

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January, 13, 2021 at the Administration Office 230 Gateway Ave., Conneaut, Ohio 44030.

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

Others Present: Superintendent Lori Riley, Treasurer Jacelynn Miranda, and Martha Sorohan

President Penny Armeni called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Work Session: Mr. Joel Taylor, Athletic Administrator, provided the board with an athletic update. Voluntary practices had been held thru December with official contests beginning the week of January 4, 2021. On site spectators from Pennsylvania schools were not permitted into Ohio events and Ohio spectators were not permitted into Pennsylvania events. An athletic event with another Ashtabula County schools allowed 2 spectators per students and were required to remain socially distanced.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Armeni

Agenda Modifications: None

Public Participation: None

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Presentations:

Student of the Month was presented by Mrs. Penny Armeni, on behalf of the Conneaut Chamber of Commerce to Gateway Elementary School student, Lily Bosch. Mrs. Rebecca Thomas nominated Lily and shared that she is everything that Gateway Elementary School represents; safe, kind, problem solver and goes above and beyond in completing her assignments.

Mrs. Riley presented each of the board members with a certificate of recognition for their commitment to Conneaut Area City Schools in honor of Ohio School Board Recognition month.

Committee Reports:

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini noted that A-Tech board meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month. Dr. Harlan Waid will be president and Mr. Mike Kennedy will be the Vice President. Mr. Kennedy will also continue as the representing board member for Conneaut Area City Schools to the A-Tech Board of Education.

Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht noted that purchases for the weight room were being considered and prepared.

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – none

City Council – Mrs. Norton noted that Dottie Edwards was the Spartan of the Month and would be honored at the January 27th City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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Board President – Mrs. Armeni noted the next regular board meeting date would be Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at Conneaut High School Library, with a work session at 10:00 a.m. and the board meeting to begin at 10:30 a.m. The board retreat will be held on January 20, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Conneaut Public Library. She asked that board members send topics to Mrs. Riley to prepare an agenda.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley shared with the board that the two COVID-19 vaccination dates of February 12 and March 12 were still tentative until confirmation of availability with the Conneaut Health Department. She was processing a survey for commitment levels of staff and has a good response. Mrs. Riley also noted the waiver for teacher's evaluations for the 2020-2021 school year was included as a resolution on the agenda. Mrs. Riley discussed with the board several options regarding community service as a graduation requirement and the board will discuss at the board retreat. Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Miranda reviewed the Conneaut Middle School Boiler repair process and the purchase of an additional boiler.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda shared with the board that candidates for the Central Office Support Specialist position had been scheduled for an assessment at A-Tech and planned to interview the following week.

- 01-2021-19 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2020 and the special meeting of December 19, 2020 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
 Ayes: Bernardini, Bartone, Armeni, Brecht, and Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 01-2021-20 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Joan Norton that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
 Ayes: Bartone, Norton, Bernardini, Brecht, and Armeni
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 01-2021-21 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the following donations as presented.
- Donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Downtown Coaches Club for the CHS Weight room, fund #001-1890
- Ayes: Brecht, Bernardini, Norton, Armeni, and Bartone
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 01-2021-22 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the district tax budget of the Conneaut Area City Schools for the Fiscal Year 2022 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
 Ayes: Norton, Bernardini, Brecht, Armeni, and Bartone
 Nays:
 Abstain:

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Motion Carried

- 01-2021-23 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the resolution to declare conducting the remaining teacher evaluations impossible or impractical to complete for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year
Ayes: Bartone, Brecht, Bernardini, Armeni, and Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2021-24 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the Conneaut High School course fee schedule and course description guide for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
Ayes: Brecht, Bernardini, Norton, Armeni, and Bartone
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2021-25 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Bartone, 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.
- 25.01 Approve resignations as presented:
- Janet Sauers, due to retirement, effective 6/30/2021, She has been with the district for 19 years.
- 25.02 Approve leave for the following personnel.
- Ariane Palshook, bus aide, effective 1/5/2021 through 4/5/2021 using unpaid personal leave of absence.
- 25.03 Amend motion 10-2020-15, 15.05 of the October 21, 2020 regular board meeting:
(changes in classified contracts)
- Patty Jackson, from 5 hrs/per day to 25 hrs/weekly, effective 9/3/20
Ruth Mackey, from 6 hrs/per day to 28.5 hrs/weekly, effective 9/3/20
- 25.04 Amend motion 11-2020-10, 10.06 of the November 18, 2020 regular board meeting:
(changes in classified contracts, removed Patty Jackson with 26 hrs/weekly)
- Bus Driver changes, effective 9/14/20:
 - James Faidley, from 25.5 hrs/weekly to 26 hrs/weekly
 - Sharon Salhoff, from 22 hrs/weekly to 23.5 hrs/weekly
 - Bus Driver/Bus Aide changes, effective 10/19/20:

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Sherrri Douglas, from 29 hrs/weekly to 29.5 hrs/weekly
 James Faidley, from 26 hrs/weekly to 26.5 hrs/weekly
 Pauline Jarvi, from 24.5 hrs/weekly to 25.5 hrs/weekly
 Heidi Spero, from 21 hrs/weekly to 22 hrs/weekly

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

Marcus Currence, step 0, 8 hr. bus mechanic, effective 1/4/2021

- 25.06 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Alycia Schreckengost from B+15 to M

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

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| Dennis Distelrath | Head Track Coach | Step 1 |
| Chris Brown | Asst. Track Coach | Step 1 |
| Taylor Cleveland | Asst. Track Coach | Step 1 |
| Jessica Kennedy | Asst. Track Coach | Step 1 |
| Adam Lytle | Asst. Track Coach | Step 8 |
| Robert McBride | Asst. Track Coach | Step 1 |
| Bill Lipps | Head Baseball Coach | Step 1 |
| Matt Pape | Asst. Baseball Coach | Step 4 |
| Doug Hedrick | Boys Tennis Coach | Step 3 |
| Nathan Wise | CMS Tennis Coach | Step 1 |
| Ryan Sherman | Head Softball Coach | Step 1 |
| Joe Chadwick | Asst. Softball Coach | Step 1 |

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

Cheryl Charlillo

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board Members' Summary: The board was pleased with staff response to the vaccination survey and commend the staff for their exemplary commitment to social distancing, and execution and monitoring of the educational process for students. The board also thanks Janet Sauers, for her years of service and commitment to her students and the district and wishes her well in retirement.

01-2021-26 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

Ayes: Norton, Brecht, Bernardini, Aremni, and Bartone

Nays:

Abstain:

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Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Treasurer

President