

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

July 21, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, Jul 21, 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: Keith Troia

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: Mrs. Jackie Miranda, Treasurer, provided a funding update on the Fair School Funding Plan(FSFP) as signed by Governor DeWine. The funding ideology was adopted virtually as it had been written three and a half years prior, when the FSFP was being created with 60% of funds for direct classroom instruction, 15% for instructional and student support, 20% for building leadership and operations and 5% for district leadership and accountability. The funding will flow to where the student is educated. The state will fund and pay Community School, STEM, EdChoice, Autism, and JP Scholarship starting in July. Open enrollment also will no longer be handled as a transfer. Economically Disadvantaged Aid will now be DPIA-Disadvantaged Pupil Aide. Districts will be required to develop a plan for utilizing DIA funds. The Governor's Student Wellness and Success Fund#467 is being absorbed into the formula for use as DPIA as the purposes and requirements are similar. Mrs. Miranda also noted that she, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Gross had met with an electronic ticketing supplier and how that would look for Conneaut ticket sales. Mrs. Miranda also noted that the Middle School athletic events would not charge for admission again this year.

Mr. Nate Wise, Conneaut High and Middle School Band Instructor, introduced a high school band member modeling a newly styled sample of a two-piece uniform from Stanbury Uniforms. The Music Department plans to work with the Music Boosters and district to raise funds to purchase between sixty and seventy uniforms for the 2022-2023 marching season. The uniform count would include dressing current band members and then fifteen to twenty additional uniforms to allow for individual member size growth and participation growth.

Meeting began at 10:35 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Armeni

Agenda Modifications: None

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Presentations: None

Committee Reports:

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini noted that Mr. Mike Kennedy is currently the Vice President of the A-Tech Board and will take over as President for the 2021-2022 school year. Jeff Seth is retiring from ABLE and the YO Program. With increasing enrollment at A-Tech, the board is considering long term solutions. The quarterly newsletter has been sent out, which features multiple Conneaut students.

Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht reported that the SPARC Golf Outing has been delayed by a week due to weather. The next SPARC meeting would be on July 21 at 3:30 p.m. at the Board office.

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – None

City Council – None

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Board President – None

Superintendent’s report: Mrs. Riley explained that the creation of an unskilled maintenance job description is a result of the negotiation process with the Conneaut Classified Employees Association and will mostly be a Buildings and Grounds position with a high focus on the SPARC property. The person who is awarded the position can also fill in for custodial absences. Mrs. Riley also shared the True North is offering a fundraiser to willing school districts from August 1 thru September 30 that will generate 1 cent for every gallon sold at the in town True North station. Mrs. Riley is planning on the district sponsoring an administrator to participate in the Ashtabula Leadership Program. She is currently considering options for the Special Education position to fill the resignation of Dr. Tim Neal. Mrs. Riley shared her hope to return to in person learning and is planning on a five full day on site week. The enrollment and building space available should allow for 18-22 students per classroom, and be able to maintain three feet of social distance. There are multiple layers of guidance, but ultimately will follow Conneaut Health Department recommendations. Federal law dictates students must be masked on school busses as it is considered public transportation. New Staff Orientation will be August 23, followed by Backpack Distribution at Conneaut Human Resource Center. All staff Convocation Day will be August 24th. D-Day will be held August 19, 20, and 21 with the organization only requesting to use LPS for parking and reenactment camping and CHS property for parking.

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

07-2021-01 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2021 and the special meeting of June 30, 2021 be approved as presented.
 Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

07-2021-02 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Joan Norton that the financial report be approved as presented.
 Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

07-2021-03 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the following petty cash accounts are established for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Cafeteria – Pam Anderson \$250.00
- Administration Petty Cash Fund - Alexa Pitcher \$200.00
- CHS Athletic – Joel Taylor \$550.00

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

07-2021-04 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$1,900.00 from the Conneaut Eagles Club for SPARC, fund #019-9100

Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini
 Nays:
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- 07-2021-05 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the ACCESS Services agreement between the district and Ashtabula County Continued Education Support Services as presented.
Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 07-2021-06 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the services agreement between the DLH Therapy and the Conneaut Area City School District as presented.
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 07-2021-07 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the DD Satellite agreement between the district and the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center as presented.
Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 07-2021-08 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the Occupational Therapy Services agreement between the district and the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center as presented.
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 07-2021-09 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the Building Bridges services agreement between the district and the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center as presented.
Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 07-2021-10 Moved by Christopher Bartone, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the Autism services agreement between the district and the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center as presented.
Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 07-2021-11 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the Audiology Services agreement between the district and Community Action as presented.
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

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- 07-2021-12 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the services agreement between the Community Counseling Center of Ashtabula County and the Conneaut Area City School District as presented.
Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 07-2021-13 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Bartone that the Board approve the classified Unskilled Maintenance job description as presented.
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 07-2021-14 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the abolishment of the following classified positions effective August 13, 2021 as presented.
- #03-36 GES 10-month Custodian
 - #03-37 CMS 10-month Custodian
 - #03-38 LPS 10-month Custodian
 - #03-39 CHS 10-month Custodian
- Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 07-2021-15 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.
- 15.01 Approve resignations as presented:
- Timothy Neal, effective 7/20/21
- 15.02 Approve a one (1) year limited contract for the following non-bargaining unit personnel.
- Elizabeth Franklin EMIS Coordinator
- 15.03 Approve a one (1) year limited contract for the following certified personnel for the 2021-2022 school year, paid through ESSERS II fund.
- Raleigh Donn-Kidder Intervention M+15, step 2
- 15.04 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.
- Jessica Kennedy, M+15 to M+30
Adam Lytle, M to M+30

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15.05 Approve one-year supplemental contract for the 2021-2022 school year.

Tom Ritari	Girls Golf	Step 1
Larry Mozzocco	Asst. Football	Step 1

Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board Member Summary: The board complimented Mr. Wise on the new uniform creation and the incorporation of past and current elements of uniforms. The board also thanked the Courier and Star Beacon for their positive coverage. Mr. Brecht noted that after meeting with City of Conneaut representatives, along with Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Miranda, he believes that the two parties are close to an agreement for a School Resource Officer. The White Out will be held on Thursday, August 19, prior to the home football game against Edgewood. The carnival is 100% free and all are encouraged to attend.

07-2021-16 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

 Treasurer

 President