

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

February 15, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at Conneaut High School. The Regular Meeting was preceded by a work session that began at 10:00 a.m.

Work Session: Mrs. Keri Hayes, Curriculum Director, provided the Board with a literacy update. Lakeshore Primary School and Gateway Elementary School, grades K-5 are having monthly meetings and reviewing curriculum options that will complement the current existing core of reading curriculum that is being utilized. Mrs. Hayes shared that iReady Assessment program which measures reading and math growth has been implemented in Lakeshore Primary School and Conneaut High School this year, in addition to Gateway Elementary and Conneaut Middle implementing last year. The comparison of fall to winter assessments, reflect growth in reading and math at all levels district wide. Spring assessments will begin as early as April 11. Mrs. Hayes shared that the State Support Team (SST) selected Conneaut as the one district out of eight to participate in Unleash the Power of the Data tool for free, which saves the district approximately \$4,000, and also provides assistance with the One Needs Assessment and Plan. Mrs. Hayes introduced that STEAM camp for grades 3-8 was held in August last year and is planning for this summer again, providing students an opportunity to choose two sessions. Mrs. Hayes also noted that Mrs. Christina Frisbee has received her gifted endorsement and is housed at Gateway Elementary but is serving grades 2 thru 6 and she and Mrs. Hayes are brainstorming how different ideas to provide gifted instruction.

Meeting began at 10:32 a.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Norton.

Agenda Modifications: None

Presentations: Mrs. Lori Riley presented the Student of the Month award. Honored this month was Joshua Harmon, by his teacher, Mr. Adam Lytle. Mr. Lytle shared that Joshua is a hard worker, a fantastic kid, and accepts any challenge. Mr. Lytle looks forward to great accomplishments from Joshua.

Delegations and visitors: Mr. David Thomas, Ashtabula County Auditor and Ms. Kris Paolillo, Ashtabula County Auditor's Office, came prepared to speak to the Board regarding the triennial revaluation process. Mr. Thomas provided the update regarding the triennial revaluation process on over 82,000 parcels that is occurring this calendar year. The purpose is to align values with market trends. This includes residential and commercial properties but is not a physical inspection of properties as occurs in the six-year valuation process. The process reviews sales over the last year by neighborhood, which exists of about 200 parcels. Homeowners will receive postcards this summer to reflect the triennial update. Mr. Thomas noted there is a levy calculator online that is based on current market values.

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: Mrs. Riley presented the public hearing of the 2023-2024 school calendar in detail.

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Committee Reports:

Legislative – Mr. Coltman – None

A-Tech – Mr. Nesbitt noted that he will be attending the February A-Tech meeting.

Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht – None

Student Achievement Report and DLT – Mrs. Armeni – None

City Council – Mrs. Norton announced the Spartan Student of the Month was Wyatt Payne for February.

Board President – Mrs. Norton noted that she participated in Reality Day at Conneaut Middle School and each year is reminded of what a great opportunity for students to experience real life situations and how to handle them responsibly.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley explained that after a student survey the Conneaut High School Course Description Guide had been updated to reflect courses that students had expressed an interest to see included as curriculum options. Mrs. Riley noted the maintenance department is currently in a transition phase due to the resignation of long time employee Mr. Matthew Kitchen. Mrs. Riley noted that winter sports would be ending in approximately two weeks. She shared with the Board that currently 42 third grade students meet retention criteria and that she, administrators and staff are discussing retention philosophies.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda noted that the donations section included January donations plus donations from August 2022 that had been overlooked previously. Mrs. Miranda explained the process for bus purchases thru the Ohio Schools Council Cooperative (OSC), which enables the OSC to complete the bid process for participating school district members. The first step is to assess the transportation fleet for bus replacement purposes, pass a board resolution to allow OSC to request bids on behalf of the district for the type and size of school bus requested and once bids are available, the board would pass a second resolution in April to move forward with purchase, if desired. The recommendation for the 2023-2024 year is for one conventional 77 passenger bus, noting that the district purchases 1-2 busses per year to keep the fleet operational. Mrs. Miranda noted the approved bus from February 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year has still not been received. Mrs. Miranda thanked Mr. Matt Kitchen and Mr. David Onion on their many years of service, dedication and commitment to excellence for the maintenance and custodial needs of the district.

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- 02-2023-01 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the minutes of the special meeting of January 5, 2023, the organizational meeting of January 11, 2023, the special meeting of January 11, 2023, the regular meeting of January 18, 2023, the board retreat of January 23, 2023, the special meeting of January 23, 2023, and the special meeting of January 27, 2023 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 02-2023-02 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 02-2023-03 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the following Then and Now Certificate as presented.
- DeSantis Solutions district purchases
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried
- 02-2023-04 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the following donations as presented.
- Donation in the amount of \$816.48 from Conneaut Moose Lodge for Cross Country and Track, fund #300-9001
 - Donation in the amount of \$1, 300.00 from Conneaut Eagles for SPARC, fund #019-9100
 - Donation in the amount of \$4,818.42 from Conneaut Fish and Game for SPARC Golf Outing, fund #019-9100
 - Donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Conneaut Moose Lodge for SPARC, fund #019-9100
 - Donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Biscotti's Restaurant for CHS Theatre, fund #300-9060
 - Donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Nick and Lisa Iarocci for CHS Theatre, fund #300-9060
 - Donation in the amount of \$150.00 from Conneaut Savings Bank for CHS Theatre, fund #300-9060
 - Donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Conneaut Music Boosters for CHS Theatre, fund #300-9060
 - Donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Wholesale Imprints Inc. for CHS Theatre, fund #300-9060
 - Donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Greg Sweet for CHS Theatre, fund #300-9060
 - Donation in the amount of \$300.00 from Conneaut Fish and Game for SPARC Golf Outing, fund #019-9100
 - Donation in the amount of \$200.00 from Conneaut Telephone Company for CHS Theatre, fund #300-9060
 - Donation in the amount of \$525.00 from New Leaf Event Center for CHS Theatre, fund #300-9060

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- Donation in the amount of \$200.00 from Biscotti's Restaurant for Cheerleading/Music Boosters, fund #001-0000
- Donation in the amount of \$600.00 from Biscotti's Restaurant for Chicago Band Trip, fund #001-0000
- Donation in the amount of \$300.00 from Biscotti's Restaurant for CMS Football, fund #001-0000

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

02-2023-05 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies to the County Auditor as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

02-2023-06 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve Ohio Schools Council Cooperative advertising and receiving bids for school bus chassis and bodies. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

02-2023-07 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education authorizes membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

02-2023-08 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board give first reading to the district calendar for school year 2023-2024 as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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02-2023-09 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the Conneaut High School course fee schedule and course description guide for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

02-2023-10 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. 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.

10.01 Approve resignations as presented.

Classified:

Matthew Kitchen, effective February 13, 2023, he has been with the district for 25 years.

Dave Onion, due to retirement, effective June 1, 2023, he has been with the district for 18 years.

10.02 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Adam Holdson, from B to B+15, effective January 19, 2023

10.03 Approve employment for the following certified personnel as home tutors at \$20.00/hr. effective January 23, 2023 through June 30, 2023."

Jeananne Irwin

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

Melissa Reydak, GES/CMS Paraprofessional, step 0, CMS-Mon/Wed, GES- Tues/Fri, 6 hrs./per day, effective 2/6/23

Melissa Reydak, CMS Library Clerk, step 0, Thursday only, 6 hrs./per day, effective 2/6/23

Brian Wagaman, Bus Mechanic, step 0, 8 hrs./per day, 260 days/per year, effective 2/21/23

Rachell Rapose, Satellite School Helper, step 0, 3 hrs./per day, 186 days/per year, effective 2/16/23

10.05 Approve the following changes in classified contracts.

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

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

Kelly Leonardson, Head Maintenance, step 16, 8 hrs./per day, 260 days/per year, effective 2/13/23

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

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| Hannah Caudill-Simms | Eva DelPrince |
| Amy Jo Huston | Charles Lowenkamp |

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

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| Eva DelPrince | Mary Moore |
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10.08 Approve supplemental contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.

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| Bill Lipps | Head Baseball Coach | Step 1 |
| Jessica Kennedy | Asst. Track Coach | Step 1 |

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

Board Summary: The Board thanked Mrs. Hayes for her informative presentation. The Board reminded the community about the excitement of the upcoming Conneaut High School band trip to Chicago for the St. Patrick’s Day parade held on March 11, 2023 and the Conneaut High School performance of the Wizard of Oz on March 23, 24 and 25 at 7:30 each evening. The Board thanked Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Onion for their service and wished them well in future endeavors. The Board also reminded that the Annual Conneaut Chamber of Commerce Dinner would be held February 21, 2023, at New Leaf Event Center at 6:00 p.m., celebrating a Spartan theme to honor outgoing Chamber of Commerce President, Superintendent Lori Riley.

02-2023-11 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Treasurer

President