

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

November 17, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, November 17, 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.

Work Session: Mrs. Miranda provided the November five year forecast to the board for review and discussed knowns, unknowns and variables that may impact the financial picture as the district moves forward. Mr. Brian Chase, Technology Director, discussed damages to student issued Chromebooks and how the administration and staff are addressing and tracking any unintentional and intentional damages, what warranties will cover and how the district will address damages. Mr. Chase also added that Emergency Connectivity funds are being used to purchase an additional 230 Chromebooks. Also of concern, was the sanitary nature of district provided Chromebooks when they are returned to the district. Mr. Chase will be putting out a reminder for students, staff and parents on how to care of Chromebooks.

Mrs. Riley shared a letter received from the PIAA District 10 League on the removal of Conneaut from the league for the 2022-2023 school year competitions in all sports. Mrs. Riley expressed that both she and Mr. Joel Taylor were extremely frustrated and disappointed that the district had received no warning at all that the status of the district's participation in the PIAA District 10 League was a concern. Because of this, Mr. Taylor will be seeking out other opportunities for student competitions for the 2022-2023 school year, which may prove to be challenging as sports schedules for the fall have already been created.

Mrs. Stephanie Chase, Conneaut High School Principal provided the board with an update on the positive movement within CHS. Focus for the year is in academics. The expansion of the foreign language program with the addition of a full time Spanish teacher shared with CMS, provides more options for students. The addition of an ICE (Intervention/Connection/Enrichment) period has been built into the student day with 23 minutes between second and third period, which also provides a small block of time that can be used for short assemblies, minimizing the interruption of the student day. CHS has also received a GEARUP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), which can be used to focus on 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders to be prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. Mrs. Anservitz also highlighted the appreciation of the return of some traditions such as Homecoming, Powder Puff football, Sports banquets, Student of the Month and National Honor Society induction ceremony, just some of the events that have been altered due to COVID-19. She also praised seniors for The Social Project, a student driven project led by the seniors to increase student to student connections. Mrs. Anservitz also acknowledged her entire staff. They are on track to receive a Bronze status for PBIS from SSDT.

Meeting began at 10:30 a.m.

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

Members Excused: Christopher Bartone

Others Present: Brian Haytcher, Keith Troia, G. Joseph Colucci

Certifications by Treasurer that the Board of Education is in Compliance with meeting requirement rules.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Armeni

Agenda Modifications: None

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

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Presentations: Mrs. Penny Armeni presented the Conneaut Chamber of Commerce Student of the Month award to Alice Eaton. Mrs. Dawn Zappitelli stood in for Teacher Mrs. Julie Williams, and shared that Alice exhibits all the core requirements of a GES student. She always does the right thing, is kind and a role model for others and is conscientious about her school work, always giving 100% to her work.

Committee Reports: None

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini reported A-Tech mailed the quarterly newsletter. She also noted appreciation for the Courier’s coverage of the Ohio Association of Career Tech Superintendents emphasis on the benefits of technical education in Ohio.

Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht reported monthly Athletic Council held discussion regarding pros and cons for the mask to stay, test to play options for student athletes. For a SPARC update, donors’ names are beginning to be placed on the wall in front of the tennis courts at the SPARC entrance. Mr. Brecht also expressed his frustration with the PIAA District 10 league decision to eliminate Conneaut from the 2022-2023 school year athletic competition schedules.

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – Mrs. Armeni noted that as a public service, the Conneaut Library has employed a technology person to assist with any tech issues that patrons may experience. Mrs. Armeni also thanked the library for organizing the annual Christmas Parade.

City Council – Mrs. Norton, stated the next monthly joint City Council meeting has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. in the Conneaut High School Library, for January 12, 2022. Spartan of the Month for November is Dylan Stewart.

Board President – None

Superintendent’s report: Mrs. Riley, Superintendent, shared that SB1 has been approved by Governor Mike DeWine. The bill includes a component to require financial literacy to be a part of the curriculum by the 2024-2025 school year and the district is ahead of that requirement. The bill also included the ability to allow districts flexibility to determine qualifications for substitute teachers during this time of COVID-19. The board members discussed how that might look for Conneaut and asked Mrs. Riley to prepare board policy for review for the December meeting. Mrs. Riley also asked Mrs. Louise Cleveland, school nurse, to share the latest number of COVID-19 cases in the district and in the county as provided by the Conneaut Health Department.

Treasurer’s report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed agenda items for board members.

11-2021-01 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2021 be approved as presented.

Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

11-2021-02 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the financial report be approved as presented.

Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried



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- 11-2021-07 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the agreement between the district and the Spire Institute and Academy as presented.  
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 11-2021-08 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the agreement between Ashtabula Area City Schools and the District as presented.  
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 11-2021-09 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the agreement between CCBCC, (Coca Cola) Operations, LLC and the District as presented.  
Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bernardini  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 11-2021-10 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the resolution approving the distribution of Coca Cola sponsorship provided funds to the Conneaut Athletic Boosters and Conneaut Music Boosters, as a result of the approved five-year agreement between the CCBCC (Coca Cola) and the Conneaut Board of Education.  
Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 11-2021-11 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the following policies and revisions as presented.
- 1530 EVALUATION OF PRINCIPALS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATORS
  - 2370.01 BLENDED LEARNING
  - 5111.02 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN
  - 5350 STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION
  - 5516 STUDENT HAZING
  - 5630.01 POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS AND LIMITED USE OF RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION
  - 5651 NONROUTINE USE OF SCHOOL BUSES
- Ayes: Armeni, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried

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11-2021-12 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the abolishment of the following classified positions, effective December 13, 2021 as presented.

- #04-30
- #04-31
- #04-32
- #04-33
- #04-34
- #04-35
- #04-36
- #04-37
- #04-75
- #05-04

Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

11-2021-13 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton 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.

13.01 Approve resignations as presented.

- Timothy Shumaker, bus driver, effective 10/22/21
- Emy Emery, custodian, due to retirement, effective 2/1/2022. She has been with the district for 22 years.

13.02 Approve a one (1) year contract for the following classified personnel for the 2021-2022 school year.

Drew Acierno, 2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodian, CHS, step 0, 8 hrs/per day, 260 days/per year, effective 11/1/21

Kim Tantari, cafeteria, Satellite School Helper, Fruit and Veg. Grant, step 20, T-F, 1 hr/per day, effective 10/9/21 through 5/27/22

Valerie Watters, cafeteria, Satellite School Helper, Fruit and Veg. Grant, step 20, T-F, 1 hr/per day, effective 10/9/21 through 5/27/22

Carla Dalton, cafeteria, Satellite School Helper, Fruit and Veg. Grant, step 18, T-F, 1 hr/per day, effective 10/9/21 through 5/27/22

Jolene Rainey, cafeteria, Satellite School Helper, Fruit and Veg. Grant, step 0, T-F, 1 hr/per day, effective 10/9/21 through 5/27/22

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- 13.03 Approve employment for the following as a Winter Technology Assistant for 8 hours per day at \$10.00 per hour, effective December 12, 2021 through January 7, 2022.

John Arcaro

- 13.04 Approve employment for the following as a Winter Technology Assistant for 8 hours per day at \$10.00 per hour, effective December 15, 2021 through January 14, 2022.

Nathan Pape

- 13.05 Approve the following changes in classified contracts.

James Faidley, bus driver, from 7.5 hrs/per day to 8 hrs/per day, effective 10/13/21

Tammy Fetterhoff, paraprofessional, from step 2 to step 10, effective 10/1/21

Pauline Jarvi, bus driver, from 7.5 hrs/per day to 7.25 hrs/per day, effective 11/8/21

Floyd Cameron, bus aide, from 11 hrs/weekly to 4.75 hrs/per day, effective 11/15/21

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

Angelica Rivera

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

Gail Grow      Tiana Polk

- 13.08 Approve supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.

Austin Dale	Boys' 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Basketball Coach	Step 1
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Roger Sherman Sr.	Wrestling JV/Assist. Coach	Step 1
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Bill Lipps	Assistant Football Coach (half time)	Step 1
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Matt Pape	Assistant Football Coach (half time)	Step 1
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Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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Board Member Summary: The board thanked Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Miranda for their clear reports and Mrs. Anservitz for the positive highlights from the high school. Mrs. Bernardini thanked the district for the opportunity to attend the annual Capital Conference. Mr. Brecht shared his frustration and disappointment with PIAA that they provided no communication to the district prior to their decision to release Conneaut from the league. Mrs. Armeni encouraged community members to consider employment with the school especially with the nationwide shortage of qualified applicants for school bus driving.

11-2021-14      Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.  
Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bernardini  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 11:54 a.m.

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Treasurer

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President