



**THE OHIO EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
9 August 2021**

Meeting held at: ARCTOS, 1270 North Fairfield Road, Beavercreek OH.

Members Present:

Mr. Wendell Banks, President
Mr. Tom Wells, Vice President
Ms. Linda Lange, Secretary/Treasurer
Dr. Vince Russo
Ms. Shiela Wallace
Mr. Bill Kugel
Ms. Eileen Austria
Mr. Dan Andrews, WPAFB Liaison

Absent: Mr. Ed Mechenbier

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Wendell Banks welcomed members who were pleased to be able to once again meet in person after the pandemic break. Wendell announced the passing of Mr Lyle Lockwood which presents a vacancy on the Board. There were two names given as possibilities – Ms. Kathy Schweinfurth (Dr Russo) and Ms. Patsy Reeves (Mr Wells). If anyone knows of anyone that might be interested, please submit names/contact info to Linda and we can pursue the possibility and then present to Board for final vote on any recommendations.

WPAFB EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH OFFICE:

Mr Dan Andrews, WPAFB Educational Outreach Office, gave an update on his office's activities over the past year (briefing is attached). Dan discussed the impact of COVID on many of their programs and the ability of his team to execute the robotics programs virtually as well as the Wizards of Wright! Program. It was nice to know the ability exists to execute these

programs virtually, but also much better to have in person for the students to actually experience the total program and working in a team environment. Much discussion took place on the number of students that are impacted by the WPAFB Education Outreach Office and how those metrics are tracked. Some believe the impact is broader than recorded as teachers are sharing their knowledge and experience with multiple classes involving more students. Dan also showed a chart of the LEGACY students who were starting their college education, and were still associated with the program – some through the SMART Program. The intent of the LEGACY program is to create a pipeline of students for DOD careers. Eileen Austria complimented Dan on the charts' metrics and showing the value of the funding based on the impact to students.

Dr Russo indicated that WPAFB had identified the top give schools with the highest number of military dependents – this included Beavercreek, Fairborn, Centerville, Mad River, and Huber Heights. He was curious if these schools were the same schools participating in the WPAFB Educational Outreach programs and Dan indicated they were.

Wendell Banks asked if Dan could speak at the Wright Brothers Institute in support of their AFRL STEM Program to which Dan agreed. Those plans will be worked in near future.

TREASURY/SECRETARY REPORT:

Linda Lange provided the treasury report. All taxes and annual filings are current. Currently, the treasury has a \$191K balance. This number was a result of the decrease in funding requests by the WPAFB Educational Outreach Office as the robotics competitions were conducted virtually thus, they did not incur the normal expenses for venue, food, audiovisual equipment, etc. which were some of the primary costs during the year. The reconciliation of the 2020 budget was shown (estimates/actuals) to close out that year's funding with no objections or comments from the Board. Additionally, a 2021 budget was presented which very much is an estimate until such time it is known if FIRST activities will be conducted in person – Dan estimates they will know more around mid-September. Of significance was a request for \$25K to support an initiative by Dan for his office to support high school chemistry and physics students with STEM materials. The Board granted approval for this area to be researched more by Dan with the action for a plan to be presented to the Board for how the funding would be spent. For now, it will remain a placeholder in the 2021 budget line. Linda also announced that the \$18K donation from Rockwell was expected in even though the competition had been conducted virtually. Board members approved the 2021 proposed operating budget.

Linda also asked if members would update any pertinent info on the attached Board membership listing – this listing will be posted to the OEOF website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boonshoft Museum had presented a proposal via Wendell to provide free admission to students and their family and Explorer kits with information about the National Museum of the USAF. This proposal was estimated to cost \$25K. While the Board appreciated the merit of the proposal, it was decided this is not in line with the mission of The OEOF in supporting the Wright-Patterson AFB Educational Outreach Office. Wendell has the action to notify Boonshoft that this proposal was not approved.

Dr Russo presented an update on the Air Camp and Educational Outreach Complex (ACEOC) which would provide space for Air Camp to include sleeping quarters as needed, the WPAFB Educational Outreach Office, STARBASE, and has potential to support other events sponsored by the Museum that are often difficult to find the space. This effort is being pursued through the easement process which would locate the facility in front of the NMUSAF and would be approximately 52,840 square feet at a proposed cost of \$23M. State funding is being pursued. Eileen Austria offered some suggestions on applying for this funding. Bill Kugel also asked if an architect was named for the project and indicated he knew one that lives locally who designed the Boston MA STEM School – he will provide that information to Vince.

Discussion took place on the by laws of the OEOF and specifically that the mission of this Board which is to provide support to the WPAFB Educational Outreach Office had not been included in the by laws. As a result, it was decided that a change would be proposed and resent to all Board members for approval. That document is attached for approval. This omission was highlighted due to recent inquiries for funding which were not directly aligned to the WPAFB Educational Outreach Office.

Meeting lasted approximately 90 minutes.

ACTION ITEMS:

Actions for Board Members (please submit items to Linda, linda.lange@arctos-us.com for consolidation and forwarding for approval as required):

1. Update Board membership contact info as needed – All.
2. Provide spend plan for \$25K funding request to support high school chemistry/physics program – Dan.
3. Review, provide comments or approve, OEOF By-laws – All.
4. Provide names/contact information for perspective Board members – All.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Board Membership Listing
2. FY21 Proposed Budget
3. OEOF By-Laws
4. WPAFB Educational Outreach Status Brief (Dan)
5. ACEOC Status Update Brief (Vince)

Approved.

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