

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

May 17, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at Conneaut High School. The Regular meeting was preceded by a work session that began at 10:01 a.m.

Work Session: Mrs. Riley, Superintendent, introduced Ms. Madisyn Mason, via Zoom, the new band director replacing Mr. Nate Wise. Ms. Mason is a recent graduate of Ohio University.

Mrs. Stephanie Anservitz, Conneaut High School Principal, provided an update on the many exciting year end events occurring for students. Mrs. Anservitz highlighted the benefit students have received due to ACCESS and the GearUp program being present in the building, with a special thanks to Emily Dobran, Jeannie Irwin and Janet Gerdes for their commitment and support to provide Conneaut students with exposure to the many options for careers after high school.

Mrs. Sara Fertig shared an overview of the Power of the Pen competition that exists of storytelling thru writing. Mrs. Fertig proudly highlighted from the 19 students in her Creative Writing Elective, 11 students participated in district competition, 9 students in regional and 2 students in state competition.

Meeting began at 10:30 a.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Norton.

Agenda Modifications: None

Presentations: Pastor Tim Kraus presented the Student of the Month award. Honored this month was Kendra Summers, by her teacher, Ms. Susan Trost. Ms. Trost shared that it has been a privilege to be Kendra's teacher for the last two years. Kendra excels in art class. She is kind polite, respectful and leads by example.

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: None

Committee Reports:

Legislative - Mr. Coltman shared that with the pending biennium budget, the house and senate are working thru the legislative process. He added that there has been a surge on increasing voucher programs in presented legislation.

A-Tech - Mr. Nesbitt shared that the A-Tech robotics team attended the national event in Pittsburgh recently. Mr. Nesbitt added that he attended an OSBA meeting for board members that provides framework for roles and responsibilities of board members.

Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht had no report.

Student Achievement Report and DLT - Mrs. Armeni noted the DLT team met on April 26 and the multiple end of year building celebrations as they prepare for the start of next year. The major focus is addressing chronic absenteeism as research reflects that every day missed requires three days of attendance to catchup resulting in the high impact poor attendance has on student learning. City Council – Mrs. Norton announced the Spartan Student of the Month was Amelia Sanford for April. Mrs. Norton also noted that Joint City Council meeting that was to be held April 19 at 6:00 p.m. has been postponed until September.

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Board President – Mrs. Norton shared best wishes to retirees and thanked ACCESS and the Gearup program for the awesome work they are providing in the buildings.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley shared again that Conneaut Area City Schools in one district out of seven in the state of Ohio that was chosen to participate in the Gearup program. Students are reaping the benefits from the partnership between ACCESS and Gearup with career exploration thru the use of field trips, speakers and daily interaction with Gearup staff. Mrs. Riley announced applications were being accepted to attend STEAM camp and would be accepted thru June 12. Mrs. Riley shared the Stephanie Burnett was chosen as the Conneaut Rotary Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Riley shared that Staff Appreciation Week occurred recently and she is fortunate to work with such a great staff.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed the five year forecast highlighting several key areas including the potential impact of the Ohio biennial budget beginning July 1, 2023, and the ending of federal allocations of ESSERS funds ending September 30, 2024. Mrs. Miranda also shared that the May 2 new permanent improvement levy had not passed and that the board would need to complete the process by August 9 for the levy to be placed on the November ballot. Mrs. Miranda reminded the board that that while the ballot is required to utilize the verbiage of a new levy, the board is approving to repeal the existing 1.5 permanent improvement levy, and with the expiration of two bond levies, the 1.0 mill construction bond levy and the .5 mill maintenance fund levy, taxes would be reduced across the district by about \$180,000 per year. Mrs. Miranda explained the two bus purchases on the agenda, one 78 passenger and one 83 passenger. Mrs. Miranda also shared that she had the opportunity to have a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student from Pymatuning Valley job shadow as he is interested in a career in accounting and math.

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- 05-2023-01 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2023 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 05-2023-02 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 05-2023-03 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the following donations as presented.
- Donation in the amount of \$1,010.00 from Conneaut Eagles Club for SPARC, fund #019-9100
  - Donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from J. McAdoo, for Drama/Theatre Dept., fund #300-9060
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 05-2023-04 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the five-year Financial Forecast be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 05-2023-05 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the purchase of one (1) 78 passenger conventional bus, \$111,961.00 from Rush Bus Centers of Ohio, as a result of participation in the Ohio Schools Council School Bus Purchasing Program as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried

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05-2023-06 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the purchase of one (1) 83 passenger conventional bus, \$113,261.00 from Rush Bus Centers of Ohio, as a result of participation in the Ohio Schools Council School Bus Purchasing Program as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

05-2023-07 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the following Then and Now Certificate as presented.

- Laketec Communications E-rate Category 2 Internal Connections

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

05-2023-08 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the following Conneaut High School Seniors, Class of 2023, as certified by the High School Principal, for diplomas pending satisfactory completion of state and local requirements.

Kaitlyn Ogg

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

05-2023-09 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the following be appointed to the Conneaut Recreation Board for a five (5) year term as presented

David Simpson	May 8, 2023 to May 5, 2028
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Rebecca Thomas	May 8, 2023 to May 5, 2028
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Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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05-2023-10 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman 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:
- Certified:  
Nancy Sullivan, due to retirement, effective 6/15/23. She has been with the district for 25 years.
  - Classified:  
Danica Parma, due to retirement, effective 6/28/23. She has been with the district for 21 years.
  - Larry Latva, due to retirement, effective 6/2/2023. He has been with the district for 9 years.
- 10.02 Approve a continuing contract for the following certified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Kelly Jones            M, Step 11
- 10.03 Approve a one (1) year limited contract for the following certified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Martina Harrington            Speech and Language Pathologist    M, Step 1  
Madisyn Mason                Instrumental Music/Band Director    B, Step 0
- 10.04 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.
- Allyson Clark, from M+15 to M+30
- 10.05 Approve employment for the following certified personnel as Summer Tutors/Summer School at \$30.00/hr., for the 2023 summer program, all teachers will attend a meeting from 3:30pm-4:30pm on April 25.
- Session 1-effective May 2-June 8, T & TH, 3:30pm-5:00pm.  
Teachers:  
Elizabeth Bernardini            Adam Holdson  
Michael Kenyon                 Jodi Pasanen
  - Session 2-effective June 20-23, M – F and June 26, 27, 28, 29, 8:30am-12:00pm.  
Teachers:  
Elizabeth Bernardini            Jessica Cunningham  
Michael Kenyon                 Jodi Pasanen

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- 10.06 Approve employment for the following certified personnel as STEAM Camp Teachers at \$30.00/hr., for the 2023 summer program, effective June 6, 4:00pm-5:00pm, August 3, 8:00am-12:00pm and August 7-10, 8:00am-12:00pm.

Courtney Case	Gina Dickinson	Sara Fertig	Lesley Gerics
Kelly Jones	Jodi Pasanen	Joel Specht	Rebecca Thomas

- 10.07 Approve employment for the following certified personnel as STEAM Camp Director at \$35.00/hr., for the 2023 summer program, effective June 6, 4:00pm-5:00pm, August 3, 8:00am-12:00pm and August 7-10, 8:00am-12:00pm, Plus two additional days in June TBD.

Christina Frisbie

- 10.08 Approve employment for the following Speech/Language Pathologists on an as-needed basis at \$40.00/hr. for the 2023 summer program.

Nicole Culek	Martina Harrington
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- 10.09 Approve employment for the following certified personnel as a home tutor at \$20.00/hr. effective May 1, 2023 through June 12, 2023."

Peter Alessi

- 10.10 Approve employment for the following seasonal worker for 8 hrs./day at \$12.00/hr., effective April 24, 2023, through date to be determined.

Frank Wojtowicz

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

Devastasha Beaver

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

Lori Cline	Marilyn Wright
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- 10.13 Approve employment for the following as substitute certified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year.

Carrie Bambarger	Casey Bambarger	Devastasha Beaver
Jacob Bessman	Robert Bretz	William Brotzman
Hannah Caudill-Simms	Dennis Distelrath	Douglas Edwards
Katherine Essig	Jodie Fowler	Cathy Gebhardt
Lee Heinonen	Donyale Holmes	Valerie Howland
Amy Jo Huston	William Hyland	Olympia Maenpaa
Brianna Martone	Grace Martone	Robert McBride
Michael McCorkle	Cheryl Moscorelli	Debbie Neubauer
Debra Obrenski	Francis Olivarez	Linda Palo
Kate Ramsey-Willer	Thomas Ritari	Patricia Robotham
Adam Simonds	Eugenia Stroeter	Carrie Thompson
Paula Williams	Gary Young	

- 10.14 Approve employment for the following as substitute classified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year.

Beth Briestenski	Kathi Bucci	Gloria Campbell
Jamie Chervinski	Lori Cline	Connie Coxon
Brenda Fields	Sheila Golen	Lee Heinonen
Donyale Holmes	Ron Kay	Pam Lowry
Sharon Mittlestadt	Rebecca Olmstead	William Poff
Dee Rutherford	Debra Scott	Amanda Smith
Darrell Thomas	Frank Wojtowicz	Linda Worley
Marilyn Wright	Joe Zappitello	

- 10.15 Approve supplemental contract for the 2023-2024 school year.

Artemis Mermis Academic Team Advisor Step 2

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board Summary: The Board congratulated staff for appreciation week and wished all the graduating seniors along with retiree good luck in future endeavors. The board welcomed new staff to the district. Also, the board thanked Mrs. Anservitz for a great report on high school end of year activities.

05-2023-11 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board move to executive session to discuss negotiations.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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Moved into Executive Session: 11:30 a.m.

05-2023-12      Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Out of Executive Session: 12:03 p.m.

The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 12:04 p.m.

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Treasurer

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President