

ROSS COUNTY BOARD OF DD AGENDA

10/09/2025 at 6:00 PM

Meeting Location – The Pioneer Center 167 W. Main St.

RCBDD Mission Statement:

Improving lives by supporting choices of people through community partnerships and quality services.

Agenda Topics

- Call to Order 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

____ Amy Beam ____ Hunter Robinson ____ William Showman ____ Dan Riddle

____ Randi Uhrig ____ Baylee Butler ____ Katie Guba

***Announcement** (Meeting is being recorded)

Welcome Guests

Public Comments

Approval of Minutes – September 4 & September 11, 2025

Approval of Expenditures – September 2025

Old Business

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. Landrum Youth Empowerment Center Update-Jared Halm
- C. Accreditation Update
- D. State Budget Update-Jared Halm

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New Business

- A. Introduction to Andrea Carroll, Assistant to the Superintendent
- B. Introduction to Jillian Uhrig, SSA Director
- C. 2025 Annual Action Plan Update-3rd Quarter
- D. Special Education Model Policies and Procedures-Tina Browder
- E. Outside Employment Request-Brady Ratzlaff
- F. Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment, evaluation and compensation of public employee.
- G. Additional New Business

Motion to Adjourn.

Next meeting will be held November 13, 2025, at the Pioneer Center located at 167 W. Main St.

Next committee meeting will be a finance committee meeting on November 7, 2025 at 8:30 am at 167 W. Main St.

ROSS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

October 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Dan Riddle called the meeting to order at 6:02PM

ROLL CALL: Board Members in attendance were Dan Riddle, Hunter Robinson, Randi Uhrig, Amy Beam, and Katie Guba. Baylee Butler and William Showman were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Katie Guba made a motion to approve the minutes for September 04, 2025, and September 11, 2025, and seconded by Amy Beam. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: Expenditures for September 2025 were reviewed. Hunter Robinson made a motion to approve the reports as presented; seconded by Randi Uhrig. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

A. Superintendent's Report – Ms. Beeler presented information on organization activities since the last board meeting:

- Superintendent installed as president of the local Kiwanis; discussed the organization's legacy with the board.
- Attended various meetings and trainings (Ohio Superintendent's Executive Committee, MUI/ITMS, SSA interviews, Women in Business, Advocacy Advisory Council).
- DD Awareness Month planning is underway.
- Submitted TechCred reimbursement request; reimbursement confirmed as arriving.
- Volunteered with United Way, attended additional board meetings, and participated in National Disability Employment Awareness Month activities.

B. Landrum Youth Empowerment Center Updated – Jared Halm, Business Manager provided an update on the building updates:

- Renovation bids for Landrum Center are progressing; significant contract interest with seven companies attending pre-bid meeting.
- Renovations will modernize the basement (offices), updated electrical

systems, and complete required fire separation.

- Landrum Endowment Fund grant requests have increased: Majestic Theater (\$15K for accessibility), Paper City Mentoring project, and likely request from Mighty Children's Museum.
- Discussion about whether to formally announce new grant cycles; consensus to consider opening applications next year to match new fund allocations.
- Advocates and OOD occupational therapy consultants have conducted community accessibility reviews, leading to some of the current grant requests.

C. Accreditation Update:

- Board received three-year accreditation with four citations, which were minimal and already addressed in a corrective action plan.
- Staff recognized for exceptional performance.

D. State Budget Update:

- Recent state legislative changes eliminated replacement levies, requiring new levies for additional funding.
- Discussion about the challenges of passing new levies versus replacements; concern about public understanding of levy terms and tax impacts.
- Ongoing analysis of budget outlook; finance committee to review detailed projections.
- Board discussed limitations on levy advocacy due to legal restrictions, emphasizing education and awareness rather than direct campaigning.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Andrea Carroll introduced as the new assistant to the superintendent; positive feedback about her addition to the team.
- B.** Jillian Uhrig introduced as the new SSA Director; shared her long-term experience and vision for her department.
- C.** Special Education Model Policies and Procedures – Annual approval of special education model policies and procedures for compliance with state requirements. Katie Gruba made motion to approve, Hunter Robinson seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- D.** Outside Employment Requests – Brady Ratzlaff presented 3 requests.

1. Devon Putnam – seeking work with Hotworx as a part-time

- associate during evening/weekend hours.
2. Jaluv Hoop – seeking Marketing work with Ross County AG Society for various as needed hours outside of working hours.
 3. Jamie Newland – seeking work as a contractor for First Capital Enterprise buffing floors.

Amy Beam made motion to approve all three requests as it will not conflict with work hours or use our equipment. Hunter Robinson seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- E.** Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment, evaluation and compensation of public employee. Katie Gruba made a motion and Randi Uhrig seconded motion. Went into executive session at 6:32PM.

Roll Call for Executive Session: Board Members in attendance were Dan Riddle, Hunter Robinson, Randi Uhrig, Amy Beam, and Katie Gruba. Exited executive session at 8:19PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Katie Guba made motion to adjourn at 8:20PM.

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Katie Guba