.
- Wee School reported that there are 38 infants and toddlers enrolled. Currently, they have 14 referrals for children that need an assessment for potential placement in Wee School.
- S&H Products reported work is busy with muffler clamps to assemble in addition to their other contracts. A reception for Mike Barhorst's retirement was held on February 25th and an employee meeting on February 26th gave everyone an opportunity to say "good-bye" to Mike.
- Three contracts/agreements were approved by the Board:
 - Jackson Center Board of Education to house one preschool classroom for the 2010-2011 program year.
 - Staff Salary Schedules as revised and approved a maximum salary range at Step 20 of the approved Salary Schedules.
 - An annual resolution required by public employment retirement systems related to conversion of accrued time.
- The Financial Report for the Month of February show the Board has completed 17% of the budget year and has expended 17% of their budget. The Board received \$103,987.73 from the Margaret L. Gierhart Trust for residential services, which was bequeathed to the Board upon the passing of Char Gierhart.
- The Board reviewed and approved the following updated policies:
 - #5-84 Personal Leave
 - #17-02 Behavior Support
 - #63-07 County Procurement Card Usage
 - #69-09 Protection of Whistleblowers