

## Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

October 21, 2020

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The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at the Conneaut High School 381 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030. The Regular meeting was preceded by a 5:05 Work Session.

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

Members Absent: Joan Norton excused

Others Present: Superintendent Lori Riley, Treasurer Jacelynn Miranda, Brian Haytcher, Martha Sorohan, Keith Troia, Dawn Zappitelli, Carrie Lebzelter, and Tim Kraus.

President Christopher Brecht called the meeting to order at 5:36 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. Dawn Zappitelli, Gateway Elementary School Principal, provided board members with an update on Gateway Elementary School progress during the "Gold 2" education schedule. Students and staff have adjusted very well to wearing masks during the day. Mask breaks/Brain breaks are taken outside with visits to fitness stations, the Outdoor Learning Center, soccer field or socially distanced walk. Academic focus while operating in Gold 2 is to meet the student at their level. Google Classroom is being used on a daily basis across the building. State testing for third grade reading has begun. GES is continuing the implementation of PAX/PBIS to support building climate. Kindness calendars provide a lesson across the building each week. Posters and banners provide visual reminders of student expectations

Agenda Modifications: None

Public Participation: None

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: Mrs. Riley read a note from the Downtown Coaches Club with their heartfelt thanks for the board purchase of team jerseys.

Presentations: October Student of the Month was presented by Pastor Tim Kraus, on behalf of the Conneaut Chamber of Commerce to Gateway Elementary School student, Calleigh Van Alphen. Teacher Ms. Carrie Lebzelter shared that Calleigh stood out amongst her peers. She is very positive, always prepared and is a bright spot in the classroom and in the building.

Committee Reports:

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini shared the passing of A-Tech board member William W. (Bud) Hill. Mr. Hill had been a treasurer at multiple districts in the county and on countless boards serving the community and bridging communication between service groups all during his lifetime. Mrs. Bernardini also noted that A-Tech was advertising evening adult classes.

Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht noted the weight room equipment had been procured with flooring being installed. This improvement to the high school building supports expanding health and wellness curriculum for 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 – None

Board President \_ None

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley reviewed agenda items. Mrs. Riley also discussed the COVID building plan and proposed that while the county maybe going into a red status, in discussion with the Conneaut Health Department, cases in Conneaut were not increasing as significantly as the state. Additional flexibility in the plan allows students to remain on the Gold 2 plan and continue to review the plan as needed. Mrs. Riley noted National Bus Safety week is October 19-23 and the great job that transportation staff has done this year.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed proposed board policy changes. Also reviewed were snowplow bids. There were two bids placed. True Finish Landscaping LLC proposed the lowest bid for Job 1 for CHS and LPS at \$17,250, along with snow removal at the bus garage for \$125 per hour. Polchosky Excavating submitted the lowest bid for Job 2 for GES and CMS at \$13,500, for the

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2020/2021 season. Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Miranda both shared their remembrances and respect for Mr. Hill as a force in the school environment in the county and how he had supported them both professionally in their careers as school administrators.

10-2020-01 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2020 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
 Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini and Brecht  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

10-2020-02 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Penny Armeni that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)  
 Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht and Armeni  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

10-2020-03 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$20.00 from Rebecca Sanford to SPARC, in memory of Kathleen Sanford, fund#019-9101
- Donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Jerry and Lyndsey Orlando to SPARC, in memory of Kathleen Sanford, fund #019-9101

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

10-2020-04 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board hereby recognize the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America as an established organization/club at Conneaut High School beginning the 2020-2021 school year.  
 Ayes: Brecht, Armeni, Bartone and Bernardini  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

10-2020-05 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the request to create the following fund with all the corresponding revenue and expenditure line items.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Organization/Club, Fund #300-9400

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

10-2020-06 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board accept the 2020-2021 snow removal contracts as presented.

Job 1-CHS/LPS	True Finish Landscaping LLC	\$17,250
Job 1-Bus Garage-Snow Removal	True Finish Landscaping LLC	\$125/per hour

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini and Brecht

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Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried

10-2020-07 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board accept the 2020-2021 snow removal contracts as presented.

Job 2-GES/CMS	Polchosky Excavating	\$13,500
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Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht and Armeni  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried

10-2020-08 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the Student Activity budgets for 2020-2021 as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

10-2020-09 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the Audiology Services agreement between the district and Community Action as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

10-2020-10 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the Pre-Crisis Screening and Behavior Intervention service agreement between the district and Community Counseling Center of Ashtabula County as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

10-2020-11 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the revised Reset and Restart Plan for school year 2020-2021 as presented.

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

10-2020-12 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board give first reading to the following policies and revisions as presented.

- 6144 INVESTMENTS
- 6152 STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES
- 6152.01 WAIVER OF SCHOOL FEES FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
- 6325 PROCUREMENT FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDS

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

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## Motion Carried

10-2020-13 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the abolishment of the following classified positions effective October 28, 2020 as presented.

- #04-67 Preschool Bus Aide
- #04-70 Preschool Bus Aide (Mid-day)

Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Armeni and Bartone

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2020-14 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the abolishment of the following classified positions effective December 7, 2020 as presented.

- #01-08 Satellite School Helper
- #03-39 CHS 10-Month Custodian 4/hr
- #04-73 CHS Health Aide
- #04-32 Bus Aide
- #04-33 Bus Aide
- #04-34 Bus Aide
- #04-36 Bus Aide
- #04-37 Bus Aide
- #04-75 Bus Aide

Ayes: Brecht, Armeni, Bartone and Bernardini

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2020-15 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.

15.01 Approve leave for the following personnel.

Nick Davis, bus mechanic, effective 9/22/20 through 10/14/20 using unpaid personal leave.

Ariane Palshook, bus aide w/paraprofessional certification, effective 10/2/20 through 1/4/21 using unpaid personal leave.

15.02 Approve resignations as presented:

Classified:

Nick Davis, bus mechanic, effective 10/14/20

Carol Murtha, paraprofessional, effective 10/14/20

15.03 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Sara Gleason from B+15 to M

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

Gary Pitts, driver, step 13, 7 hrs. per/day moving to bus aide/paraprofessional certification, 6.75 hrs. per/day, effective 9/3/20

Floyd Cameron, step 0, 4 hrs/per day, 10-month custodian, effective 9/22/20

Shelley Campbell, step 0, 13.5 hrs/weekly, bus aide w/paraprofessional certification, effective 9/24/20

Shelly Campbell, step 0, 3 hrs/per day, LPS satellite school helper, effective 9/24/20

Larry Latva, driver, step 6, 4.25 hrs. per/day moving to bus aide w/paraprofessional certification, 24 hrs/weekly, effective 9/24/20

Don Myers, step 2, 10.5 hrs/weekly, bus aide, effective 9/24/20

Pam Partridge, step 0, 32.5 hrs/weekly, bus aide w/paraprofessional certification, effective 9/24/20

Nicole Valenti, Step 0, 10 hrs/weekly, bus aide w/paraprofessional certification, effective 9/24/20

Amber Wells, step 6, 13 hrs/weekly, bus aide, effective 9/24/20

Kelly Wojtowicz, step 10, 22 hrs/weekly, bus aide, effective 9/24/20

Heidi Spero, step 0, 21 hrs/weekly, bus aide w/paraprofessional certification, effective 10/8/20

- 15.05 Approve the following changes in classified contracts.

- Bus Driver changes, effective 9/3/20
  - Sherrri Douglas, from 6 hrs/per day to 29 hrs/weekly
  - Carly Strader, from 6.75 hrs/per day to 28 hrs/weekly
  - Sharon Salhoff, from 5.75 hrs/per day to 22 hrs/weekly
  - Rena Picard, from 6.25 hrs/per day to 29.25 hrs/weekly
  - Lisa Poff, from 5.75 hrs/per day to 26 hrs/weekly
  - James Faidley, from 6.75 hrs/per day to 25.5 hrs/weekly
  - Patty Jackson, from 5 hrs/per day to 24.5 hrs/weekly
  - Ruth Mackey, from 6 hrs/per day to 28 hrs/weekly
  - Tracy Thomas, from 7.5 hrs/per day to 32 hrs/weekly
  - Jeff Lowery, from 6.75 hrs/per day to 27.5 hrs/weekly
  - Pauline Jarvi, from 7.5 hrs/per day to 11.5 hrs/weekly
  - Amber Wells, from 6.25 hrs/per day to 10 hrs/weekly
- Bus Driver changes, effective 9/21/20:
  - Amber Wells, from 10 hrs/weekly to 10.5 hrs/weekly
- Bus Driver changes, effective 10/2/20:
  - Pauline Jarvi, from 11.5 hrs/weekly to 24.5 hrs/weekly
- Bus Driver/Bus Aide changes, effective 10/5/20
  - Carly Strader, from 28 hrs/weekly to 29 hrs/weekly
  - Tracy Thomas, from 32 hrs/weekly to 32.25 hrs/weekly
  - Larry Latva, from 24 hrs/weekly to 25 hrs/weekly

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

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Emily Tallbacka Junior Class Advisor Step 2  
 Keri Hayes CMS Gifted IAT Chairman Step 1  
 Doug Hedrick CHS Gifted IAT Chairman Step 1  
 Brittany Maurer LPS Gifted IAT Chairman Step 1

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

Joshua Morrison Maureen Surbella

15.08 Approve revised amount for Athletic Workers, High School Ticket sales retroactive to the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Loretta Andes Jackie Brady Brenda Fields  
 Kelly Jones Grace Tuuri

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

Board Member Summary: The board expressed appreciation to all staff for making the restart a successful and safe start to the school year for students and families. The board also requested that a thank you letter be sent in appreciation of school support to Ricky Gleason for coordination with the purchase of weight room equipment and Charlie's deli for the donation of space and free meals they have provided.

10-2020-16 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Christone Bartone that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Treasurer

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President