

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

February 17, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at the Conneaut High School 381 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030. The Regular Meeting was preceded by a 10:00a.m. Work Session.

Members Present: Penny Armeni, Christopher Brecht, and Suzanne Bernardini

Members Absent: Christopher Bartone, and Joan Norton

Others Present: Martha Sorohan, Robert Shackle, Keith Troia, Brian Haytcher, and Alex Sears

President Penny Armeni called the meeting to order at 10:35a.m.

Certifications by Treasurer that the Board of Education is in Compliance with meeting requirement rules.

Work Session: Mrs. Miranda reviewed with the board the Ohio Schools Council resolution for school bus bids for this year to consider the addition of one 77 passenger school bus. Mrs. Miranda also discussed the resolution to consider waiving instructional fees again for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Miranda also shared with the board the significant decline of interest revenue as compared to the same time period for the previous year, due to the lower interest rates. Also in the work session, Mrs. Miranda introduced Mr. Alex Sears, as the successful candidate for the Central Office Support Specialist position.

Mrs. Riley continued in the work session updating the board on guidance for class size from the CDC and Conneaut Health Department, that both support to maintain 6 feet of spacing between desks at this time to minimize COVID quarantines due to exposure. Mrs. Riley also shared she is working with to prepare an Extended Learning Plan as required by the State of Ohio prior to April 1 and plans to brief the board at the March 17 meeting. State testing requirements for this year were also reviewed with Mrs. Riley supporting that following testing in May, the remainder of the school year can be used for remediation.

Agenda Modifications: None

Public Participation: Mrs. Riley provided the first reading of the 2021-2022 school calendar.

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Presentations:

Student of the Month was presented by Mrs. Barb Gurto, on behalf of the Conneaut Chamber of Commerce to Gateway Elementary School student, Deondre Weatherspoon. Ms. Sara Gleason nominated Deondre and shared that he takes the job of being a student very seriously and that he is a very hard worker.

Committee Reports:

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini noted that A-Tech students were back on a hybrid schedule and that A-Tech staff were being offered their first COVID vaccine on Feb. 18.

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Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht noted that purchases for the weight room had moved forward with over \$18,000 worth of equipment. He extended appreciation to the Athletic Boosters and Mr. Bob McBride and Mr. Denny Distelrath for their commitment to the project. Mr. Brecht also noted that the SPARC committee had determined to forego the SPARC 5K for this year due to COVID but will be restarting fund raising efforts and appreciates the incredible community support for the ongoing project.

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – none

City Council – Mrs. Norton provided information via ZOOM and noted that Lila Rickett had been honored at the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting as Spartan of the Month.

Board President – Mrs. Armeni shared that the board retreat had been held on January 20 with the board receiving updates and having discussion on multiple topics. She reminded that school staff who chose to receive the first dose of the COVID 19 vaccine was held on February 12. She also extended appreciation to the Conneaut Health Department for their organization. Mrs. Armeni noted the next regular board meeting date would be Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at Conneaut High School Library, with a worksession at 10:00 a.m. and the board meeting to begin at 10:30 a.m.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley has been contacted by Mr. Matt Crawford about a grant received by the Outdoor Learning Center to install some small cameras to monitor an area of specific birds. Mrs. Riley also shared with the board several House Bills – HB436 that will be requiring the district to form a Dyslexia committee and screen students, and HB123 that will require schools provide instruction for grade 6-12 on suicide prevention. Mrs. Riley noted she had received good feedback on the implementation of the Mental Wellness Day. Mrs. Riley added that the Conneaut Rotary would like to support a district staff appreciation day this spring.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda clarified movement in the personnel section of Kelly Wojtowicz, and also the employment of Mr. Alex Sears.

- 02-2021-01 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the minutes of the organizational meeting of January 4, 2021, the regular meeting of January 13, 2021, the board retreat of January 20, 2021, and the special emergency meeting of January 27, 2021 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 02-2021-02 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 02-2021-03 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the board approve Ohio Schools Council Cooperative advertising and receiving bids for school bus chassis and bodies. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried

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02-2021-04 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board give first reading to the district calendar for school year 2021-2022 as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
 Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

02-2021-05 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the revisions of the Conneaut High School course fee schedule and course description guide for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
 Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

02-2021-06 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the following personnel resolutions, pending proper certification and successful completion of pre-employment testing and personnel paper work as needed, in accordance with scale as adopted by the Board.  
 Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

## 06.01 Approve resignations as presented:

## Certified:

Phyllis Gilroy, due to retirement, effective 5/31/21. She has been with the district for 20 years.

## Classified:

Kelly Wojtowicz, bus aide w/paraprofessional certification, effective 1/22/21

06.02 Rescind motion 01-2021-25, 25.07 of the January 13, 2021 regular meeting:  
(Approve supplemental contracts for the 2020-2021 school year)

Joe Chadwick Asst. Softball Coach Step 1

## 06.03 Approve the following changes classified contracts.

- Changes effective 1/14/21

Floyd Cameron, step 0, 4 hrs/day, CHS 10-month custodian

Kristy Jerina, step 0, 6.5 hrs/day, CHS health aide

Pam Partridge, step 0, 21.5 hrs/weekly, bus aide w/paraprofessional certification

Heidi Spero, step 4, 22 hrs/weekly, bus aide w/paraprofessional certification

Nicole Valenti, step 0, 10 hrs/weekly, bus aide w/paraprofessional certification

Kelly Wojtowicz, step 10, 22 hrs/weekly, bus aide w/paraprofessional certification

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- Changes effective 1/19/21  
Nicole Valenti, step 0, 3 hrs/day, LPS satellite school helper, effective 1/19/21
- 06.04 Approve a one (1) year contract for the following non-bargaining unit personnel for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Alex Sears, Central Office Support Specialist
- 06.05 Approve supplemental contracts for the 2020-2021 school year
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| Joe Chadwick      | Asst. Softball Coach (half time) | Step 1 |
| Alexis Zappitelli | Asst. Softball Coach (half time) | Step 1 |
- 06.06 Approve Extended Day Monitor contracts at \$18.00 per hour for no more than three (3) hours per session for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Jodie Pape      Jamie Vendetti
- 06.07 Approve employment for the following personnel as Athletic Workers for the 2020-2021 school year.

**High School Ticket sales** - \$25.00/per sport, per date

**Scorekeeper** - \$20.00/ per contest

**Timekeeper** - \$20.00/ per sport, per date

**Faculty Representative** - \$40.00/ per sport, per date

**Line Judge** - \$20.00/ per sport, per date

**Door Monitor** - \$20.00/per sport, per date

**Middle School Ticket sales** - \$15.00/per sport, per date

**Scorekeeper** - \$15.00/ per contest

Barb Krasicki

- 06.08 Approve Level 1 Volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year.

Greg Brown

Board Member Summary: The board expressed their condolences to the families of previous employees that have passed due to COVID-19, Mr. Jeff Lowery, Mrs. Sandy Nelson, and Mr. Larry Wheeler. The board also appreciates the Star Beacon and the Conneaut Health Department for their support of the school system. Mrs. Bernardini complimented Mr. Brecht for the full page ad for the Class of 2021.

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Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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Treasurer

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President