

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

January 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at the Administration Office 230 Gateway Ave., Conneaut, Ohio 44030.

Work session began at 10:00 a.m.

Work Session: Mrs. Kerri Hayes, Curriculum Director, provided the board with an update on curriculum and instruction in the district. She has been working with staff regarding district goals, professional development, gifted, effective technology practices in the classroom, programming and English language learners. She meets with small groups and teacher based teams (TBT's) addressing everything from clarifying current standards to technology practices in the classroom. She also reviewed the new assessment programs in the district and the benefit for students and staff.

President Christopher Bartone called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

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

Others Present: Brian Haytcher, Keith Troia

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bartone.

Agenda Modifications: None

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: Mrs. Miranda presented two letters of support against House Bill 126 to be sent to Representative Sarah Fowler Arthur. One for the board members to sign and one from the superintendent and treasurer. House Bill 126 negatively affects the district's ability to file a complaint regarding property valuations. House Bill 126 puts in place requirements for boards of education across the state to follow multiple steps before filing a complaint. Previously the board members, along with superintendent and treasurer, had sent a letter of support against HB126 to Senator Sandra O'Brien.

Presentations: Mrs. Riley acknowledged School Board Appreciation Month with a letter of appreciation to the members for all they do and the support they provide for the district's students, community, staff, administration, treasurer and superintendent, by the decisions they make.

Committee Reports

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mrs. Bernardini reported A-Tech rescheduled its organizational meeting to January 24th. A-Tech also held a very successful Holiday Food Drive. Student Alex Kennedy received a Presidential Scholarship Award, one of out of five opportunities statewide. He now will have an opportunity in a national pool and my win a trip to Washington D.C. and to meet President Biden.

Athletic Council/SPARC– None

Friends of the Conneaut Public Library/DLT – None

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City Council – Mrs. Norton report that the joint City Council meeting had been cancelled. She also reported that Nick Stevenson, would be Spartan of the Month for January.

Board President – Mr. Barton shared that the Board of Education had attended a productive Board Retreat with all members in attendance.

Superintendent’s report: Mrs. Riley, Superintendent, shared that the 2022-2023 school calendar is being reviewed with all the stakeholders. Intent forms are being returned by certified staff for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Riley was proud to announce that Conneaut had been selected as a site to host a County Wide Military signing on May 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for students interested in joining the military.

01-2022-22 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2021 be approved as presented.

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2022-23 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the financial report be approved as presented.

Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2022-24 Moved by Christopher Brecht, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for SPARC, from Chuck and Kathie Hardin, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for SPARC, from Brian S. Eighmy, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$540.00 for SPARC, from FO Eagles, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$60.00 for Fall Awards, from Dr. Albert Hoffman, fund #300-9001
- Donation in the amount of \$1,220.00 for Special Education, from various donors in memory of Margaret Lyon, fund #018-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$166.60 for Athletic Awards, from Athletic Boosters, fund #300-9001

Ayes: Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2022-25 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Joan Norton that the Board approve the resolution establishing a Capital Projects Fund under Revised Code Section 5705.13(C) and authorizing and directing the transfer of money to that fund from the General Fund.

- Capital Improvement Fund Fund #070-9022

Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini

Nays:

Abstain:

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01-2022-26 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Christopher Brecht that the Board approve the transfer of funds from the General Fund #001-0000 to the Permanent Improvement Fund #003-9006 in the amount of \$750,000.

Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2022-27 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the resolution determining to submit to the electors of the Conneaut Area City School District the question of the renewal of an existing tax levy, pursuant to sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the revised code.

Ayes: Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2022-28 Moved by Penny Armeni, seconded by Suzanne Bernardini that the Board approve the Conneaut High School course fee schedule and course description guide for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Ayes: Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht, Norton, Armeni

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2022-29 Moved by Joan Norton, seconded by Penny Armeni that the Board approve a supplemental contract for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Elizabeth Bernardini Asst. Marching Band Director Step 3

Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone

Nays:

Abstain: Bernardini

Motion Carried

01-2022-30 Moved by Suzanne Bernardini, seconded by Christopher 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 leave for the following personnel.

Julie Lester, beginning on or about January 24, 2022 through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year using unpaid personal leave following the birth of a child.

30.02 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Stephanie VanNorman, from M+15 to M+30

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

Robert Beatman, 2nd shift custodian, step 0, 8 hrs/per day, 260 days/per year, effective 2/1/2022

- 30.04 Approve the following changes in classified contracts.

➤ Bus Driver changes, Effective 12/7/21:

Sherrie Douglas, from 5.75 hrs. to 7 hrs.
 James Faidley, from 8 hrs. to 7 hrs.
 Patty Jackson, from 5 hrs. to 7.75 hrs.
 Pauline Jarvi, from 7.25 hrs. to 6.25 hrs.
 Larry Latva, from 7.25 hrs. to 6.5 hrs.
 Ruth Mackey, from 6 hrs. to 6.75 hrs.
 Lisa Poff, from 6 hrs. to 6.25 hrs.
 Pam Thomas, from 6.5 hrs. to 7.5 hrs.
 Amber Wells, from 7 hrs. to 7.25 hrs.

➤ Bus Driver changes, Effective 1/4/22:

Sherrie Douglas, from 7 hrs. to 5.75 hrs.
 James Faidley, from 7 hrs. to 8 hrs.
 Patty Jackson, from 7.75 hrs. to 5 hrs.
 Pauline Jarvi, from 6.25 hrs. to 7.25 hrs.
 Larry Latva, from 6.5 hrs. to 7.5 hrs.
 Ruth Mackey, from 6.75 hrs. to 6 hrs.
 Lisa Poff, from 6.25 hrs. to 6 hrs.
 Pam Thomas, from 7.5 hrs. to 6.5 hrs.
 Amber Wells, from 7.25 hrs. to 7 hrs.

➤ Bus Driver changes, Effective 1/10/22:

Pam Thomas, from 6.5 hrs. to 7.25 hrs.

➤ Classified changes:

Floyd Cameron, Food Truck Driver, 3.25 hrs/per day, step 1, 186 days/per year, effective 1/4/22
 Eugene Emery, Bus Aide/parapro certification, 5.75 hrs/per day, step 13, 186 days/per year, effective 1/4/22

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

Barry Bertolasio

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

Michael Mandagelo

Stephanie Sawyers

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

Austin Blair	Dramatics Director/Musical	Step 1
Nathan Wise	Orchestra Director	Step 1

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

Rocco Dobran	Head Football Coach	Step 12
Tim Tallbacka	Varsity Asst. Football Coach	Step 9
Tony Pasanen	Varsity Asst. Football Coach	Step 5
Matt Pape	Varsity Asst. Football Coach	Step 2
Tony Todaro	Varsity Asst. Football Coach	Step 2
Bill Lipps	Varsity Asst. Football Coach	Step 1
Pete Alessi	CMS Asst. Football Coach	Step 1
Larry Mozzocco	CMS Asst. Football Coach	Step 1
Doug Hedrick	Girls Tennis Coach	Step 6
Jennifer Weagraff	CMS Yearbook Advisor	Step 8

Ayes: Brecht, Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board members’ summary: The board noted the successful and productive retreat. They also acknowledged the generosity of donors, no matter what the amount or cause, that provide funds to the district programs to benefit students. Also noted was the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year dinner on February 15, with Lori Riley as the 2020 recipient of the honor.

The board also thanked the staff for the snow removal work and their appreciation for staff flexibility.

01-2022-31 Moved by Christopher Brecht, moved by Joan Norton that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

Ayes: Norton, Armeni, Bartone, Bernardini, Brecht

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 11:14 a.m.

Treasurer

President