

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

May 19, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at the Conneaut High School 381 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030. The Regular Meeting was preceded by a 9:58 a.m. Work Session.

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

Others Present: Keith Troia.

President Penny Armeni called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

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

Work Session: Mrs. Riley began the work session discussion regarding staffing and the focus on utilizing ESSERS monies on human resources. Federal funds that have been allocated to the district have been able to employ and retain several 10 month custodial positions, six bus aide positions with no anticipation of reducing the positions during COVID or the aftermath of COVID. Mrs. Riley explained the movement in existing certified staff and the positions that will be necessary moving into next school year.

Mrs. Miranda reviewed the Five Year Forecast during the work session. The district forecast will experience negative spending in FY22 – FY25, but is in a financial position to make changes as necessary beginning in FY22 to minimize the impact. Mrs. Miranda also provided an update on the transition into the new Fiscal software.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Armeni.

Agenda Modifications: To include for discussion of property and the employment of personnel to the purposes of discussion for executive session.

Public Participation: None

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Presentations: Board President, Mrs. Armeni, announced the Business Honor Roll members nominated to OSBA in recognition of their businesses in the Conneaut Community. Honorees were State Farm Insurance, Great Wave and Conneaut Cable Access Television, Conneaut City Board of Health, and Rainbow Café.

April Student of the Month, Don Lundgren, presented by teacher Mr. Mark Salvaterra. May Student of the Month, Seamus, present by teacher Mrs. Heather Eaton.

Committee Reports:

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini noted that A-Tech graduation would be May 28th at Lakeside High School at 7:00 p.m.

Athletic Council/SPARC– None

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – None

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City Council – Mrs. Norton the Spartan of the Month for May would be 9th grader, Kayla Farley.

Board President –Mrs. Armeni noted that graduation would be held May 29th on Joslin Field and there would be a mask mandate for graduates and guests.

Superintendent’s report: Mrs. Riley shared that even though the state mask mandate expires statewide on June 2, 2021, the district would uphold the mask mandate thru the last student day. Mrs. Riley shared that there are 92 students currently registered for kindergarten for the FY22 school year. The district is moving forward with an assessment tool called i-Ready that will assist teachers in comprehensive student assessment. Also the district will be moving forward with Final Forms that allows electronic student registration forms for parent use of ease. Mrs. Riley thanked the Conneaut Rotary for the monetary gift that allowed the buildings to provide a luncheon for their staff.

Treasurer’s report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed current agenda items and proposed board policy changes.

05-2021-01 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 26, 2021 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

05-2021-02 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

05-2021-03 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$740.45 from Conneaut Moose Lodge for SPARC, #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Conneaut Eagles Club for SPARC, #019-9100

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

05-2021-04 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the five-year Financial Forecast be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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05-2021-05 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education authorizes membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
 Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

05-2021-06 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the purchase of one (1) 78 passenger bus, \$85,774.00 from Rush Bus Centers of Ohio, as a result of participation in the Ohio Schools Council School Bus Purchasing Program as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
 Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Brecht
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

05-2021-07 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the following policies, bylaws and revisions as presented.

- 6114 COST PRINCIPLES-SPENDING FEDERAL FUNDS

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

05-2021-08 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board give first reading to the following policy, bylaws and revisions as presented.”

- 6325 PROCUREMENT-FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDS
- 7450 PROPERTY INVENTORY
- 7455 ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR CAPITAL ASSETS

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

05-2021-09 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the following list of Conneaut High School Seniors, Class of 2021, as certified by the High School Principal, for diplomas pending satisfactory completion of state and local requirements.

Angel Marie Cline David Hunter Fuentes

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini
 Nays:
 Abstain:
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05-2021-10 Moved by Christopher Brecht, 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.

10.01 Approve resignations as presented:

Certified:

Megan Mullins, effective 8/11/21

10.02 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Tim Tallbacka, from M+15 to M+30

10.03 Approve changes in classified contracts for 2020-2021.

- Step changes:

Nicole Valenti, step 1, 10 hr/weekly bus aide/parapro certification, effective 1/14/21

Nicole Valenti, step 1, 3 HR cafeteria/satellite school helper, effective 1/19/21

- Changes in hours effective 4/5/21:

Drivers:

Sherrie Douglas, from 29.5 hrs/weekly to 30 hrs/weekly

James Faidley, from 26.5 hrs/weekly to 27 hrs/weekly

Patty Jackson, from 25 hrs/weekly to 24 hrs/weekly

Pauline Jarvi, from 25.5 hrs/weekly to 30 hrs/weekly

Larry Latva, from 27.5 hrs/weekly to 28.75 hrs/weekly

Ruth Mackey, from 28.5 hrs/weekly to 30 hrs/weekly

Renae Picard, from 29.25 hrs/weekly to 31.5 hrs/weekly

Lisa Poff, from 26 hrs/weekly to 27 hrs/weekly

Sharon Salhoff, from 23.5 hrs/weekly to 28 hrs/weekly

Carly Strader, from 29 hrs/weekly to 30 hrs/weekly

Tracy Thomas, from 32.25 hrs/weekly to 32.5 hrs/weekly

Amber Wells, from 10.5 hrs/weekly to 12 hrs/weekly

Bus Aides:

Eugene Emery, bus aide/parapro cert, from 25 hrs/weekly to 26 hrs/weekly

Pam Partridge, bus aide/parapro cert, from 21.5 hrs/weekly to 23 hrs/weekly

Heidi Spero, bus aide/parapro cert, from 22 hrs/weekly to 5.25 hrs/daily

Nicole Valenti, bus aide/parapro cert, from 10 hrs/weekly to 12 hrs/weekly

- Change in hours effective 4/14/21:

Amber Wells, bus aide, from 13 hrs/weekly to 11 hrs/weekly

- Change in hours 5/5/21:

Pam Partridge, bus aide/parapro cert, from 23 hrs/weekly to 28.75 weekly

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- 10.04 Approve employment for one (1) seasonal worker, May 10, 2021, through date to be determined at \$10.00/hour.

Darrell Thomas

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

Heidi Camp Cheryl Moscorelli

- 10.06 Approve a one (1) year limited contract for the following classified personnel.

Floyd Cameron Step 0 11 hrs/weekly bus aide, 2020-2021
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- 10.07 Approve a one (1) year administrative contract at levels of the administrative salary scale for the following personnel effective with the 2021-2022 school year.

Keri Hayes Curriculum and Instruction Supervisor

- 10.08 Approve a one (1) year limited contract for the following certified personnel for the 2021-2022 school year.

Louise Cleveland	School Nurse	B+15, step 10
Ryan Sherman	Health/PE	B+15, step 7
Alexis Zappitelli	Elementary Teacher	B, step 0

- 10.09 Approve a two (2) year limited contract for classified personnel now serving on a one (1) year limited contract for the 2021-2022 school year.

Heidi Spero	Step 5	5.25 hrs/daily, bus aide/parapro certification
Nicole Valenti	Step 2	3 hr/daily, cafeteria/satellite school helper
Nicole Valenti	Step 2	12 hr/weekly, bus aide/parapro certification

- 10.10 Approve employment for the following as substitute certified personnel for the 2021-2022 school year.

Peter Alessi	Glenda Betteridge	Bill Brotzman
Cheryl Charlillo	Jessica Dell	Dennis Distelrath
Rebecca Eidens	Katherine Essig	Brian Ewig
Jodie Fowler	Cathy Gebhardt	Mathew Jury
Stephen Kerekes	Olympia Maenpa	Amber Marshall
Robert McBride	Megan Merlene	Anthony Morano
Debbie Neubauer	Debra Obrenski	Debbielin Offenberg
Linda Palo	Kate Ramsey-Willer	Patricia Rowbotham
Sarah Sablyak	Melissa Simpson	Jennifer Spurlin
Grace Tuuri	Paula Williams	Patricia Wood
Amber Yeckle	Alexis Zappitelli	

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- 10.11 Approve employment for the following as substitute classified personnel for the 2021-2022 school year.

Peter Alessi	India Bearce	Jodie Benson
Tiffany Braden	Beth Briestenski	Kathy Bucci
Melody Burnett	Gloria Campbell	Jamie Chervinski
Sherry Clark	Connie Coxon	Gary Duris
Michael Edgerly	Lana Ensman	Tammy Fetterhoff
Brenda Fields	Maggie Flanigan	Tim Gran
Kathryn Loomis	Pam Lowry	Amber Marshall
Sharon Palko	William Poff	Kimberly Potts
Michelle Rose	Dee Rutherford	Sarah Sablyak
Ashley Sanford	Sandra Schreiber	Melissa Simpson
Sonja Sorenson	Grace Tuuri	Tina Vincenzo
Chelsey Walker	Frank Wojtowicz	Joe Zappitello

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board Member Summary: The board thanked the OSBA Business Honor Rolls honorees for their commitment to businesses that serve the Conneaut community and for all they do for the school district.

- 05-2021-11 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher bartone that the Board move to executive session to discuss negotiations of property and the employment of personnel.

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board moved into executive session at 11:32 a.m.

Mr. Bartone exited the executive meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Mrs. Riley and Mr. Brecht exited the executive meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Board left executive session and returned to open meeting at 12:37 p.m.

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05-2021-12 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.”
Ayes: Armeni
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 12:38 p.m.