

## Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

August 19, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, August 19, 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, Treasurer Jacelynne Miranda, Brian Haytcher, Keith Troia, Robin Million, Emy Emery, Sherrie Douglas, Rick Hillyer, Susan Trost, Ruth Mackey, Dawn Zappitelli, Martha Gross, Tim Gross and Martha Sorohan.

President Christopher Brecht called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Certification 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 introduced Nathan Wise, new music educator for Conneaut High School. Mr. Wise is a graduate of Ohio University. Mrs. Riley also reviewed board policy revisions for first and second readings. Mrs. Pam Anderson, Food Service Director provided the board with an update on food service program operations since mid March. Mrs. Miranda noted that the state auditors have begun their annual audit process, but have minimized on site interactions to just a few days and will proceed through most of the audit virtually.

Agenda Modifications: None

Public Participation: None

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Presentations: None

Committee Reports:

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini provided each board member a copy of a student issued A-Tech packet, providing safe return to school expectations and schedule of school days.

Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht noted that the Athletic Council had met to consider scheduling athletic meets with alternative teams from the original schedule since there had been events cancelled due to COVID.

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – Mrs. Armeni noted that Dr. Neal had applied for a mini grant through the library for \$3,000 to assist with library services. Also the library is working with the Conneaut Health Department on determining how to create small instruction areas. The library will also be conducting the Conneaut Library Card Sign Up campaign early this fall.

City Council – Mrs. Norton noted that City Council and the Board of Education will meet on Monday, September 21 at 6 .m. at Conneaut High School for their joint meeting. She also noted that the Spartan of the Month will begin at the 9.28.2020 City Council meeting, either live or virtually.

Board President – None

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley reviewed 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 plan has been designed to be very fluid to allow educators, students and families to move from one level to another based on community spread of COVID in our district. The school year will begin on "Gold 2" status with grades 3-12 attending on site instruction with half of the student on Tuesday and Wednesday and half of the students on Thursday and Friday. Grades K-2 and preschool will all attend on site instructions Tuesday through Friday with a shorter school day. Mrs. Riley noted hand dryers in washrooms will be replaced with towel dispensers as a result of the University Hospital walkthrough. Mrs. Riley also noted that the stadium may be opened to spectators pending governor and local health department guidelines, however there will be no concessions available.

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Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed the balance from the Scoreboard fund to be \$32,600 of community donated dollars towards a new stadium scoreboard. Mrs. Miranda also reviewed the purpose of the Healthcare Process Consulting purchase service contract as a third part provider for Medicaid reimbursement of eligible services provided by the district to students.

- 08-2020-05 Moved by Suzane Bernardini, seconded by Penny Armeni that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 22, 2020 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Becht and Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 08-2020-06 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Joan Norton that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton and Armeni  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 08-2020-07 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the following donations as presented.
- Donation in the amount of \$500.00 from CHS Class of 1975 for the SPARC score board, fund #019-9101
  - Donation in the amount of \$25.00 from Steve and Julie Bidwell, in memory of Kay Sanford for the SPARC score board, fund #019-9101
  - Donation in the amount of \$25.00 from Patricia Wolf for the SPARC score board, fund #019-9101
- Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni and Bartone  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 08-2020-08 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the ACCESS Service agreement between the district and Ashtabula County Continued Education Support Services as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone and Bernardini  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 08-2020-09 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the Community Counseling Services agreement between the district and Community Counseling Center of Ashtabula County as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini and Brecht  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 08-2020-10 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the purchased services contract with Healthcare Process Consulting as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht and Norton

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Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried

08-2020-11 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the revised district calendar for school year 2020-2021 as presented.

Ayes:  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried

08-2020-12 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the Reset and Restart Plan for school year 2020-2021 as presented.

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

08-2020-13 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the Remote Learning Plan for school year 2020-2021 as presented.

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

08-2020-14 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the resolution to consider Athletic and Extracurricular recommendations per Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Health orders and guidelines as presented.

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

08-2020-15 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the resolution to consider a Successor Master Agreement/Contract with the Conneaut Classified Employees Association for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 as presented.

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

08-2020-16 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board suspend the board policy of holding two readings to approve the following policies and revisions as presented.

- 2266 NON DISCRIMINATION OF THE BASIS OF SEX IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES
- 3220 STANDARDS-BASED TEACHER EVALUATION
- 5200 ATTENDANCE
- 5517.02 SEXUAL VIOLENCE
- 8450.01 PROTECTIVE FACIAL COVERINGS DURING PANDEMIC/EPIDEMIC EVENTS

Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton and Armeni  
Nays:

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Abstain:  
Motion Carried

08-2020-17 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the following policies and revisions as presented.

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Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni and Bartone

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

08-2020-18 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve first reading of the following policies and revisions as presented.

- 1520 EMPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS
- 1530 EVALUATION OF PRINCIPALS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATORS
- 2270 RELIGION IN THE CURRICULUM
- 2431 INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS
- 3124 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
- 5610 REMOVAL, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, AND PERMANENT EXCLUSION OF STUDENTS
- 5611 DUE PROCESS RIGHTS
- 8800 RELIGIOUS/PATRIOTIC CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone and Bernardini

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

08-2020-19 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve employment for the following personnel as Athletic Worker for the 2020-2021 school year.

**High School Ticket sales** - \$20.00/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

Nick Armeni

Ayes: Norton, Bartone, Bernardini and Brecht

Nays:

Abstain: Armeni

Motion Carried

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08-2020-20 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Joan Norton 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.

- 20.01 Approve resignations as presented:  
 Certified:  
 Catherine Gebhardt, effective September 1, 2020, due to retirement. She has been with the district for 30 years.
- 20.02 Approve the certified employees of Conneaut Area City Schools be issued a blanket contract for class coverage for the 2020-2021 school year at scale adopted by the Board. (\$19.69 per class)
- 20.03 Approve one-year supplemental contracts for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.  
  
 Ryan Sherman Asst. Volleyball Coach Step 1
- 20.04 Approve employment for the 2020 seasonal work positions at \$10.00 per/hour.  
  
 Frank Wojtowicz, effective August 20, 2020 through November 20, 2020
- 20.05 Approve employment for the following as Ticket Manager for the 2020-2021 school year at \$40.00/per sport, per date.  
  
 Martha Gross
- 20.06 Approve employment for the following personnel as Athletic Workers for the 2020-2021 school year.

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Peter Alessi	Loretta Andes	Michael Andrews
Jeff Applebee	Gloria Babb	Lindsay Bidwell
Matt Bidwell	Tiffany Braden	Jackie Brady
Jim Campbell	Joe Chadwick	Stephanie Chase
Billy Chicatelli	John Coccitto	Linda Coccitto
G. Joseph Colucci	Dennis Distelrath	Emily Dobran
Rocco Dobran	John Eaton	Julene Edwards
Emy Emery	Christina Frisbie	Martha Gross
Jane Guglielmo	Doug Hedrick	Mary Holdson
Ted Johnson	Kelly Jones	Aaron Joslin
Jessica Kennedy	Tim Kennedy	Tammy Kobernik

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Carrie Lebzelter	Bill Lipps	Adam Lytle
Kari McKinley	Artemis Mermis	Robin Million
Robert Nelson Jr.	Katie Newcomb	Scott Ogren
Mike Olmstead	Jodie Pape	Matt Pape
Danica Parma	Tony Pasanen	Marian Petri
Alexa Pitcher	Lisa Poff	Zack Rhodes
Maureen Ritari	Justin Sanford	Kevin Santee
Julie Sedmak	Dave Simpson	Pam Simpson
Nancy Sullivan	Tim Tallbacka	Rebecca Thomas
Mike Trinko	Grace Tuuri	Dan VanSlyke
Steve Wahonick	Lori Webster	Georgia Woods
Greg Woods		

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht and Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

08-2020-21 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton and Armeni

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Treasurer

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President

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