

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at the Conneaut High School 381 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030. The Regular Meeting was preceded by a 10:00a.m. Work Session.

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

Others Present: Keith Troia, Eric Hrin, Brian Haytcher, Kristina Mucci, Tawnya Smith, Nicole Summers, and Janie Burdick

President Penny Armeni called the meeting to order at 11:00a.m.

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

Work Session: Mr. Brian Chase, Technology Director, provided the board with recent E-rate process. The district will be utilizing Category 2 funding to increase density of WiFi coverage across the district.

Mrs. Riley reviewed the Ohio Fair School Funding Plan with the board, noting that Senator Sandra O'Brien would be available for discussion and questions on an upcoming Zoom meeting. Mrs. Riley also reviewed the COVID-19 timeline for students to have increased onsite education while following evolving federal state and local health guideline changes since the previous board meeting. Mrs. Riley also received staff input. Summer plans and staffing plans for next school year are in progress. The near goal is to have students back in classrooms thru a safe pro-active approach. Logistics of food service and transportation will experience the largest changes. After discussion, the board would like to be prepared to return to four days per week education if it can be accomplished following current guidelines.

Mrs. Miranda reviewed ESSER I, II and III funding information from the NEO OASBO Webinar. The district has expended ESSER I funds primarily for achieving one-to-one electronic devices. ESSER II funds will be available to be spent thru September of 2023, with ESSER III funds being available for use thru at least September 2024. Uses of funds must be relatable to COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Miranda also share with the board that the fiscal office would be participating in training for new budgetary payroll software that would be transitioning in May 2021.

Mrs. Krissy Mucci, Lakeshore Primary School Principal, shared with the board the positive changes that COVID-19 has yielded for LPS. The shorter day has reduced discipline and increased attendance. There are less transitions for students during the day, also reducing discipline. Smaller classroom sizes allow for more individualized attention. Online conferencing has seen highly improved parent participation. Preschool registration appointments for next school year will be available April 19-26. Kindergarten registration appointments for next school year will be held Mondays in May.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Penny Armeni.

Agenda Modifications: None

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2021

Public Participation: From 11:30-12:08, parents of Conneaut students participated in sharing concerns about students not returning to at least four days per week onsite instruction during the pandemic.

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Presentations:

Student of the Month was presented by Mrs. Lori Riley, on behalf of the Conneaut Chamber of Commerce to Gateway Elementary School student, Ayden Tantari. Mrs. Jody Brecht nominated Ayden and shared that he is polite, hardworking and kind. He is creative and smart and always encouraging others.

Committee Reports:

Legislative – Mr. Bartone shared that HB67 had proposed using progress reports rather than letter grades.

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini noted that 74 Conneaut students are enrolled in A-Tech education plans.

Athletic Council/SPARC– None

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – None

City Council – Mrs. Norton noted the Spartan of the Month for March would be Anthony Burckhartte.

Board President –Mrs. Armeni noted the next regular board meeting date would be Wednesday, April 21, 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.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley presented the board with learning recovery options and extended school year programming. Mrs. Riley also noted that she had requested the ODE Area Coordinator for a staffing analysis that will provide district data compared to state average staffing.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed current agenda items.

03-2021-01 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2021 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
 Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2021

- 03-2021-02 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Joan Norton that the financial reports be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
 Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 03-2021-03 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the following donations as presented.
- Donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Port of Conneaut Credit Union for SPARC, fund #019-9100
 - Donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Charles and Kathie Hardin for SPARC, fund #019-9100
 - Donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the Eagles Club for SPARC, fund #019-9100.
 - Donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from F.O. Eagles for SPARC, fund #019-9100.
 - Donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from J. Colangelo for SPARC, fund #019-9100.
 - Donation in the amount of \$575.82 from the Moose Lodge for SPARC, fund #019-9100.
 - Donation in the amount of \$5000.00 from the Moose Lodge for SPARC, fund #019-9100.
 - Donation in the amount of \$4,800.00 from RHI Magnesita for the general fund #001-0000.
 - Donation of monetary amounts monthly for school clinics to meet student needs from United Church of Christ.
 - Donation of gift cards of various amounts to meet student needs from New Leaf United Methodist Church.
- Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Brecht
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 03-2021-04 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies to the County Auditor as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
 Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2021

- 03-2021-05 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the Greatwave E-rate category 1 proposal in the amount of \$1,296.00 monthly for a 60-month term as presented.
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 03-2021-06 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the Lake Tec E-rate category 2 proposal in the amount of \$14,998.00 as presented.
Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 03-2021-07 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the purchased services contract with Healthcare Process Consulting as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 03-2021-08 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the district calendar for school year 2021-2022 as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 03-2021-09 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the resolution authorizing required third grade assessments in paper format as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 03-2021-10 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the resolution to endorse the Fair School Funding Plan as contained in House Bill 1, and to encourage the 134th General Assembly to expedite the passage of the bill as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2021

03-2021-11 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board give first reading to the following policies and revisions as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

- 2240 CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES
- 6144 INVESTMENTS
- 6220 BUDGET PREPARATION
- 6600 DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS: CASH COLLECTION POINTS
- 8450.01 PROTECTIVE FACIAL COVERINGS DURING PANDEMIC/EPIDEMIC EVENTS
- 8500 FOOD SERVICES

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

03-2021-12 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini 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.

12.01 Approve resignations as presented:

Certified:

Wenonah Chonich, due to retirement, effective 5/31/21. She has been with the district for 20 years.

12.02 Approve leave for the following personnel.

➤ Classified:

Wanda Petrovich, OSS Administrative Assistant, effective 2/16/21 through 3/15/21 using unpaid personal illness leave of absence.

➤ Certified:

Jessica Cunningham, beginning on or about 4/28/21 through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year following the birth of a child. She will return at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

12.03 Approve the following changes classified contracts.

➤ Larry Latva, bus aide, from 26.25 hrs/weekly to 22 hrs/weekly, effective 1/31/21

➤ Larry Latva, from bus aide 22 hrs/weekly to driver 27.5 hrs/weekly, effective 3/4/21

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2021

- Marcus Currence, step 4, 8 hrs/day, bus mechanic, effective 3/8/21

12.04 Approve employment for the following certified personnel as a home tutor at \$20.00/hr. effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

Keri Hayes

12.05 Approve certified substitute personnel for the 2020-2021 school year.

Cathy Gebhardt

12.06 Approve classified substitute personnel for the 2020-2021 school year.

Darrell Thomas

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

Nathan Wise Academic Team Advisor Step 1

12.08 Approve Level 1 volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year.

Erik Hodges Christopher Newcomb

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board Member Summary: The board congratulated Mrs. Riley for Citizen of the Year honor by the Conneaut Chamber of Commerce. The board also extended appreciation to the teaching and support staff for their continued commitment to students and community. The board members thanked Mr. Brecht for his full page ad saluting the Academic Team. The board thanked parents and community members for coming to the meeting to express their concerns and comments, and values their input as they continue to strive for the goal to return students back safely to classrooms in an unprecedented situation.

03-2021-13 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Christopher Bartone to move into executive session at 12:28 p.m. for the purpose of safety and employment of personnel.

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2021

Executive session ended at 1:00 p.m.

03-2021-14 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 1:01 p.m.

Treasurer

President