

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

September 16, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 16th, 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 Jacelynn Miranda, Martha Sorohan and Brian Haytcher.

President Christopher Brecht called the meeting to order at 5:37 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: Mr. James Kennedy, Conneaut Middle School Principal provided board members with an update on Conneaut Middle School progress during the "Gold 2" education schedule. Students are receiving small group instruction and classes are one-hour long. He shared that the biggest challenge is facing the unknowns while still making and implementing the best decisions for students. Mr. Kennedy also shared that parents are pleased to have students being able to participate in extracurricular activities. Mrs. Riley discussed the parameters of SOAR regarding enrollment dates and semester commitment by students and parent. She also shared that planning for second semester would begin in November.

Agenda Modifications: None

Public Participation: None

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Presentations: None

Committee Reports:

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini shared that the next A-Tech board meeting would be September 21st at 10 a.m. The re-start for A-Tech was going very well with students attending Monday and Wednesdays, or Tuesdays and Thursdays, and then alternating Fridays. Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht noted the Athletic Council was working with the Athletic Boosters. Weight equipment will be purchased with the goal of expanding curriculum for health of students.

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – Mrs. Armeni noted that the library is open after making appropriate changes due to COVID-19 virus.

City Council – Mrs. Norton noted that City Council and the Board of Education will meet on Monday, September 28th at 6 .m. at Conneaut High School for their joint meeting. She also noted the Spartan of the Month will be Joshua Alexander, honored at the meeting, either live or virtually.

Board President – Mr. Brecht noted that the board is partnering with the City of Conneaut on a collaborative effort for paving in front of Lakeshore Primary School.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley discussed that the Conneaut Health Department had held walk thru's in student occupied buildings and praised the district on the changes that have been implemented for safety of students and staff Mrs. Riley had met with substitute teachers prior to the first student day to review district protocols. She also met with custodians to review high touch surfaces and 2 hours cleaning and sanitizing protocols. Mrs. Riley is also reviewing existing partnerships and how the district works with them. Many are working with students thru virtual options so students will not miss out on events like mock interviews, career explorations, college fairs, etc. Mrs. Riley is also evaluating the good parts of COVID 19 and how to incorporate into future school years. Mrs. Riley announced that the USDA has recently determined for the 2020-2021 school year, all students would be eligible to receive a free breakfast and free lunch.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed Permanent Appropriations and the Certificate of Estimated Resources. Mrs. Miranda also noted the district would be beginning the process of requesting bid for snowplowing for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs.

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Miranda also reviewed the allocation for receiving the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant for the second year for Lakeshore Primary School and Gateway Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year.

- 09-2020-01 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the minutes of the special meeting of August 10, 2020 and the regular meeting of August 19, 2020 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht and Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 09-2020-02 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
- 09-2020-03 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the annual appropriations for FY2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) and the Certificate of Estimated Resources be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni and Bartone
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 09-2020-04 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the solicitation of bids for district snow removal. (ENCLOSURE)
Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone and Bernardini
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 09-2020-05 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the request to create the following fund with all the corresponding revenue and expenditure line items.
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant for FY2021, Fund #006-9021

Lakeshore Primary Allocation	\$31,731
Gateway Elementary Allocation	\$26,387
 - Broadband Ohio Connectivity Grant for FY2021, Fund #510-9121

Allocation of \$10,000	
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- Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini and Brecht
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 09-2020-06 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the bus routes for 2020-2021 as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht and Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

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09-2020-07 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the following policies, bylaws 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: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton and Armeni

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

09-2020-08 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone 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.

08.01 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Lindsay Bidwell, from B+15 to M

08.02 Approve a one (1) year contract for the following classified personnel for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mark Poore, Step 0, 8 hr. 10-month custodian, effective 9/21/2020

08.03 Approve employment for the 2020 seasonal work position at \$10.00 per/hour.

Darrell Thomas, effective September 17, 2020 through November 20, 2020

08.04 Approve the following changes in classified contracts as presented.

Debra Scott, bus aide, 2 hr., RIF, effective 8/31/20

Ariane Palshook, paraprofessional 6.5 hrs. to bus aide/paraprofessional certification, 5.75 hrs., effective 9/4/20

Robin Million, paraprofessional, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs., effective 9/8/20

Marion Petri, paraprofessional, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs., effective 9/8/20

Martha Gross, health aide, from 6.75 hrs. to 7 hrs., effective 9/14/20

Linda Coccitto, paraprofessional, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs., effective 9/14/20

Rebecca Hills, paraprofessional, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs., effective 9/14/20

Denise Sedmak, paraprofessional, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs., effective 9/14/20

Michele Lewis, paraprofessional, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs., effective 9/14/20

Melissa Bambarger, paraprofessional, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs., effective 9/14/20

Karen Mannion, library aide, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs., effective 9/14/20

08.05 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.

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Michael Andrews	Stephanie Anservitz	JoAnn Bartlett
Gary Case	Gabe Cellini	Martha Gross
James Kennedy	Tammy Kobernik	Robin Million
Timothy Neal	Marian Petri	Georgia Woods

- 08.06 Approve employment for the following as substitute certified personnel for the 2020-2021 school year.

Amber Marshall	Melissa Simpson
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- 08.07 Approve employment for the following as substitute classified personnel for the 2020-2021 school year.

Melody Burnett	Tim Gran	Kathryn Loomis
Jen Myers	Melissa Simpson	Tina Vincenzo

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

Tim Tallbacka	Head Boys Basketball	Step 15
Steve Wahonick	Asst. Boys Basketball	Step 24
Ted Johnson	Asst. Boys Basketball	Step 1
Justin Sanford	Asst. Boys Basketball	Step 1
Anthony Pasanen	Head Girls Basketball	Step 20
James Kennedy	Asst. Girls Basketball	Step 2
Rocco Dobran	Asst. Girls Basketball	Step 2
Peter Alessi	Asst. Girls Basketball	Step 1
Dennis Distelrath	Head Wrestling	Step 1
Steven Riggs	Asst. Wrestling	Step 1
Chad Campbell	Asst. Wrestling	Step 1
Emily Tallbacka	CHS Yearbook Advisor	Step 4
Jen Weagraff	CMS Yearbook Advisor	Step 6
Kari McKinley	CHS IAT Chairman	Step 5
Megan Stadler	CMS IAT Chairman	Step 6
Jan Nieminen	GES IAT Chairman	Step 14
Brittany Maurer	LPS IAT Chairman	Step 4
Jamie Kennedy	LPS IAT Chairman	Step 1
Christina Frisbie	GES Gifted IAT Chairman	Step 1
Barbara Krasicki	National Honor Society	Step 3
Kari McKinley	Freshman Class Advisor	Step 15
Barbara Krasicki	Sophomore Class Advisor	Step 6
Kari McKinley	Senior Class Advisor	Step 15

- 08.09 Approve Level 1 volunteers in the District Athletic program for the 2020-2021 school year.

Matthew Bidwell	Jim Campbell	Aaron Joslin
Jennifer Kaplan	Robert McBride	Scott Ogren
John Rice		

- 08.10 Approve Level 3 volunteers in the District Athletic program for the 2020-2021 school year.

Robert Nelson

Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni and Bartone

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Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

Board Member Summary: The board expressed appreciation to all involved for shifting from uncertainty to how to maximize instructional time during this strange start of school. The board appreciates the effort to insure positive athletic events. The board also noted their appreciation to Mr. Brecht as president, for his leadership and commitment to the district.

09-2020-09 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.
Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone and Bernardini
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Treasurer

President