

Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Media Release
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SUPERINTENDENT BAUER THANKS COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORTING 2014 FLOWER SALE

The board met in regular session on Thursday, May 15, 2014. Superintendent Saul Bauer thanked the local community for their support during the annual flower sale. We were concerned with the sales this year because of the cold spring. Sales were down for the entire event so the Board extended it three days. The last weekend was fantastic and resulted in the board having their best sale ever. We sold a grand total of 924 orders. The sales resulted in \$4,436.30 in profit that will go into the auxiliary fund and help individuals with developmental disabilities.

Mrs. Joy Badenhop, the Early Childhood Director at the Discovery Center was our speaker at the LCBDD Board meeting and discussed the programs and services they provide. At the Discovery Center we provide Early Intervention and Preschool services. We also house Head Start, Day Care, Help Me Grow and Family and Children First Council (FCFC).

The Early Intervention Program assists children ages 0-2 at their homes who show evidence of a developmental delay. Emphasis is placed on working closely with the family and acting as a resource and consultant for parents. Parents are regarded as the primary teacher for their children.

In addition to the Early Intervention Specialist, other professionals who may provide services are: Speech & Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Nursing and others as needed. Parents and staff together decide a plan of service called the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP).

The Discovery Center for Children is an integrated preschool program for children ages 3-5. Public Law 99-457, a federal law requires that school districts provide special education services to children 3-5 who are experiencing significant delays in their development.

The LCBDD provides and funds the majority of preschool services on behalf of the Indian Lake, Riverside, Benjamin Logan, and Bellefontaine City school districts. Some of the services provided are: Special Education services including specialized instruction, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, adaptive physical education, music therapy. Transportation is provided by the school districts. Each class offers an integrated setting with a certified teacher and classroom assistant.

As the name, Discovery Center, suggests our mission is to encourage the child's natural desire to explore, discover and learn from the world around them. The staff is committed to providing a high quality program that is nurturing, positive, and challenging. Developing children's self esteem, respect for others in cooperative settings, and confidence in their abilities to solve problems are priorities in the curriculum and in practice. It is our goal to foster independence and creativity in all areas of learning so that all young students may know the true joy of discovery.

Classes are held Monday through Thursday with a morning session; 9:00 to 12:00 and an afternoon session; 12:45 to 3:45. Fridays are reserved for home visitation and child assessments.

Children of the community, not in need of special education services, may also attend this enriched preschool program by paying tuition. Families are encouraged to enroll children 4 days a week. Contact the Discovery Center for tuition cost.

In other business, Superintendent Bauer discussed our blood drive which will be held on May 16, 2013 at the Discovery Center located at 1973 St. Rt. 47 W, Bellefontaine. Blood supplies run very short over the summer months so we are hoping we have a successful campaign and can help give back to the community. We have

partnered with the Community Blood Center and they will be giving away t-shirts to all donors. The drive is from noon until 4:00 pm. Juice, cookies & finger sandwiches will also be provided.

Mr. Bauer also reminded everyone of our first annual BuDDie Walk which will be held on Saturday May 17, 2014 at Southview Park from 10 am to 4 pm. This event is to raise awareness of how people with disabilities can be friends, neighbors, employees and so much more. We will have health and wellness vendors at tables along the walk. We are trying to encourage our associates, employees, and everyone in the community to start taking steps to a healthier you. Our event Ambassadors (Sponsored by CRSI) are: Preschool & EI – Austin Ferguson, School age – Taylor Stroud, Adults – Brent Fromm, & Seniors – Karen Jenkins. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 am to start the event. Snacks will be provided by our sponsors: Dannon Yogurt – Minster, Freshway Foods – Sidney, Easton Water – Bellefontaine, & Curley's Meats – Jackson Center.

Superintendent Bauer also reviewed the new petty cash policy with the board and it was approved during the resolutions. This policy will allow small purchases to be made with prior approval. A form has been created for the approval process. Receipts must be turned in to the Auditor's office and the account will be reconciled on a monthly basis.

Mr. Bauer also thanked everyone in the community for providing valuable input in our recent survey. The results of these surveys are being compiled by Marty Jenkins. He will be working with our strategic planning team to assist us in developing our new strategic plan.

The next finance committee meeting is June 12th at 2:30 pm in the board office conference room with the board meeting on June 19th at 5:30 pm in the board office conference room at 1851 St. Rt. 47 West. Meetings are open to the public.

Deb Morrison
Human Resources/Executive Secretary