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Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

August 18, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, August 18, 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: Christopher Bartone, Suzanne Bernardini, Christopher Brecht, Joan Norton.

Members Excuses: Penny Armeni

Others Present: Brian Haytcher, Dan Spring, Gary Spring, Dick Trigg, Kelsie Thomas.

Meeting was called 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. Riley, Superintendent, began the work session discussing the consistent messaging since March 2020 is to keep students, staff, families and communities safe. Mrs. Riley prepared and presented to the Board information on the value of consistent masking to make sure our students would be able to continue to benefit from in person learning. Her recommendation is to revise the Board's Return Back to School plan to include mandatory facial coverings in school buildings for all students, staff and visitors. Mrs. Riley also recommends that the plan also include to review and evaluate the face covering policy regularly and adjust accordingly based on best practices in line with federal, state and local guidelines. Mrs. Riley shared that students who are choosing to remain 100% on line for this school year will be using online remote learning with Edmentum thru the Ashtabula County ESC. Edmentum provides instructors and same as last year, enrollment by semester is highly encouraged.

Mrs. Miranda reviewed the St. John Title I service agreement for 2020-2021.

Meeting began at 10:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bartone.

Agenda Modifications: None

Delegations and visitors: Five individuals spoke in the public participation section of the meeting about their concern for mandating facial covering for students.

Correspondence: None

Presentations: None

Committee Reports: None

Legislative – Mr. Bartone reported that State Representative Sarah Fowler was holding an informational meeting on August 18 at 11:30 a.m. that because of the board meeting was not able to attend.

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini reported that A-Tech is experiencing student enrollment growth even with the county student enrollment declining, which results in A-Tech considering expansion of their programs and buildings

Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht reported with school starting, monthly Athletic Council meetings would begin again. Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – None

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City Council – Mrs. Norton, stated the next monthly joint City Council meeting would be held Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conneaut High School Library.

Board President – None

Superintendent’s report: Mrs. Riley shared the update regarding an agreement with the City of Conneaut and the Conneaut Area City Schools to move forward the placement of a School Resource Officer within the district effective for the 2021-2022 school year. She also reviewed attending the County Administrator’s Conference at Kent State Ashtabula Branch. Custodians and maintenance staff are proceeding with extra outside yard work, wrapping up cleaning and painting the interiors of buildings. New teacher orientation will be Monday, August 23 with Convocation Day on August 24 at 7:30 at Conneaut High School. August 25 - 27 will be used to meet with parents and students and issue Chromebooks. August 26 will be a longer teacher day to provide evening availability for families.

Treasurer’s report: Mrs. Miranda and Mrs. Riley reviewed the Community Bus Agreement. With the resignation of the transportation supervisor in August, Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Miranda sought out an experienced, alternative source to provide dispatching support for drivers and families for the start of the school year. The district has posted the position and will be seeking a candidate for transportation supervisor. Mrs. Miranda also reviewed the ESSERS I, II and ARP ESSER III allocations and purposes.

08-2021-01 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2021 be approved as presented.

Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

08-2021-02 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the financial report be approved as presented.

Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

08-2021-03 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 Richard and Donna Dibbs for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$1,300.00 from FO Eagles Club, for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$798.79 from the Moose Lodge for Track and Cross Country, fund #300-9001

Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Bartone

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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- 08-2021-04 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the creation of the following FY'22 Federal Grant Fund and establish all the corresponding revenue and expenditure line items.
- ARP ESSER 507-9122 \$5,833,345.05
- Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Bartone, Bernardini
 Nays:
 Abstain;
 Motion Carried
- 08-2021-05 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the agreement between the district and St. John School for the 2020-2021 school year.
 Ayes: Norton, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 08-2021-06 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the agreement between the district and Community Bus Service.
 Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 08-2021-07 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the School Resource Officer agreement between the district and the City of Conneaut as presented.
 Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 08-2021-08 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that Suzanne Bernardini be appointed OSBA Annual Business Meeting delegate to the Ohio School Boards Association and Joan Norton as alternate for the 2021 calendar year.
 Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Bartone
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 08-2021-09 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the Return Back to School Plan for school year 2021-2022 as presented.
 Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Bartone, Bernardini
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

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08-2021-10 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the revised district calendar for school year 2021-2022 as presented.
 Ayes: Norton, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

08-2021-11 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve handbooks for Conneaut Middle School and Gateway Elementary School as presented.
 Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

08-2021-12 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve employment for the following personnel as Athletic Worker for the 2021-2022 school year.

High School Ticket sales - \$25.00/per sport, per date
Scorekeeper - \$20.00/ per contest
Timekeeper - \$20.00/ per sport, per date
Faculty Representative - \$40.00/ per sport, per date
Line Judge - \$20.00 / per sport, per date
Door Monitor - \$20.00/per sport, per date
Middle School Ticket sales - \$15.00/ per sport, per date
Scorekeeper - \$15.00/ per contest

Nick Armeni

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

08-2021-13 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher Brecht 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.

13.01 Approve resignations as presented:

Kelly Thompson, effective 8/13/21

13.02 Approve leave for the following personnel.

Rena Picard, using an unpaid leave of absence for the 2021-2022 school year, beginning on August 24, 2021 through June 8, 2022.

13.03 Amend and restate Administrative contract.

Stephanie Anservitz High School Principal

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- 13.04 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Kari McKinley, from B to B+15
 Rebecca Blenman-Andersen, from M+15 to M+30
 Jessica Kennedy, from M+15 to M+30

- 13.05 Approve a continuing contract to the following certified personnel for the 2021-2022 school year.

Rebecca Thomas M, Step 8
 Stephanie Mischka M, Step 8

- 13.06 Approve the certified employees of Conneaut Area City Schools be issued a blanket contract for class coverage for the 2021-2022 school year at scale adopted by the Board. (\$23.44 per class)

- 13.07 Approve the following certified substitute personnel for the 2021-2022 school year.

Todd Hackathorn	Lee Heinonen	Jeanann Irwin
James Morton	Tom Ritari	

- 13.08 Approve the following classified substitute personnel for the 2021-2022 school year.

Stephanie Adams	Heidi Camp	Melissa Conley
Holly Ekholm	Tonie Harrison-Ring	Lee Heinonen
Jolene Rainey	Kelly Wojtowicz	

- 13.09 Approve one-year supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.

Susan Trost	5 th Grade Band Director	Step 1
Tim Tallbacka	Boys' Head Basketball Coach	Step 16
Terry Thompson	Boys' JV/Asst. Basketball Coach	Step 1
Steve Wahonick	Boys' 8 th Grade Basketball Coach	Step 24
Ted Johnson	Boys' 7 th Grade Basketball Coach	Step 1
Erik Hodges	Girls' JV/Asst. Basketball Coach	Step 1
Pete Alessi	Girls' 8 th Grade Basketball Coach	Step 1
Tatum Sanford	Girls' 7 th Grade Basketball Coach	Step 1
Ryan Sherman	Head Wrestling Coach	Step 1
Chad Campbell	Assistant Wrestling Coach HS/MS	Step 1

- 13.10 Approve employment for the following as Ticket Manager for the 2021-2022 school year at \$40.00/per sport, per date.

Martha Gross

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- 13.11 Approve employment for the following personnel as Athletic Workers for the 2021-2022 school year.

High School Ticket sales - \$25.00/per sport, per date

Scorekeeper - \$20.00/ per contest

Timekeeper - \$20.00/ per sport, per date

Faculty Representative - \$40.00/ per sport, per date

Line Judge - \$20.00 / per sport, per date

Door Monitor - \$20.00/per sport, per date

Middle School Ticket sales - \$15.00/ per sport, per date

Scorekeeper - \$15.00/ per contest

Peter Alessi	Loretta Andes	Michael Andrews
Jeff Applebee	Gloria Babb	Lindsay Bidwell
Matt Bidwell	Tiffany Braden	Jackie Brady
Jim Campbell	Joe Chadwick	Stephanie Chase
Linda Coccitto	G. Joseph Colucci	Dennis Distelrath
Emily Dobran	Rocco Dobran	John Eaton
Julene Edwards	Emy Emery	Brenda Fields
Christina Frisbie	Martha Gross	Jane Guglielmo
Doug Hedrick	Mary Holdson	Ted Johnson
Kelly Jones	Jessica Kennedy	Tim Kennedy
Tammy Kobernik	Barb Krasicki	Carrie Lebzelter
Bill Lipps	Adam Lytle	Kari McKinley
Artemis Mermis	Robin Million	Katie Newcomb
Jodie Pape	Matt Pape	Danica Parma
Tony Pasanen	Marian Petri	Lisa Poff
Zach Rhodes	Maureen Ritari	Tom Ritari
Kevin Santee	Julie Sedmak	Ryan Sherman
Dave Simpson	Pam Simpson	Nancy Sullivan
Tim Tallbacka	Rebecca Thomas	Terry Thompson
Tony Todaro	Mike Trinko	Grace Tuuri
Dan VanSlyke	Steve Wahonick	Lori Webster
Greg Woods	Georgia Woods	

Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Bartone

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board Member Summary: The board is looking forward to a successful start of the new school year. They thanked the Courier and Star Beacon for great summer coverage of student activities in the district. The board also thanked Lori McLaughlin for her donation to band uniforms. The board reminded all to consider attending the annual White Out prior to the Thursday, August 19 home football game against Edgewood and that carnival is 100% free to all.

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08-2021-14 Moved by Christopher Brecht, second by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.
Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Bartone, Bernardini
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 11:15 a.m.

Treasurer

President