

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

March 23, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at the Conneaut High School 381 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030. The Regular Meeting was preceded by a 4:30 p.m. Work Session.

Board moved into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m. to discuss pending or imminent court action. Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Miranda were invited into executive session along with Mr. Russ Coltman the newly selected board member replacing Mr. Chris Bartone. The Board met with board attorney Karrie Kalail by telephone.

Board returned from Executive Session at 4:56 p.m.

Work Session:

Presentations: Pastor Tim Krauss awarded the Student of the Month award to Devyn Turner. Mrs. Amy Sanford is Devyn's teacher but was unable to be present. In her absence, Mrs. Dawn Zappitelli, Gateway Elementary School Principal, shared that Mrs. Sanford says of Devyn, "Devyn has good manners, has a positive attitude and has a smile for everyone." Mrs. Zappitelli added that Devyn is an exemplary student and is a positive role model.

Mr. Matt Crawford shared a vision for an update on the Outdoor Learning Center with his interest in moving forward to create a Learning Center building that contains a classroom and will enhance the Outdoor Learning Center experience. Mr. Crawford believes that through grants and in kind services, multiple community entities could work together to create even more opportunities for students and community members. He anticipates needing to raise about \$250,000 to develop and implement.

Mrs. Riley provided the board with an adjusted draft of the 2022-2023 calendar and the process of determining dates around school beginning later and the effects of that change.

Meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

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

Others Present: Tiffany Neal, Tim Neal, Michael Kimmel, Matt Crawford

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bernardini.

Agenda Modifications: None

The Oath of Office was delivered by Mrs. Miranda to New Board Member Mr. Russ Coltman.

Russ Coltman is now considered to be a present member.

Delegations and visitors: Mrs. Tiffany Neal, shared her concern about the recent process of selecting a new board member.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini reported that A-Tech dental students had all received radiographer certificates.

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Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Chris Brecht reported the Athletic Council is busy preparing for the All County Track Meet on May 4, 2022 at the SPARC Athletic Complex.

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – Mrs. Armeni reported that DLT will meet on March 25 after a sabbatical from not meeting during Covid.

City Council – Mrs. Norton reported the Spartan of the Month, Lindsay Fritzsche will be honored at the next Conneaut City Council meeting.

Board President – Mrs. Bernardini reminded all that Conneaut High School graduation would be Saturday, June 4, 2022 at New Leaf Event Center in the afternoon.

Superintendent’s report: Mrs. Riley, Superintendent, reflected on all the good things happening in buildings. The influx of temporary federally provided ESSERS monies has allowed the district to benefit and use the monies towards employing 16 new staff members across the four educational buildings, purchase Promethean Boards for staff to enhance classroom interaction, provide one-to-one Chromebooks for students, acquire assessment programs, and more. Mrs. Riley noted that the district is committed to serving the students in all facets, educational, social, and emotional and the ESSERS funding has provided a base to create and implement that commitment.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed the donations on the agenda, stated the purpose of the Board approving the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission, reviewed the safety need to replace Conneaut High School bleachers and the proposal for replacement bleachers with handrails, reviewed the Student Activity Budgets, and also shared that Alexa Pitcher, has resigned from the fiscal office and she would be posting a position for the fiscal office.

03-2022-06 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Penny Armeni that board move to executive session to discuss pending or imminent court action.
Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

03-2022-07 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 2022 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton, Armeni
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

03-2022-08 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Penny Armeni that the financial reports be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
Ayes: Brecht, Coltman, Norton, Armeni, Bernardini
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

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- 03-2022-09 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the request to create the following fund with all the corresponding revenue and expenditure line items.
- Class of 2026 Fund #200-9026
 - Food Service-P-EBT Administration Fund #006-9122
- Ayes: Coltman, Norton, Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 03-2022-10 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the following donations as presented.
- Donation in the amount of \$464.00 from Brecht Insurance for CHS Boys Basketball Admissions, fund #300-9001
 - Donation in the amount of \$1,400.00 from FO Eagles for SPARC, fund #019-9100
 - Donation in the amount of \$119.39 from Elizabeth Elliott Trust for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 03-2022-11 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Russell Coltman that the Board approve the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies to the County Auditor as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 03-2022-12 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the proposal for bleachers as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton, Armeni
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 03-2022-13 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the student activity budgets for 2021-2022 as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Brecht, Coltman, Norton, Armeni, Bernardini
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 03-2022-14 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the resolution authorizing required third grade assessments in paper format as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Coltman, Norton, Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

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- 03-2022-15 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the district calendar for school year 2022-2023 as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 03-2022-16 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the following policies and revisions as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- 2271 COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM
 - 2370.01 BLENDED LEARNING
 - 5772 WEAPONS
 - 6110 GRANT FUNDS
 - 6114 COST PRINCIPALS-SPENDING FEDERAL FUNDS
 - 6325 PROCUREMENT-FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDS
 - 6423 USE OF CREDIT CARDS
 - 7217 WEAPONS
 - 8500 FOOD SERVICES
- Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 03-2022-17 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the job description and salary schedule as presented.
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton, Armeni
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 03-2022-18 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Coltman 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.
- 18.01 Approve resignations as presented.
- Alexa Pitcher, fiscal specialist, effective 3/8/22
 - JoAnn Bartlett, CHS Admin. Asst., effective 5/1/22, she has been with the district for 39 years.
 - Carla Dalton, satellite school helper, 1 hr. fruit and vegetable grant, effective 2/25/22
- 18.02 Approve leave for the following personnel.
- Carrie Lebzelter, using unpaid leave for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 18.03 Amend motion 08-2021-13, 13.09, approve one-year supplemental contracts for 2021-

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Chad Campbell	JV/Asst. Wrestling	Step 1
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- 18.04 Amend motion 11-2021-13, 13.08, approve one-year supplemental contracts for 2021-2022 school year.

Roger Sherman Sr.	HS/MS Asst. Wrestling	Step 1
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- 18.05 Approve the following changes to classified contracts.

Ruth Mackey, driver, from 6 hrs/per day to 5.25 hrs/per day, effective 2/18/22
 Amber Wells, driver, from 7.25 hrs/per day to 7.5 hrs/per day, effective 2/14/22
 Eugene Emery, bus aide, from 2 hrs/per day to 1.75 hrs/per day, effective 2/14/22

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

Douglas Edwards	Mike McCorkle
Morgan Peckol	Rachel Richards

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

Morgan Peckol	Sharon Salhoff
Lisa Thorn	

- 18.08 Approve employment for the following substitute central office personnel at the rate of \$17.87/hr. effective March 8, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

Alexa Pitcher

- 18.09 Approve employment for the following home tutor at \$20.00/hr. effective March 10, 2022 through June 7, 2022.

Jeanann Irwin

- 18.10 Approve supplemental contract for the 2022-2023 school year.

Rebecca Thomas	Head Girls Soccer	Step 5
Joe Chadwick	Asst. Girls Soccer	Step 1
Taylor Cleveland	Head Boys Soccer	Step 1
Jim Campbell	Asst. Boys Soccer	Step 1
Adam Lytle	CMS Soccer	Step 7
Maureen Ritari	Head Volleyball	Step 2
Alexis Zappitelli	JV/Asst. Volleyball	Step 2
Heather Harmon	7 th Grade Volleyball	Step 1
Anna Applebee	8 th Grade Volleyball	Step 1
Jessica Kennedy	Head Cross Country	Step 9

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Erik Hodges	Asst. Cross Country	Step 1
Alex Polchosky	Boys Golf	Step 1
Tom Ritari	Girls Golf	Step 1
Theresa Morrison	Drill Team Advisor	Step 1
Jodie Pape	Majorette Advisor	Step 9
Emily Dobran	Fall Cheerleading Advisor	Step 1
Kari McKinley	Senior Class Advisor	Step 17
Jamie Farmer	Junior Class Advisor	Step 2
Kari McKinley	Freshman Class Advisor	Step 17
Emily Tallbacka	CHS Yearbook Advisor	Step 6
Kari McKinley	CHS IAT Chair	Step 7
Melodie Bimle	CMS IAT Chair	Step 2
Jan Nieminen	GES IAT Chair	Step 16
Nicole Culek	LPS IAT Chair	Step 2
Cristine Poff	LPS IAT Chair	Step 2
Jamie Kennedy	LPS IAT Chair	Step 1
Nathan Wise	NHS Advisor	Step 2
Susan Trost	5 th Grade Band Director	Step 2

Ayes: Brecht, Coltman, Norton, Armeni, Bernardini

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board Members' Summary: The board praised the Seussical performances over the March 18 and 19 weekend. They were impressed with the students, the production, pit orchestra, inclusion of middle school students and the community turnout. The board also shared that Art Center Show was very impressive and is another great testament to the positive things happening in our district. The board congratulated JoAnn Bartlett on her retirement. The board also welcomed Mr. Russ Coltman to the board and thanked the other applicants for their interest. Mr. Coltman thanked the board for the opportunity to be appointed to the board. Board President, Mrs. Bernardini shared her appreciation of the University Hospital Newsletter, the great coverage provided by the Star Beacon, and also the Rotary Club for the providing dictionaries to Gateway Elementary School students. Mrs. Bernardini also noted that Graduation of 2023 would be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

03-2022-19 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

Ayes: Coltman, Norton, Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 6:21 p.m.

Treasurer

President