

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

December 14, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at Conneaut High School. The Regular Meeting was preceded by a work session that began at 10:00 a.m.

Work Session: Mr. Austin Blair, Music Director, and Ms. Susan Trost, Instrumental Music Teacher, provided a sampling of holiday songs performed by selected members of the CHS chorale group. Mrs. Lori Riley, Superintendent, provided an update on the Conneaut Library and Metroparks Storybook Trail Grant that has been awarded in the amount of \$6,470 and how it can be used in cooperation with all three entities. Mrs. Riley also shared the first week in December is PBIS week. Gateway Elementary and Lakeshore Primary Schools are both bronze winners, with SSDT working with Conneaut Middle and Conneaut High schools to reach bronze status. Mrs. Riley shared that in coordination with the City of Conneaut police department, district staff participated in building wide active shooter trainings throughout the recent remote instruction day. District officials and the CPD debriefed and evaluated the event. Mrs. Riley is implementing a facilities scheduling electronic system to provide a more seamless presentation of building use and availability.

Mrs. Bernardini was unable to attend the final meeting prior to resignation, but called in to speak to board members, superintendent, treasurer and members of the audience. Mrs. Bernardini shared that it has been an honor to serve the community, and to serve with fellow board members, with a special thanks to Mrs. Norton for serving side by side over the years, Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Miranda for their commitment to CACS and to Mr. Mike Kennedy for serving on the A-Tech Board of Education for the past fifteen years. Mrs. Bernardini ended with hopes of all to "Carry on the mission!".

Meeting began at 10:35 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Norton.

Agenda Modifications: None

Presentations: Select members of the Conneaut High School choral group performed during the work session.

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports

Legislative – Mr. Coltman shared that SB178 proposes that the State Board of Education positions be filled by the Governor of Ohio and no longer be elected.

A-Tech – None

Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht shared that the week of January 23 will be Safe Decisions Week and will focus on the impacts of texting and social media with a speaker addressing the high school students. Mr. Brecht also noted appreciation for the SPARC donors and the matching anonymous donor.

Student Achievement Report and DLT – Mrs. Armeni reported that DLT had discussed the safety training, a literacy update, IEP needs and a survey on the value, needs and support of technology in the district.

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City Council – Mrs. Norton announced the Spartan Student of the Month was Amara Spencer for December.

Board President – In Mrs. Bernardini's absence, Mrs. Norton shared that Mrs. Bernardini had been an anchor for the Conneaut Board of Education and thanked her for her years of wisdom and support for the students, staff and families of the school district. Mrs. Norton, also shared that Letters of Interest were due into the Treasurer's office by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 with interviews to be held on January 5, 2023.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Lori Riley, Superintendent, shared that she received a high level overview from the surveys and focus groups that The Impact Group conducted that was favorable to the district and that she will meet on January 20, 2023 to discuss actions and next steps with The Impact Group on the district strategic plan.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Jackie Miranda, Treasurer shared that the fiscal office is implementing a substitute calling electronic system. Mrs. Miranda verified that the SPARC matching donation event in October yielded donations of \$12,573 to be matched by an anonymous donor. Mrs. Miranda also noted that last tax collection for the construction bond (002) and the OSFC Maintenance Fund would be collected during calendar year 2023. Mrs. Miranda also noted that the board approved retention pay stipends were processed on 11/18/2022 for district staff. Mrs. Miranda shared the board would be seeking a candidate to fill the position of resigned board member Mrs. Suzanne Bernardini, effective 12.31.2022. Interviews would be held at the board office on January 5, 2023. The board member appointed to replace replacing Mrs. Bernardini would hold the office thru December 31, 2023.

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- 12-2022-01      Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2022 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Norton  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried
- 12-2022-02      Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Norton  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried
- 12-2022-03      Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the following Then and Now Certificate as presented.
- Ashtabula County Educational Service Center district purchases
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Norton  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried
- 12-2022-04      Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the following donations as presented.
- Donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Conneaut Port Authority for the Theatre Department, fund #300-9060
  - Donation in the amount of \$800.50 from Athletic Boosters, Powder Puff for the Class of 2024, fund # 200-9024
  - Donation in the amount of \$1,550.82 from True North Energy, LLC, for Conneaut Area City School District, fund #001-1890
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Norton  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried
- 12-2022-05      Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve the student activity budget for 2022-2023 as presented.
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Norton  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

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12-2022-06

Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. 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.

06.01 Approve leave for the following personnel.

Katie Newcomb, unpaid leave of absence, effective November 30 2022 through February 1, 2023

06.02 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Anthony Pasanen, from M+15 to M+30

06.03 Approve the following changes in classified contracts.

Michael Mandagelo, Bus Aide, from 5.25 hrs to 5.5 hrs/per day, effective 10/17/2022

06.04 Approve employment for the following substitute certified personnel for the 2022-2023 school year.

Dennis Distelrath

06.05 Approve employment for the following substitute classified personnel for the 2022-2023 school year.

Nancy Casey

Nina Dello

Marcia Williams

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

Marcia Williams, Bus aide, step 10, 6 hrs/per day, 186 days per year, effective 12/5/2022

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

Level 1: Anthony Pasanen

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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12-2022-07      Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that Mrs. Norton be appointed as President Pro-Tem for the January 1, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. organizational meeting to be held in the Board Office.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board Summary: The board is impressed and commends the music department for their efforts. The board also shared their concern regarding several pending legislative issues, and the effects on operations of public schools. The board also thanked Mrs. Stephanie Anservitz for student surveys at the high school level to find out what subjects and topics excite students to learn. The board also send Mrs. Bernardini best wishes and a happy holiday season for staff and students.

12-2022-08      Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Treasurer

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President