

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

January 18, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at Conneaut High School. The Regular Meeting was preceded by a work session that began at 10:00 a.m.

Work Session: Mrs. Carrie Brockway, Lakeshore Principal, provided an update on the excitement occurring in the building. Mrs. Brockway shared that the students are enjoying the return of multiple traditional events following COVID. This year students were able to enjoy the return of the Fall Parade. Students celebrated Veteran's Day of decorating paper bricks to honor members of the Armed Forces. The building held three holiday programs before winter break. Student were also able to enjoy a holiday singalong in the gym. Mrs. Brockway noted that the serving of breakfast has now returned to the cafeteria. Mrs. Brockway praised the Lakeshore Primary School PBIS team, sharing that it is a strong team, promoting school wide incentives and safety behaviors. LPS students participate in the American Heart Association KIDS Heart Challenge each year. To date, LPS students have raised over \$95,000 and hope this year to top \$100,000. Mrs. Brockway also noted kindergarten registration would occur in April.

Mrs. Lori Riley, Superintendent, shared the DLT will meet with The Impact Group to review results of the strategic plan. In March, the band will travel to Chicago to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade. The CHS Drama department will be performing Wizard of Oz the week end of March 24. Mrs. Riley is reviewing calendar options with staff representatives prior to presenting the final draft to the board for approval. Mrs. Riley noted that January 30 is the end of the semester and there will be no school for students. A professional day is listed on the calendar for staff. Transportation staff will meet with Carly Strader, Transportation Supervisor and Mrs. Riley to review school bus discipline and special education transportation.

Mrs. Jackie Miranda, Treasurer, shared that the fiscal office had completed calendar year end, W-2's and 1099's had been issued and mailed via United States Postal Service. Mrs. Miranda also shared that the office was working on creating an improved presentation to new employees to make sure they receive a professional welcome to Conneaut Area City Schools.

Meeting began at 10:31 a.m.

Members Present: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Norton.

Agenda Modifications: None

Presentations: Mrs. Penny Armeni presented the Student of the Month award. Honored this month was Liberty Gill, by her teacher, Mr. Joel Specht. Mr. Specht shared that the future is much more hopeful with students like Liberty. She is present every day, finishes her work and smiles all the time.

Mrs. Riley read a proclamation and provided each board member with a certificate in honor of School Board Recognition Month and all the work they do to support, promote and uphold the school district.

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports

Legislative – Mr. Coltman shared that with a brand new year brings new legislators and a legislative session. There currently about twenty new bills regarding school district issues with school voucher programs leading the list.

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A-Tech – Mrs. Riley provided that Mr. Mike Kennedy is continuing as A-Tech representative. A-Tech will now be hosting the Business Advisory Council which Mrs. Riley will attend. Mrs. Norton asked if Mr. Nesbitt would consider providing the A-Tech report moving forward.

Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht shared that several representatives of the SPARC committee met at Lakeside High School and were able to tour the existing high school field house and locker rooms, along with the new junior high fieldhouse, seeking ideas regarding size and location of needed areas within the structure. Mr. Brecht also noted private donations will be funding the new scoreboard. Mr. Brecht stated that Safe Decisions Week will be held the week of January 23 and that the Conneaut Rotary Club will sponsor entry to a girls’ basketball game on that day and on February 7, the same for a boys’ basketball game, to promote and support the youth of our district. On January 26, State Farm Insurance will honor Safe Decisions Week for sponsoring entry to the wrestling match and on January 27 for the boys’ basketball game, to support and encourage district athletes.

Student Achievement Report and DLT – Mrs. Armeni reported that DLT will be addressing midyear assessments provided by iReady and that 79% of students had shown improvement. The Power of the Pen 8th grade team placed third in the county event. Mrs. Armeni shared that Gateway Elementary students would be having a Spelling Bee on February 1, and then moving onto a County Spelling Bee on February 16.

City Council – Mrs. Norton announced the Spartan Student of the Month was Jenna Williams for January.

Board President – Mrs. Norton welcomed Mr. Eric Nesbitt to the Board of Education and shared that the board had interviewed multiple candidates.

Superintendent’s report: Mrs. Riley shared that Mrs. Betsy Franklin has officially separated from Conneaut Area City Schools, completing the transition from her position as EMIS Coordinator, to Mrs. Robin McKee. Mrs. Riley thanked Mrs. Franklin for her many years of service and commitment to provide accurate data on behalf of the district and continually promoting the importance of accurate data for funding purposes.

Treasurer’s report: Mrs. Miranda shared on January 30, Mrs. Elizabeth Gillette, Food Service Supervisor, would have her first opportunity to meet with staff on the PD day and that she would be present to support Mrs. Gillette and staff as they discuss supervisor transition, daily operations and share ideas about potential changes. Mrs. Miranda noted the fiscal office continues to work on implementation of Frontline, the substitute calling system.

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01-2023-28 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2022 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

01-2023-29 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

01-2023-30 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Dr. Albert Hoffman for the Drama Dept. fund #300-9060
- Donation in the amount of \$1,400.00 from FO Eagles for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$1,222.00 from Conneaut Boys Basketball Bench Club for the Class of 2026, fund #300-9026
- Donation in the amount of \$96.62 from Jackie Miranda for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$48.06 from Brian DuBey for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$18.93 from Robert Wheeler for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$48.06 from Chris Brecht for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$145.17 from Lori Riley for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$7,500.00 from Mark and Karen Wheeler for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$23.79 from James Potter for SPARC, fund #019-9100

01-2023-31 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the Student Activity budgets for 2022-2023 as presented.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

01-2023-32 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.

30.01 Approve resignations as presented.

Katie Newcomb, effective February 1, 2023

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

Anthony Boroski, GES Head Custodian, step 3, 8 hrs/per day, 260 days/per year, effective 1/4/2023

Lana Kirk, GES Paraprofessional, step 0, 6.75 hrs/per day, 186 days/per year, effective 1/9/23

Deborah Coe, Bus Aide, w/paraprofessional certification, step 0, 5.75 hrs/per day, 186 days/per year, effective 1/12/23

Deborah Coe, Bus Aide, w/paraprofessional certification, step 0, mid-day preschool, 1.5 hrs/per day, 186 days/per year, effective 1/12/23

Sharon Salhoff, Driver, step 8, 6.25 hrs/per day, 186 days per/year, effective 1/17/23

James Muchiarone, Bus Mechanic, step 10, 8 hrs/per day, 260 days/per year, effective 1/23/23

Nina Dello, Paraprofessional, step 0, 6.5 hrs/per day, 186 days/per year, effective 1/19/23

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

William Hyland Francisco Olivarez Luther Sawicki
Adam Simonds

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

Ron Kay Rachell Rapose

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

Level 1: Daniel Spring

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

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Board Summary: The board complimented the district’s wonderful teachers and staff. They noted they are excited about upcoming music performances. The board also reviewed the Joint City Council meeting which included council being pro-active in seeking a solution regarding in town railroad crossings and student safety. The board shared concern regarding the many bills regarding the school voucher system and the concern on the effect on students and funding for our schools. They encourage all to stay involved in the community and the many exciting activities that are held.

01-2023-33 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Treasurer

President