

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

September 15, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 15, 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, Suzanne Bernardini, Christopher Brecht, Joan Norton.

Members Excused: Christopher Bartone

Others Present: Brian Haytcher, Ruth Powell, Kelly Gardner

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: Mr. James Kennedy, Conneaut Middle School Principal, shared his excitement for providing new course offerings for students in the Middle School this year. Students are thrilled to have more and different electives, created in part by results of a student survey. A move to offer semester courses rather than nine week courses also allowed staff to provide deeper, more enhanced course offerings. Mr. Kennedy commended Mr. Matt Crawford, Ms. Lynn Higgins, and Mr. Dan Van Slyke for maximizing the use of the Outdoor Learning Center. Mr. Boruta will also be teaching a financial course with materials provided by Junior Achievement. To promote positive building culture, Mr. Kennedy is planning on staff selecting twelve students of the month, each month, and also providing an ice cream social at the end of each nine weeks for all students. Middle School conferences will be held in November with an Art Show displayed in the building. Mr. Kennedy is also pleased that for the first time in approximately fifteen years, middle school students have the opportunity to acquire high school credits for both Algebra I and Spanish I.

Mr. Matt Crawford provided an Outdoor Learning Center update, announcing that the center was in its ninth year of operation and has provided district students with uncountable opportunities to experience things such as using water testing kits, a pollination garden and bee hives, exposure to solar wind energy, digital cameras to capture observations, and are currently working with a bee keeper to bottle honey to send home with students. The recent Discovery Day was a success and Mr. Crawford is actively seeking grants and fundraising to continue to enhance the Outdoor Learning Center.

Meeting began at 10:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Armeni.

Agenda Modifications: None

Delegations and visitors: Mrs. Ruth Powell, 5240 Wetmore Road, Conneaut, spoke in the public participation section of the meeting asking about district curriculum. Ms. Kelly Gardner, 3804 Pinestone Court, expressed her support as a medical professional for facial coverings and expressed gratitude for mandatory enforcement in the district.

Correspondence: None

Presentations: None

Committee Reports: None

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini reported A-Tech is focusing on job skills and partnering with companies on developing exact skills companies will be seeking.

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Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht reported monthly Athletic Council meetings would begin again this month.

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – Mrs. Armeni reported the library is working with schools on acquiring requested materials.

City Council – Mrs. Norton, stated the next monthly joint City Council meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conneaut High School Library and Spartan of the Month would resume for the October 11th, second Monday of the month, to honor selected high school students.

Board President – Mrs. Armeni thanked the teachers and administrators for their organization for the start of the school year and students for getting back into learning mode so quickly. She also thanked her fellow board members for their proactive stance to protect students by supporting mandatory facial coverings.

Superintendent’s report: Mrs. Riley reported the first week of school was successful with zero COVID -19 cases in the district. Since then, there have been two student cases, requiring an additional two students to quarantine because of district decision to mandate facial coverings. Without the district facial covering mandate, over forty-five students would have been required to quarantine. Mrs. Riley clarified that the governor cannot mandate facial coverings and the decision is made by individual school boards. Mrs. Riley introduced Mr. Eric Kujala, as administrator beginning October 4, 2021. Mr. Kujala will be located and Lakeshore Primary School and assist in support for the building, along with support for the maintenance department. Mrs. Riley expressed gratitude in the recent addition of a school resource officer to the district. She announced that Monday, September 27th would be a remote instructional day for student and a district professional day for staff. Homecoming parade is scheduled for Friday, September 24th. Mrs. Riley was also pleased to have two new administrators in the district participate in the OASSA Administrator Academy for two days in September and then again in December. Each administrator is assigned a mentor by OASSA outside the district. Mrs. Riley also noted her appreciation for the support and guidance of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education.

Treasurer’s report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed the snow removal specifications with the bid process being posted in the Star Beacon and the Courtier and bids being accepted until Thursday, October 14 at 12:00 noon. The specifications were updated to further define damage caused by snowplowing or equipment. Mrs. Miranda explained the need to establish the Class of 2025 fund and the ARP IDEA B fund in the amount of \$88,260.89. The purposes and uses of the ARP IDEA B fund per ODE, states districts should consider and focus on challenges from the pandemic such as: school re-entry, disruption in the education of children with disabilities, mental health services, equity in special education and early intervention services, with funds needing to be obligated by 9.30.2023 and expended by January 28, 2024, with the funds being used to supplement, not supplant.

09-2021-01 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2021 be approved as presented.
Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

09-2021-02 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that the financial report be approved as presented.
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

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- 09-2021-03 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the annual appropriations for FY2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) and the Certificate of Estimated Resources be approved as presented.
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 09-2021-04 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.
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| • Class of 2025 | 200-9025 | \$0 |
| • ARP (American Rescue Plan) IDEA B | 516-9122 | \$88,260.89 |
- Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bernardini
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 09-2021-05 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the Student Activity budgets for 2021-2022 as presented.
Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 09-2021-06 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the solicitation of bids for district snow removal.
Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 09-2021-07 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the bus routes for 2021-2022 as presented.
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 09-2021-08 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.
- 08.01 Approve resignations as presented:
- Supplemental:
Brittany Maurer (Haehn), IAT Chair-LPS

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08.02 Approve leave for the following personnel.

➤ Classified:

Laura Campbell, using an unpaid leave of absence for the 2021-2022 school year, beginning on September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

08.03 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Richard Boruta, from B to B+15
 Margaret Kohli, from B to B+15
 Emily Tallbacka, from M to M+15
 Kelly Jones, from B+15 to M

08.04 Approve a one (1) year administrative contract for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

Eric Kujala

08.05 Approve a one (1) year limited contract for the following personnel.

James Chase, unskilled maintenance, step 0, 8 hrs/per day, 260 days/per year, effective 8/9/21
 Tim Gran, paraprofessional, step 10, 6.5 hrs/per day, 186 days/per year, effective 9/13/21
 Jodie Benson, bus aide, step 0, 2 hrs/per day, 186 days/per year, effective 9/13/21

08.06 Approve the following changes in classified contracts as presented.

- Michelle Lewis, paraprofessional, from 6.75 hrs. to 6.5 hrs. effective 8/24/21
- Shelley Campbell, from cafeteria, 5 hrs. to paraprofessional, 6.5 hrs. effective 8/24/21
- Meg Zappitelli, paraprofessional, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs. effective 8/24/21
- Tim Shumaker, from custodial 8 hrs. to bus driver, 6.5 hrs. effective 9/7/21
- Pam Partridge, paraprofessional, from 28.75/weekly to 6.5 hrs/daily, effective 9/13/21
- Lisa Anderson, paraprofessional, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs. effective 8/30/21
- Tammy Kobernik, paraprofessional, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs. effective 8/30/21
- Gloria Babb, paraprofessional, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs. effective 8/30/21
- Kim Mitter, paraprofessional, from 6.5 hrs. to 6.75 hrs. effective 8/30/21
- Eugene Emery, mid-day preschool bus aide w/parapro certification, 2 hrs/per day, effective 9/13/21

08.07 Approve employment for the following certified personnel as home tutors at \$20.00/hr. effective August 30, 2021 through June 7, 2022."

Cathy Gebhardt

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- 08.08 Approve Extended Day Monitor contracts at \$18.00 per hour for no more than three (3) hours per session for the 2021-2022 school year.

Michael Andrews	Stephanie Anservitz	JoAnn Bartlett
Shelly Brown	Gary Case	Gabe Cellini
Martha Gross	James Kennedy	Tammy Kobernik
Robin Million	Jodie Pape	Marian Petri
Jamie Vendetti	Georgia Woods	

- 08.09 Approve one (1) seasonal worker, August 20, 2021 through date to be determined at \$10.00/hour.

Robert McBride

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

Rosemary Perkoski	Kevin Punkar
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- 08.11 Approve employment for the following as substitute classified personnel for the 2021-2022 school year.

Drew Acierno	Lynda Worley
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- 08.12 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

Anna Applebee	Kristin Cellini	Jill Warren
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- 08.13 Approve supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.

Terry Thompson	Boys' JV/Asst. Basketball Coach	Step 1
Tom Ritari	Head Basketball Coach	Step 1
Joshua Morrison	CHS Swim Coach	Step 1
Nicole Culek	LPS IAT Chair	Step 1
Cristine Poff	LPS IAT Chair	Step 1
Barb Krasicki	Sophomore Class Advisor	Step 7
Jamie Farmer	Junior Class Advisor	Step 1

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08.14 Approve volunteers in the District Athletic program for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Level 1:
Robert McBride
Angeline Zappitelli

- Level 3:
Hannah Clark
Aaron Joslin

Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board Member Summary: The board is excited for Conneaut Middle School students to have a variety of course offering available and also are pleased with the placement of a school resource officer. The board also thanked Mr. Matt Crawford for Discovery Day and the unique offering the Outdoor Learning Center provides for our students. The board appreciates the distribution of backpacks at the Human Resource Center and noted it is very well received. The board also thanked Mrs. Riley for her vision for the district.

09-2021-09 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bernardini

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 11:08 a.m.