

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

October 19, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at Conneaut High School. The Regular Meeting was preceded by a work session that began at 10:02 a.m.

Work Session: Mr. Jim Kennedy, Conneaut Middle School Principal shared that CMS had started a SPARTAN Mentorship program providing small group social, emotional and tutoring support for 30 minutes per week. Mr. Kennedy is pleased with the student response and participation in the expansion of student electives. Mr. Kennedy also noted that value of the Gear Up Program provided by ACCESS, including trips to Holden Arboretum, Lake Erie College, YSU, Ashtabula County Board of Elections and more. Red Ribbon week is the last full week in October with student participating by wearing certain apparel to support the daily theme. Mr. Kennedy also continues his Lunches with the Principal program by taking four different students weekly to Conneaut Dairy Queen for lunch, compliments of owner, Keith Schreiber.

Ms. Dawn Zappitelli, Gateway Elementary School Principal, provided a presentation of positivity in GES. Mrs. Zappitelli reviewed new staffing, the value of iReady assessment tool which provides diagnostics and data to support students individualized reading and math educational path. Mrs. Zappitelli has been able to place gifted students in cluster groups in classrooms. PBIS continues to be a great support initiative in the building, benefitting students by reinforcing positive behavior. Mrs. Zappitelli also thanked donor Mark May for donation to the PTC for providing opportunities to teachers to purchase student incentives and also noted returning again this year is New Leaf's program Blessings in a Backpack that provides about 125 bags per week containing food items for students to take home.

Meeting began at 10:36 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Bernardini.

Agenda Modifications: None

Presentations: Mr. Jim Kennedy and Ms. Dawn Zappitelli presented the CMS and GES updates during the work session.

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Legislative – Mr. Coltman shared that ODE had approved a resolution to present to the Ohio general assembly to support using ARPA funds to provide all Ohio students with free breakfast and lunch.

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini shared that Mr. Mike Kennedy was beginning his 15th year as an A-Tech board member. She also noted there would be sophomore visitation on November 21. Also noting that A-Tech provides a comprehensive workforce development program for adults.

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Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht shared that there were approximately \$10,000 dollars received in personal and business donations during Homecoming week that will be matched by a private anonymous donor.

Student Achievement report and DLT – Mrs. Armeni shared that iReady will be used to produce diagnostics this fall to support student achievement. DLT is also reviewing reading curriculum to adopt for grades K-5. Also, that the CHS staff worked over the summer evaluating, reviewing and improving integration of testing components and classroom instruction.

City Council – Mrs. Norton announced the Spartan Student of the Month was Sophia Magnusen.

Board President – Mrs. Bernardini shared clarification on her resignation date from the board, quote, “In order to clarify my resignation date from the Conneaut Board of Education, I would like to explain the timeframe for my eventual move to Pennsylvania. I will be residing in Ohio until December 31, 2022 and therefore as of January 1, 2023, I will no longer be President/member of the Conneaut Board of Education.”

Superintendent’s report: Mrs. Lori Riley, Superintendent, shared that the district was actively seeking a common curriculum for grades K-5 utilizing data from the iReady program. CMS and GES staff have expressed the value of the iReady program. Mrs. Riley also announced that the district was awarded the \$200,000 Ohio K-12 Safety grant. Mrs. Riley also noted that Red Ribbon week would be highlighted district wide with different clothing styles each day.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed the annual snowplowing quotes and awards to True Finish Landscaping.

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10-2022-01 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2022 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2022-02 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2022-03 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$500.00 from FO Eagles, for CHS Theatre, fund #300-9060
- Donation in the amount of \$200.00 from Signature Health, for CHS Theatre, fund #300-9060
- Donation in the amount of \$1,300.00 from FO Eagles, for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Conneaut Moose Lodge, for SPARC/Care for Kids, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Joseph and Kathleen Zappitello, for CHS Theatre, fund #300-9060
- Donation in the amount of \$300.00 from Lukjan Metals, for CHS Theatre, fund #300-9060
- Donation in the amount of \$250.00 from Heavenly Creamery, for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$250.00 from Northbound Fuel Dock, for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$100.00 from JT's Bagels, for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$250.00 from Albert Hoffman, for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$560.00 from Conneaut Rotary Club, for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Joe Orlando, for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$330.00 from Biscotti's Restaurant, for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$100.00 from various donor's, for SPARC, fund #019-9100

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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10-2022-04 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board accept the 2022-2023 snow removal contracts as presented.

Job 1-CHS/LPS	True Finish Landscaping	\$17,525
Job 1-Bus Garage-Snow Removal	True Finish Landscaping	\$125/per hour

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2022-05 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board accept the 2022-2023 snow removal contracts as presented.

Job 2-GES/CMS	True Finish Landscaping	\$14,100
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Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2022-06 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the board approve the purchase of lighting for the Conneaut High School Cafetorium, \$59,895.88 as presented.

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2022-07 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board approve the Student Activity budgets for 2022-2023 as presented.

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2022-08 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the Conneaut Area City School District Gifted Identification and Service Plan as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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- 10-2022-09 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the ELL service agreement with Ashtabula County Technical & Career Center as presented.
- Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 10-2022-10 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board approve the non-bargaining unit job description as presented.
- Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 10-2022-11 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the Transportation Supervisor salary schedule, effective 7/1/22 as presented.
- Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 10-2022-12 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the Cafeteria Supervisor salary schedule, effective 11/1/22 as presented.
- Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 10-2022-13 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve the bus routes for 2022-2023 as presented.
- Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

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10-2022-14 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve supplemental contract for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Nicholus Armeni Asst. 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Step 1

Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain: Armeni

Motion Carried

10-2022-15 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. 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.

15.01 Amend motion 09-2022-12, 12.03 Approve a one (1) year contract for the following certified personnel for the 2022-2023 school year.

Katie Richards, Grade 2, B, Step 1, effective 9/21/2022
for 166 days

15.02 Approve a two (2) year contract for the following non-bargaining unit personnel for the 2022-2023 school year.

Stacey Piper Data Specialist Step 6

15.03 Approve a one (1) year contract for the following classified personnel for the 2022-2023 school year.

Holly Ekholm, Paraprofessional, step 0, 4 hrs./per day,
186 days/per year, effective 10/11/2022

Karen Wisner, Satellite School Helper, step 16, 2 hrs./per
day, 186 days/per year, effective 10/10/22

15.04 Approve the following changes in classified contracts.

➤ Bus Driver and Bus Aide Changes, effective 8/30/22:

Sherri Douglas, driver, from 5.75 hrs. to 6 hrs.

James Faidley, driver, from 8 hrs. to 7.75 hrs.

Pauline Jarvi, driver, from 7.25 hrs. to 7.5 hrs.

Ruth Mackey, driver, from 5.25 hrs. to 6 hrs.

Rena Picard, driver, from 6.25 hrs. to 6.5 hrs.

Lisa Poff, driver, from 6 hrs. to 7.5 hrs.

Jennifer Owens, bus aide, from 7 hrs. to 6 hrs.

Floyd Cameron, bus aide, from 4.75 hrs. to 4.5 hrs.

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- Bus Driver and Bus Aide Changes, effective 10/3/22:
Eugene Emery, bus aide, from 1.75 hrs. to 1.25 hrs.
James Faidley, driver, from 7.75 hrs. to 7.5 hrs.
Amber Wells, driver, from 7.5 hrs. to 7.25 hrs.
Lisa Poff, driver, from 7.5 hrs. to 8 hrs.
Pauline Jarvi, driver, from 7.5 hrs. to 7.75 hrs.
- Classified Changes:
Jennifer Owens, paraprofessional, from 6 hrs. to 6.5 hrs. effective 9/20/22
Karen Mannion, clerical, from 6.75 hrs. to 8 hrs. effective 10/3/22

15.05 Approve certified substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year.

Donyale Holmes Brianna Martone Grace Martone

15.06 Approve classified substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year.

Patricia Gilbert	Donyale Holmes
Lana Kirk	Sharon Mittlestadt

15.07 Approve supplemental contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.

Artemis Mermis	Academic Team Advisor	Step 1
Artemis Mermis	CHS Cheer Advisor	Step 2
Dennis Distelrath	HS/MS Asst. Wrestling	Step 1
Chad Campbell	JV/Asst. Wrestling	Step 1
James Kennedy	Asst. Girls Basketball	Step 1
Chris Brown	Head Girls Track	Step 1

15.08 Approve volunteers for the district athletic program for the 2022-2023 school year.

Level 1: Jordan Jarvi
Level 1: Roger Sherman Sr.
Level 2: Kris Mucci

15.09 Approve employment for the following personnel as Athletic Workers for the 2022-2023 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

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

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

Scorekeeper - \$15.00/ per contest

Jodie Fowler

Grace Tuuri

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2022-16 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

Adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board Summary: The board thanked Mr. Kennedy and Ms. Zappitelli for their comprehensive reports and the exciting events occurring in their buildings. The board also noted that replacing the long- overdue lighting in the CHS cafetorium will be a boost for the building and the multiple programs within the high school that utilize the space for musicals, play, and awards programs, adding that this is just one more addition that continues to create and support a building environment where kids want to come to school. The board also thanked UH for featuring CACS school events and activities in their quarterly publication.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Treasurer

President