

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 5, 2022

The organizational meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, January 5, 2022 at the Administration Office 230 Gateway Ave., Conneaut, Ohio 44030.

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

Others Present:

President Penny Armeni called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

The Oath of Office was delivered by Mrs. Miranda to Board Members Penny Armeni and Christopher Brecht for their new re-elected 4 year terms.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Armeni.

Nomination, Election and Oath of Office for President:

Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that Christopher Bartone be appointed President.

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton

The Oath of Office was delivered by Mrs. Miranda to Board Member Christopher Bartone.

Nomination, Election and Oath of Office for Vice President:

Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that Suzanne Bernardini be appointed Vice President.

Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni

The Oath of Office was delivered by Mrs. Miranda to Board Member Suzanne Bernardini.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley shared with the board, information from the Conneaut Health Department, CDC guidelines and the daily State of Ohio COVID case count that a surge in cases is expected to rise between January 7th and 10th. She updated the board with CDC recommendations of five day quarantines with no symptoms and the effects on how to best manage students and staff during a surge. Based on all information available, Mrs. Riley recommends to provide remote instruction for the safety of students and staff from Friday, January 7 with a return to in class learning on Tuesday, January 18.

01-2022-01 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that Christopher Bartone be appointed legislative liaison/delegate to the Ohio School Boards Association and Suzanne Bernardini as alternate for the 2022 calendar year.

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2022-02 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that Christopher Brecht be appointed Board liaison to the Conneaut Athletic Association for the 2022 calendar year.

Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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- 01-2022-03 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Penny Armeni that Joan Norton be appointed Board liaison to Conneaut City Council for the 2022 calendar year.
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2022-04 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that Penny Armeni be appointed Ohio School Boards Association Student Achievement liaison for the 2022 calendar year.
Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2022-05 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board appoint the Treasurer as their designee for public records training.
Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2022-06 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Treasurer be authorized to retain legal services as presented.
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2022-07 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the OSBA legal assistance fund agreement as presented.
Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2022-08 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the district tax budget of the Conneaut Area City Schools for the Fiscal Year 2023 be approved as presented.
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2022-09 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board designate the Star Beacon and the Courier published and circulated in the District, as the official newspapers for the Conneaut Area City Schools.
Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

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- 01-2022-10 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the regular monthly meetings of Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education during the 2022 calendar year be held on 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning with the work session at 10:00 a.m., followed by the regular session at Conneaut High School, 381 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio or alternatively as determined by the Board of Education.
Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2022-11 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board reaffirm all Board policies in effect at the date of this meeting are continued in full force and effect unless modified by subsequent action of the Board, pursuant to OAC 3301-35-02.
Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2022-12 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approves their membership to OSBA (Ohio School Boards Association) for the year of 2022 at a cost of \$5,863.00.
Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2022-13 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve the appropriation of a sum not to exceed two dollars for each child enrolled in the district, or twenty thousand dollars, whichever is greater for payment of expense actually incurred by board members in the performance of their duties or members-elect in training and orientation to the performance of their duties.
Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2022-14 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Treasurer be authorized to request tax advances from the County auditor as the 2022 real estate and personal property tax collections become available.
Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried
- 01-2022-15 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Treasurer be authorized to invest any monies that become available from the County Auditor as the 2022 real estate and personal property tax collections become available.
Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Carried

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01-2022-16 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Treasurer be authorized to pay bills each month and dispense with monthly resolutions authorizing payment of bills, if the expenditures for such are provided for in the annual budget.

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2022-17 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Superintendent authorize no more than \$75,000 through the use of the credit card for any individual transaction.

Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2022-18 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Superintendent be authorized to grant approval for attendance at Professional meetings as long as requested expenses do not exceed appropriated funds and the requests are within established Board guidelines and policies.

Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board members' summary: The board also noted that the annual Board Retreat would be held on Wednesday, January 12th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Board Office.

01-2022-19 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the board adjourn this organizational meeting.

Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Treasurer

President