

## Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

July 22, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at the Conneaut High School 381 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030. The Regular meeting was preceded by a 5:00 p.m. Work Session.

Members Present: Penny Armeni, Christopher Bartone, Suzanne Bernardini, Christopher Brecht and Joan Norton

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent Lori Riley, Jacelynne Miranda Brian Haytcher, Dawn Zappitelli, Danica Parma, Sue Fertig, Keith Troia, Martha Sorohan, Martha Gross, Tim Gross, Sherrie Douglas, Tammy, Kobernik, Matt Kitchen, Rick Hillyer, Robin Million, Emy Emery, Eugene Emery, Laura Ring, Laura Campbell, Kelly Leonardson, Gloria Babb, Kristy Jerina, Carly Strader, Gary Pitts, Julene Edwards, Kim Tantari, Cathy Ezzone, Patty Jackson and Lisa Anderson.

President Christopher Brecht called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

President Christopher Brecht led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Work Session: Mrs. Riley reserved her report for the Superintendent's report in the regular meeting. Mrs. Miranda shared that the State Auditors have reached to begin the FY20 audit. Treasurer staff is preparing the requested fiscal and payroll records the auditors have requested. During COVID, the auditors will be on site only for several days and do the majority of work remotely to minimize visitors in the building for the safety of students and staff and also because we have expanded classrooms, the space used in the past is not available. Mrs. Miranda also reviewed the creation of fund 510-9021, the Coronavirus Relief Fund, in the amount of \$96,096. \$12,852 can be used to support transportation obligations thru 12.30.2020. Mrs. Miranda also reviewed the ComDoc Lease costs with the board Brian Chase, Technology Director, had worked with several companies to receive quotes, ComDoc, Ricoh and Applied Laser, with the ComDoc quote being the most competitive with black and white copies being .0029 each and color copies being .029 each. The new lease provides that we will pay per copy rather than a precalculated monthly contract amount based on previous usage plus overages.

Agenda Modifications: Mrs. Miranda noted the clarification of 07-2020-11 to reflect effective 7/1/2020.

Public Participation: None

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Presentations: None

Committee Reports:

Legislative – Mr. Bartone noted that Governor DeWine has mandated all Ohioans ages 10 and over to wear a mask outdoors, if they cannot maintain a six foot distance, or if they have a medical exclusion.

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini noted that Dr. Brockway, Superintendent of Ashtabula County Technical and Career Center had attended his last board meeting on Monday. He is retiring as of July 31, 2020, after a long career in education with A-Tech.

Athletic Council/SPARC– None

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – Mrs. Armeni reported that the library is preparing to support the school once students return.

City Council – Mrs. Norton noted that City Council and the Board of Education met on Monday, July 20 at 6 .m. at Conneaut High School for their joint meeting. The next joint meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Conneaut High School. The Spartan of the Month program will be beginning again.

Board President – no report

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley provided the board with a power point presentation outlining the draft plan for the Conneaut Area City Schools ReStart and ReOpen Plan. Mrs. Riley has worked with guidance from Governor DeWine, Conneaut Health Department, University Hospitals, county superintendents, Conneaut administrators and staff on preparing for the ReStart and ReOpen plan for the fall. The ReStart and ReOpen Plan will be part of the August regular meeting agenda items for board approval.

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Treasurer’s report: Mrs. Miranda provided the board with information of costs of the Re-Start and Re-Open Plan and the federal and state dollars that either had been allocated or are being expected to be allocated to assist in costs associated with COVID. Mrs. Miranda reviewed the examples of eligible expenditures and timelines for each grant; CRF and ESSERS.

07-2020-01 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Penny Armeni that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 29, 2020 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
 Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht and Norton  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

07-2020-02 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
 Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton and Armeni  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

07-2020-03 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Joan Norton that the following petty cash accounts are established for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Cafeteria – Pam Anderson \$250.00
- Administration Petty Cash Fund - Alexa Pitcher \$200.00
- CHS Athletic – Joel Taylor \$550.00
- CMS Athletic – Joel Taylor \$100.00

Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni and Bartone  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

07-2020-04 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the request to create the following fund and establish all the corresponding revenue and expenditure line items.

- Coronavirus Relief Fund 510-2021 \$96,096.00

Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone and Bernardini  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

07-2020-05 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Jerald and Patricia Gee for the SPARC score board, fund #019-9101

Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini and Brecht  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

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- 07-2020-06 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the service agreement with Com Doc as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht and Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 07-2020-07 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the DD Satellite agreement between the district and the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton and Armeni  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 07-2020-08 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the Occupational Therapy service agreement between the district and the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni and Bartone  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 07-2020-09 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the Building Bridges service agreement between the district and the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone and Bernardini  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 07-2020-10 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the PHP service agreement between the district and the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes:  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 07-2020-11 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the Fiscal Specialist, Payroll Specialist, Superintendent's Secretary, and Technology Specialist salary schedule as presented.  
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht and Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 07-2020-12 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the abolishment of the following classified positions effective August 31, 2020 as presented.
- #04-69 CMS One on One Paraprofessional Aide
  - #04-71 CHS One on One Paraprofessional Aide
  - #04-72 CHS One on One Paraprofessional Aide
- Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton and Armeni

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Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

07-2020-13 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the abolishment of the following classified positions effective September 8, 2020 as presented.

- #03-33 CHS/LPS 10-month Custodian
- #03-34 GES/CMS 10-month Custodian
- #02-11 Library Aide

Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni and Bartone  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

07-2020-14 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve supplemental contract for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

Elizabeth Bernardini Asst. Band Director Step 1

Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni and Bartone  
 Nays:  
 Abstain: Bernardini  
 Motion Carried

07-2020-15 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the following personnel resolutions, pending proper certification and successful completion of pre-employment testing and personnel paperwork as needed, in accordance with scale as adopted by the Board.

15.01 Approve a one (1) year limited contract for the following non-bargaining unit personnel.

Elizabeth Franklin EMIS Coordinator

15.02 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Maureen Ritari, from M+15 to M+30

15.03 Approve employment for the following as substitute classified personnel for the 2020-2021 school year.

Michael Edgerly Mark Poore Kelly Wojtowicz

15.04 Approve supplemental contracts for the 2020-2021 school year.

Keri Hayes Asst. Volleyball Step 1  
 Alex Polchosky Boys Golf Step 1  
 Alexa Pitcher Girls Golf Step 1

15.05 Approve level 1 volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year.

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Richard Thompson

Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini and Brecht

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board Member Summary: The board appreciates all the work that classified staff has done in preparing the buildings over the summer. The board also appreciates CCEA, administration and the Conneaut Health Department for all their efforts and guidance and understand the importance and value of all of us to make the plan work for students and staff to be back in class safely.

07-2020-16 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht and Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Treasurer

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President