

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

June 16, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at the Conneaut High School 381 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030. The Regular Meeting was preceded by a 10:00 a.m. Work Session.

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

Others Present: Ariona Osfer, Sofi Thompson, Madisyn Braden, Adrianna Ross, Aurora McDaniel, Jesse McDaniel, Andrea Specht, Amanda Sanford, Ryan Tattrie, Chad Campbell, Tiffany Braden, Keith Troia, Eric Hrin.

President Penny Armeni called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

Work Session: Mrs. Dawn Zappitelli, Gateway Elementary School Principal, provided an end of year presentation to the board members. She highlighted the yearlong commitment to find silver linings that presented as opportunities because of smaller class sizes due to COVID-19. The third quarter to the fourth quarter was a transition period for students as it was an acclimation to have all students return for the last nine weeks. Custodial staff, paraprofessionals, and cafeteria staff all worked together to benefit students during lunch times. She was pleased to report that the building held the 5<sup>th</sup> grade farewell. For the 2021-2022 school year, she is planning for six teachers at each grade level and anticipates nineteen to twenty students per classroom. PAX training has been offered to staff and PBIS training will be provided for all new staff. Gifted cluster groups will still remain in the classroom for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mrs. Riley reported during the work session that several intervention specialist positions had been reposted. She is updating the Restart and Reset plans as information is available for the opening of school and will be discussing at the August Board meeting. She asked that the Board arrange to have a Special meeting on June 30 to consider the approval of CEA and CCEA bargaining agreements and fiscal year end requirements.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Armeni.

Agenda Modifications: None

Delegations and visitors: Multiple CHS Lady Spartan Volleyball players, parents, grandparents and others spoke in the public participation segment of the meeting in support of Justin Sanford, Head Volleyball Coach for the last six seasons.

Correspondence: Mrs. Miranda read a prepared letter to be sent to Ohio Speaker of the House, Robert R. Cupp, in support of Speaker Cupp and all he has done in coordination with John Patterson, and countless others, to develop the Fair School Funding Plan. The board members signed a copy showing their support and Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Miranda signed a second copy reflecting their support.

Presentations: Mrs. Zappitelli presented during the work session

Committee Reports:

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini noted that A-Tech graduation was rescheduled for a week later due to weather at Lakeside High School.

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Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht reported that the SPARC Golf Outing was planned for July 17.

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – None

City Council – Mrs. Norton the Spartan of the Month for June would be 9<sup>th</sup> grader, Jenna Williams. Mrs. Norton also noted that the next Joint City Council meeting would be held September 15<sup>th</sup> and 6:00 p.m. at Conneaut High School Library.

Board President –Mrs. Armeni noted that graduation was postponed by one day due to weather, and that the ceremony went well and she was impressed with the class.

Superintendent’s report: Mrs. Riley shared her excitement with the board in discussing the new hires and movement within the buildings for the upcoming school year and the plans for how staff will be utilized this next school year.

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

- 06-2021-01      Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2021 be approved as presented.  
Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 06-2021-02      Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Joan Norton that the financial report be approved as presented.  
Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 06-2021-03      Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the creation of the following FY’22 Federal Grant Fund and establish all the corresponding revenue and expenditure line items.”
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| • | ESSER-Elementary and Secondary School<br>Emergency Relief | 507-9022 | \$2,615,149.42 |
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- Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Brecht  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 06-2021-04      Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that Guarantee Trust Life Insurance be awarded the student accident insurance contract for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.  
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Brecht  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried

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- 06-2021-05 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the following donations as presented.
- Donation in the amount of \$2,021.00 from the Conneaut Dairy Queen for Prom, fund #200-9022
  - Donation in the amount of \$1,300.00 from the Conneaut Rotary Club for Teacher Appreciation Week, fund #018-9100, 018-9200, 018-9300, 018-9400
  - Donation in the amount of \$1,600.00 from Conneaut Eagles Club for SPARC, fund #019-9100
  - Donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Scott and Suzanne Peglow in memory of Viola Gerdes for SPARC, fund #019-9100
  - Donation in the amount of \$96.80 from Pamela Wyman Salas in memory of Viola Gerdes for SPARC, fund 019-9100
  - Donation in the amount of \$96.80 from Susan MacKinney in memory of Viola Gerdes for SPARC, fund 019-9100
  - Donation in the amount of \$48.25 from Stefanie Leibovitz in memory of Viola Gerdes for SPARC, fund 019-9100
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Norton  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried
- 06-2021-06 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the following policies, bylaws and revisions as presented.
- 6325 PROCUREMENT-FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDS
  - 7450 PROPERTY INVENTORY
  - 7455 ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR CAPITAL ASSETS
- Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried
- 06-2021-07 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Joan Norton that the following quote for bread products for the 2021-2022 school year be awarded as presented.
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| <u>To: Bimbo Bakeries</u>  |        |                                |        |
| Whole Grain White Bread    | \$1.85 | Whole Grain Hot Dog Buns       | \$2.16 |
| Whole Grain Wheat Bread    | \$1.85 | Whole Grain Wheat Dinner Rolls | \$1.83 |
| Whole Grain Hamburger Buns | \$2.16 |                                |        |
- Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried
- 06-2021-08 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the following quote for milk products for the 2021-2022 school year be awarded as presented.
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| <u>To: Dean's Dairy</u>      |        |                   |        |
| Half Pint 1% Milk            | \$0.23 | Apple Juice 4 OZ  | \$0.17 |
| Half Pint Fat Free Chocolate | \$0.23 | Orange Juice 4 OZ | \$0.13 |

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Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

06-2021-09 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Joan Norton that the following breakfast and lunch prices be approved as presented for the 2021-2022 school year.

Student type A lunch

Lakeshore Primary/Gateway Elementary:	Breakfast: \$1.35	Lunch: \$2.75
Conneaut Middle/Conneaut High:	Breakfast: \$1.65	Lunch: \$3.00
Adult lunch \$4.00, milk extra		
Adult breakfast, all ala carte		

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

06-2021-10 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve a supplemental contract for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

Elizabeth Bernardini      Asst. Band Director      Step 2

Ayes: Armeni, Norton

Nays:

Abstain: Bernardini

Motion Carried

06-2021-11 Moved by Christopher Brecht, 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."

11.01 Approve resignations as presented:

Suzanne Malys, effective 8/1/21

11.02 Approve leave for the following personnel.

Heather Eaton, beginning on or about 8/30/21 through 10/29/21 following the birth of a child.

11.03 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Rocco Dobran, from M+15 to M+30  
Michael Kenyon, from M+15 to M+30

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- 11.04 Approve employment for the following certified personnel as home tutors at \$20.00/hr., for the 2021 summer program, effective June 15-July 29, T-W-TH, paid through ESSERS II fund.

Melodie Bimle	Cathy Gebhardt	Kelly Jones
Michael Kenyon	Jodi Pasanen	Sherri Vendetti

- 11.05 Approve changes in classified contracts for 2020-2021.

Keith Troia, from 2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodian to head custodian, step 9

- 11.06 Approve employment for the following classified personnel on an as-needed basis, for the 2021 summer program, paid through ESSERS II fund.

Carly Strader, summer bus driver, 4 hrs/M-TH, step 13  
 Julene Edwards, summer bus aide, 4 hrs/M-TH, step 20  
 Sherri Douglas, summer bus driver, Re-Ed, 5.25 hrs/T, TH, step 13  
 Robin Million, summer bus aide, Re-Ed, 5hrs/T, TH, step 18  
 Sharon Salhoff, summer bus driver, 3.5 hrs/M-F, step 8

- 11.07 Approve employment for the following summer custodians, effective June 21-July 30, 2021, paid through ESSERS II fund.

Rick Hillyer – Gateway Elementary School  
 Mark Poore – Conneaut Middle School  
 Floyd Cameron – Conneaut High School  
 Wanda Petrovich – Lakeshore Primary School

- 11.08 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.

Carrie Brockway                      Lakeshore Primary School Principal

- 11.09 Approve a one (1) year limited contract for the following certified personnel for the 2021-2022 school year, paid through ESSERS II fund.

Meghan Cafaro	Writing	M+30, step 20
Gina Dickinson	Kindergarten	B+15, step 0
Heather Harmon	Math	M+30, step 16
Julie Lester	Intervention	B, step 7
Emma Perry	Art	B, step 0
Julie Phares	Spanish	M+30, step 20
Anthony Todaro	Grade 4	B+15, step 16
Molly Todaro	Reading	M+15, step 16

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## 11.10 Approve one-year Supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.

Jessica Kennedy	Head Cross Country	Step 8
Melissa Bambarger	Asst. Cross Country	Step 1
Rocco Dobran	Head Football-CHS	Step 11
Erik Hodges	Asst. Football-CHS	Step 3
Anthony Pasanen	Asst. Football-CHS	Step 4
Tim Tallbacka	Asst. Football-CHS	Step 8
Anthony Todaro	Asst. Football-CHS	Step 1
Peter Alessi	Asst. Football-CMS	Step 1
Emily Dobran	Cheerleading Adv. Fall	Step 1
Emily Tallbacka	Cheerleading Adv. Winter	Step 2
Jodie Pape	Majorette Advisor	Step 7
Theresa Morrison	Drill Team Advisor	Step 1
Rebecca Thomas	Head Girls Soccer	Step 4
John Eaton	Asst. Girls Soccer	Step 1
Adam Lytle	CMS Soccer	Step 6
Kevin Santee	Head Boys Soccer	Step 1
Joe Chadwick	Asst. Boys Soccer	Step 1
Doug Hedrick	Girls Tennis	Step 5
Maureen Ritari	Head Volleyball	Step 1
Alexis Zappitelli	Asst. Volleyball-CHS	Step 1
Keri Hayes	Asst. Volleyball-7 <sup>th</sup> gr.	Step 2
Keith Sherman	Asst. Volleyball-8 <sup>th</sup> gr.	Step 1
Melodie Bimle	IAT Chair-CMS	Step 1
Jan Nieminen	IAT Chair-GES	Step 15
Kari McKinley	IAT Chair-CHS	Step 6
Brittany Maurer	IAT Chair-LPS	Step 4
Jamie Kennedy	IAT Chair-LPS	Step 1
Emily Tallbacka	Yearbook Advisor-CHS	Step 5
Jen Weagraff	Yearbook Advisor-CMS	Step 7
Kari McKinley	Senior Class Advisor	Step 16
Kari McKinley	Freshman Class Advisor	Step 16
Nathan Wise	National Honor Society	Step 1 (half time)
Zachary Rhodes	National Honor Society	Step 1 (half time)
Nathan Wise	Academic Team Advisor	Step 2 (half time)
Zachary Rhodes	Academic Team Advisor	Step 1 (half time)

## 11.11 Approve volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year.

Robert Edwards-level 1  
 Ted Johnson-level 1  
 John Rice-level 1  
 Bert Newsome-level 3

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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Board Member Summary: The board thanked the Conneaut Lions Club for providing Safety Town to the children of Conneaut for over fifty years. The board also congratulated all the MVP's for spring sports. The board also acknowledged the Class of "71" for the ten scholarships provided at the awards programs.

06-2021-12      Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.  
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 11:52 a.m.

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Treasurer

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President