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Outgoing C-TEC treasurer lauded for service to school

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NEWARK — Cory Thompson has been a great asset to the Career and Technology Education Centers of Licking County during his seven-year tenure as treasurer, administrators said Friday.

Thompson resigned earlier this week, effective Aug. 1.

"He's done a phenomenal job," Board President Freddie Latella said. "He's changed the way the office has run."

Thompson has handled the finances above and beyond a normal treasurer's duties, Latella said.

"He's had to deal with the building project and the lawsuit," he said.

C-TEC built its new building in 2006 and 2007, and recently completed a trial during which Claggett & Sons sued the school for \$4 million in lost revenues after the company was removed from the project. A judgment on the matter is expected sometime after mid-August.

The school also is gearing up for its third try at a 1-mill levy in a year.

In his resignation letter, Thompson said he has greatly enjoyed working at C-TEC and pledged to help the school in any way he can.

"He's a big loss," Superintendent Ron Cassidy said. "He's been here since I started (as superintendent)."

Thompson resigned because he has been hired as treasurer at the Lorain County Joint Vocational School, Cassidy said.

"He finds himself with the opportunity to go back to where his parents live," Cassidy said.

Thompson will remain as an interim treasurer until Aug. 7, after which the Licking County Educational Service Center will serve as interim treasurer pro tempore.

"We hope to replace him probably within eight weeks," Cassidy said.

The board will have an employee from the Ohio School Boards Association at its 5:30 p.m. Tuesday meeting at the C-TEC administration office. Members will discuss the process of finding a new treasurer, Latella said.

"Obviously, we want someone who can hit the ground running," he said. "We're looking forward to turning the page."