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## SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities has appointed three new board members to serve on its Board of Directors. All three members were recently confirmed in their role by Sandusky County Commissioners and Probate Court's Judge Brad Smith.

Kent Weickert finished his final term permissible under Ohio Revised Code, serving on the Board of Directors as well as Board President for a combined 12-years of service to the community. Laurie Fox stepped down from the Board after more than 6-years of service. And finally, Board Member John Havens stepped down after serving the Sandusky County community for over 9-years.

*"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Kent, Laurie, and John for their dedication and leadership over the years. From privatization in 2017, through the pandemic of 2020, there has been a lot of change and challenge during their tenure. Without strong leadership, these changes would not have transitioned as seamlessly as they have,"* said SCBDD Superintendent Sarah Zimmerman. *"Their collective contribution to the Sandusky County community over the years cannot be overstated. I will miss them all,"* she said.

Joining the Sandusky County Board of DD Board of Directors to fill these vacancies are Shane Dyer, Physical Education Teacher and Coach at Hilfiker Elementary in Gibsonburg; Deb Didion, retired Speech Therapist with the Bellevue School District; and Bowling Green State University senior and Co-founder of Parker's Purpose, Parker Inks.

*"We're grateful to these Sandusky County residents for joining us and sharing their expertise in supporting Sandusky County Board of DD's daily pursuit to provide the highest-quality services to local individuals served, from the routine to the complex,"* said Superintendent Sarah Zimmerman. *"Each will bring their unique life-experience and perspectives with how best to advance services and supports for the local disability community. They are wonderful additions to our board,"* said Zimmerman.

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