

Coshocton City Schools Special Meeting Minutes

Board of Education

Coshocton Elementary School, 1203 Cambridge Rd., Coshocton OH

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

5:00pm

Present: Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education; Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education; Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education; Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education; Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education; Dr. David Hire, Superintendent; Ms. Terri Eyerman, Treasurer; Kaitlyn Ashbrook, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs; Jason Olinger, Instructional Technology Director

1 095-2020 Call to Order

President

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Resolution: 095-2020

2 Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

The Board dispensed with the pledge.

3 Mission Statement

Coshocton City Schools, in partnership with families and community, will empower individuals to become literate, respectful, responsible, and independent lifelong learners in an ever-changing global society.

Minutes:

The Mission Statement was read by Dr. Jere Butcher.

4 Roll Call

Ms. Terri Eyerman, Treasurer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		

5 096-2020 Adoption of the Agenda

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the agenda.

Resolution: 096-2020

Motioned: Mr. Sam Bennett

Seconded: Mr. Steve Clark

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		

6 Hearing of the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated below.

Public Participation at Board Meetings

In order for the Coshocton City Board to conduct its meetings in a productive and efficient manner that assures that the regular agenda of the Board is completed in a reasonable period of time, a maximum of thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted at each regular meeting, unless extended by a vote of the Board. Any person or group wishing to address the Board shall register their intent with the Superintendent prior to the meeting. Each participant addressing the Board will give his/her name and shall be limited to three minutes duration. All statements should be addressed to the presiding officer. Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the Board to be placed on the regular agenda. The Board retains the right to table any matter until further study can be made.

Minutes:

Ms. Terri Kittell addressed the board regarding the possibility of changing the Redskins name/mascot. Her son, Jay Kittell sent a letter she requested to read to the board. The letter was read and has been submitted to be attached as minutes of the meeting. Ms. Kittell then asked a few questions of her own including: Why do we need to change the name now? What can someone take us to court for if it is for the purpose of being sued? Dr. Hire told her he had not heard of anyone taking anyone to court.

Dr. Butcher opened the public participation option for all Zoom participants. There were no participants.

7 Board Discussion Items

7.1 Plug Smart Grant

Minutes:

Terri presented a summary of the current status of the 2020 grant and opportunities for 2021. Mr. Hunt asked for clarification: Does that mean we cannot get an application together by Sept 30? It was clarified that the work itself has to be completed by September 2020.

Mr. Todd Johnson then gave a summary of the details discussed in yesterday's walkthrough.

Mr. Tad Johnson added information from historical data that supported needs but also mentioned that chillers would be greater than two-ton.

Dr. Hire asked if they could have the information ready for the August 20th Board meeting or if we should plan on a September presentation.

HVAC and Roofing issues at the HS are the main projects that need to be completed.

Dr. Butcher asked if PlugSmart primarily looked at the HVAC or did they go through the entire building and list as they did a few years ago. Mr. Todd Johnson suggested that their visit was short enough that they most likely did not look at the entire building.

Attachments:

[Plug Smart Update 2020.08.11.pdf](#)

7.2 School Mascot

Minutes:

Dr. Butcher stated that he forwarded emails to each member of the Board. He reached out to the Delaware Indian tribe received one email from a gentleman.

Mr. Clark wanted to know if there is anyone locally pushing to have this name changed. In fact, he said, they love it the way it is. He didn't know if someone was pushing. Dr. Hire stated there was a lot of media attention due to the Washington Redskins and Cleveland Indians changing their name. He was getting the typical emails he has gotten in the past from the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, etc. They want to know what we are going to be doing. On August 4th the Board received an email from the National Congress of American Indians. From there we have received a lot of comments and emails - there is no real push, it is just in the news. The issue is to figure out what, if anything, there is to be done. If we were going to consider getting more input, we would have a public meeting with the community to get more responses. Mr. Clark felt that helped frame it. He said he has had many people talk to him about it, stating that they do not want to change it because of what the current name means to them. Mr. Tad Johnson feels that we need to put this on the back burner and forget about it. As long as he is on the board he will not vote for it. We grew up learning the history behind all of the heritage of this whole county. Dr. Hire asked - at the risk of upsetting others, we should consider how the Native Americans feel about it. Should we be a little more open-minded about it?

Mr. Clark mentioned that if the name were to change we will need to consider the cost of rebranding. It is out in the community and it is getting a lot of talks. Dr. Butcher said it is - and he is glad. In his mind we are still in fact-gathering mode, he does not want to have a vote tonight, especially with the school year starting.

We can consider this another day.

8 097-2020 Business Items

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following business items:

Resolution: 097-2020

8.1 097.1-2020 Learning Platforms for Remote Learning

Approve the following methods of delivering remote learning programs and give authority to Treasurer and Superintendent to enter into agreements with vendors and present contracts to be ratified at the meeting after contract signature:

- APEX - Grades 6-12 (estimated amount not to exceed \$35,000)
- Edgenuity- Grades K-5 (estimated amount not to exceed is \$213,000)

Both items will be paid for with federal C.A.R.E.S. Act Funding.

Minutes:

Mrs. Kaitlyn Ashbrook gave an update. She shared that the survey ended on Friday, 89% of students accounted for - making choices for learning options.

40% percent of our children chose to go remote. An important thing to consider is the quality of the platform and what will help continue the student's education. We want to make sure what we are providing for our students an opportunity to learn and explore, take assessments. She and Jason Olinger spent a good deal of time researching options.

Mr. Clark asked if we would start this right away at the beginning of our school year.

Mrs. Ashbrook - Yes, delaying the start of school is allowing for learning time for our teachers, and time to get the students enrolled, how they can support the students.

Apex Learning for remote learning 6-12

Edgenuity remote learning for K-5

Edgenuity Pathblazers for all K-5 students, remote and in school learning.

Apex also has a product that will be used for all 6-12 students both in school and remote to enhance the learning process that the District is providing.

Mr. Hunt asked if we have the ability to pay if school would be closed for the rest of our students to be added on at this price? Dr. Hire spoke about the face to face students having support with remote work but our teachers will continue to work with face to face students. This is the maximum - we could have all of our students still use these programs. If we knew we were going totally remote we would make some changes so our teachers had more interaction with our students.

Dr. Butcher asked about internet access for our kids - 111 families have answered they have internet issues. The district is looking into this to work through opportunities so that these families can be provided with MiFi or wifi devices. We also have installed a hotspot in our ES parking lot - families can park, can download the information they need then go home to work on them.

Kaitlyn also mentioned that our original price was almost \$1K per student per year plus workbook cost. Jason was able to work with a consortium to obtain a cost of \$710 per student that included the workbook cost. CARES Act -ESSER funds will cover this year. Students will be able to address content and Ohio standards they need that all of their on-site classmates will be doing. Students can work at their own pace. Dr. Hire explained that we will have specific teachers that will work with the remote students. We think this is the best for everyone to keep our kids engaged.

There are grants out there that we are working on to support the technology.

We listened to parents' and teachers' comments on the spring survey and feel we are meeting all of the needs of them.

Resolution: 097.1-2020

Motioned: Mr. Steve Clark
Seconded: Mr. Tad Johnson

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		

9 098-2020 Superintendent Report and Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following items:

Minutes:

The vote recorded here is inclusive of 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3

Mr. Johnson asked about the delayed school start and teacher start - what is the status of our football season?

Superintendents and AD's had a discussion today - OHSAA MVL - 5 games in our division plus River View for a total of 6 games. If you win your tournament game, you keep playing; you can have up to 10 regular-season games. The first game will be at home against River View.

Mr. Tad Johnson said he is being asked how we can let our HS students play if the OSU Buckeyes are not playing.

Dr. Hire explained that it is still our decision but there are state and county health department guidelines on how to handle games and spectators. There are many details that need to be taken under consideration. He stated that our student-athletes have been practicing all summer.

Resolution: 098-2020

Motioned: Mr. Tad Johnson

Seconded: Mr. Sam Bennett

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		

9.1 098.1-2020 NEOLA Policies

It is recommended that the Board of Education temporarily amend its rules of order that require a second reading of proposed policy in order to expedite and adopt the following NEOLA policies:
(N)=New, (R)=Revised, (D)=Delete

- 8450.01 (N) Protective Facial Coverings During Pandemic/Epidemic Events

Minutes:

Vote included in 9.0

Resolution: 098.1-2020

Attachments:

[8450.01_Protective_Facial_Coverings_During_Pandemic-Epidemic_Events.pdf](#)

9.2 098.2-2020 Personnel

- Approve temporary assignment of John Conrad to District Maintenance on an as needed basis for the 2020-2021 school year. This work is to be paid per approved timesheets at Step 2 of the negotiated salary schedule for district maintenance.
- Resignations/Retirements
 - Christine Frankland - Retirement - Effective Aug. 7, 2020
 - Cindi Knoff - Retirement - Effective Sept. 7, 2020

Minutes:

Vote included in 9.0

Resolution: 098.2-2020

Attachments:

[C_Frankland_Retirement_Letter_eff_8-7-20.pdf](#)

[C_Knoff_Retirement_Letter_eff_9-8-20.pdf](#)

9.3 098.3-2020 Handbooks

Approve the following handbooks for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Coshocton High School
- Coshocton Elementary School
- Coshocton Preschool
- Coshocton Athletics

Minutes:

Vote included in 9.0.

Resolution: 098.3-2020

Attachments:

[2020-2021_CHS_HANDBOOK_CHANGES.pdf](#)

[2020-21_CHS_Student_Handbook_Final_8-11-20.pdf](#)

[Athletic_Handbook_Changes_2020-2021.pdf](#)

[CES_Handbook_2020-2021_Showing_Revisions_Revised_8-11-2020_1.pdf](#)

10 Announcements

Minutes:

Dr. Butcher forwarded an email - Mr. Fortney is looking at plaques for Field house - and when do we want to have the dedication for the Field House? Examples of the plaques are included in the email. Mr. Johnson wants all current board members and Dr. Salmons and Felicia Drummey on there because they were there through the process. He recommends we keep donors on a separate item. The General Contractor Hathaway is important. If we need more room to make it remove the architect to get Felicia's name on there.

Mr. Johnson stated that the building sure looks nice!

Tim stated that all of the lockers were donated

Mr. Johnson also mentioned that Tim's name needs to be on there.

Dr. Hire mentioned again what a great job Tim is doing as well as the building principals, Jason and Kaitlyn. He appreciates the Board's support helping us work through these details.

11 Next Meeting(s)

11.1 Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Coshocton Elementary School Library

Minutes:

The Board requests that the agenda should be changed to reflect the standard 6:30 start time for the August 20th meeting.

12 099-2020 Adjournment

It is recommended that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned.

Resolution: 099-2020

Motioned: Mr. Sam Bennett

Seconded: Dr. Jere Butcher

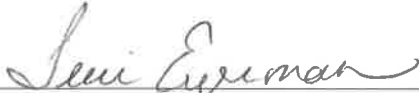
Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		

Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X			
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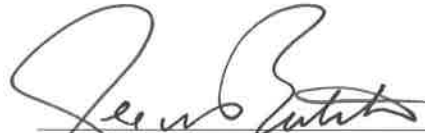
The Coshocton City Board of Education

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ATTESTATION:



Terri Eyerman, Treasurer



Dr. Jere Butcher, President