

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at Conneaut High School. The Regular meeting was preceded by a work session that began at 10:00 a.m.

Work Session: Mrs. Riley, as acting maintenance supervisor, shared with the board the custodial staff is short approximately two weeks due to the school calendar dates this summer but are making great progress to prepare buildings for the 2023-2024 school year. The buildings are still active with Safety Town, band, choir and theatre camp, and assorted athletic activities. Mrs. Riley shared that ACCESS staff continues to provide the students of our district with great opportunities and are still needed. She also shared that CACS had been selected by Ashtabula County Courts to participate in an Early Intervention Truancy Behavioral Agreement with funds from the Stronger Connections Grant from ODE to help offset the cost. Mrs. Riley shared that Mr. Mike Kennedy has resigned from his the A-Tech Board member position as the Conneaut representative and the board will need to appoint a new individual to represent Conneaut Area City Schools. Mrs. Riley also reviewed the first reading of several board policies with the board holding discussion on the necessary requirements for non-staff coaches and volunteer staff.

Mrs. Miranda reviewed items listed on the agenda for board approval.

Meeting began at 10:29 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Norton.

Agenda Modifications: None

Presentations: None

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: Mrs. Julene Edwards, 652 Lake Erie Street, Conneaut, OH 44030, shared with the board her interest and concern about acquiring additional handicapped accessible playground equipment for Lakeshore Primary School. Mrs. Edward volunteered to assist in the process. Ms. Nicole Edwards, also from Conneaut, supported the interest and concern about acquiring additional appropriated adaptive equipment.

Committee Reports

Legislative – Mr. Coltman shared the budget process was completed with the Governor DeWine signing the budget bill on July 3, 2023

A-Tech – Mr. Nesbitt reported that the potential A-Tech expansion project was still on hold as they were waiting for a response on funding.

Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht reported the Athletic Council had not met. The SPARC committee had met on June 28 with discussion occurring on the future of a field house, built through private donations to the school district. Mr. Brecht also reported that thru private donation, the corner of Stadium and Reig Avenue is being developed to include a Veteran’s memorial and flagpole. Also discussed was the need for replacement lighting at Joslin Field and Ricaurte Stadium and initial lighting for Eighmy Track and Garcia Soccer Field.

Student Achievement Report and DLT – Mrs. Armeni had no report.

City Council – Mrs. Norton had no report.

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Board President – Mrs. Norton had no report.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley reviewed the recently signed biennium budget bill. She also shared the D-Day would be occurring August 17, 18 and 19, with only twelve-month staff working on August 18 as D-Day utilizes parking and grounds area at several of our school buildings in cooperation with D-Day Ohio.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed agenda items and also explained the final step for board approval to present a levy to district voters. Mrs. Miranda also explained to the board purpose and structure of the additional permanent improvement levy for November 7, 2023 election. The summer of 2023 property tax collection concludes the bond collection for construction of CMS, GES, LPS structures and the renovation of CHS (002 fund), along with the maintenance fund bond collection (034 fund) that voters had approved in March 2000. The board is proposing to the voters of the district to replace the expiring bond collections (total of 1.5 mills) with a 2.0 mill permanent improvement levy and if approved the board would work with the county auditor to rescind the remaining collections of the existing 1.5 mill permanent improvement levy, providing property owners a decrease from 3.0 mills collected to 2.0 mills collected. Mrs. Miranda also explained that according to Ohio Revised Code, the ballot language must read the levy is an additional tax, even though overall it is a reduction in millage for property owners.

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07-2023-01 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the minutes of the special meeting of June 12, 2023 and the regular meeting of June 28, 2023 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-02 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-03 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the following petty cash accounts are established for the 2023-2024 school year.

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| • Cafeteria – Elizabeth Gillette | \$250.00 |
| • Administration Petty Cash Fund – Alex Sears | \$200.00 |
| • CHS Athletic – Joel Taylor | \$550.00 |

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-04 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$1,200.00 From Conneaut Eagles Club for SPARC, fund #019-9100

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-05 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board amend motion 06-2023-14, the creation of the following FY '24 Federal and State Grant Funds and establish all the corresponding revenue and expenditure line items for the following grant corrections.

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Corrections as follows:

- 536-9124 – changed and corrected to Grant code of 536-9024
- 590-9024 – amount changed to reflect the corrected amount of \$89,652.81

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-06 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve to seek bids for lighting at SPARC for replacement of existing Ricaurte Stadium/Joslin field lighting and the addition of lighting for Garcia Soccer Field/Eighmy Track and Field as presented.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-07 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the suspension of Uniform Supply Fees for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-08 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve the ACCESS Services agreement between the district and Ashtabula County Continued Education Support Services as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-09 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the DD Satellite agreement between the district and the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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07-2023-10 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the Occupational Therapy Services agreement between the district and the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-11 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the Building Bridges services agreement between the district and the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-12 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the Autism services agreement between the district and the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-13 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the Early Intervention Truancy Behavioral Program agreement as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-14 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve first reading of the following policies and revisions as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

- 0131.1 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS
- 1615 TOBACCO USE PREVENTION
- 2114 MEETING STATE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
- 2412 HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION PROGRAM
- 3120.09 VOLUNTEERS
- 3215 TOBACCO USE PREVENTION
- 4120.09 VOLUNTEERS
- 4215 TOBACCO USE PREVENTION
- 5512 TOBACCO USE PREVENTION
- 5610 REMOVAL, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, AND PERMANENT EXCLUSION OF STUDENTS
- 7434 TOBACCO USE PREVENTION
- 7540 TECHNOLOGY
- 7540.01 TECHNOLOGY PRIVACY
- 7540.02 WEB ACCESSIBILITY, CONTENT, APPS, AND SERVICES

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- 7540.03 STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY
- 7540.04 STAFF TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY
- 8120 VOLUNTEERS
- 8300 CONTINUITY OF ORGANIZATIONAL OPERATIONS PLAN
- 8305 INFORMATION SECURITY
- 8315 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
- 8400 SCHOOL SAFETY
- 8420 EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AT SCHOOL
- 8462 STUDENT ABUSE AND NEGLECT
- 9160 PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-15 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board appoint Mr. Eric Nesbitt to be Board liaison to the Ashtabula County Technical and Career Center for a three-year term of office to commence on July 1, 2023 and expire December 31, 2025.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-16 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that board approve the resolution submitting to the electors of the school district the question of an additional 2.0-mill tax levy for the purpose of general permanent improvements, pursuant to section 5705.21 of the revised code. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-17 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the educational level salary schedule for Classified Central Office Administrator and Classified Central Office Non-Union hourly staff. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-18 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the i-Ready Reading K-8 Curriculum and Savvas Math 3-12 curriculum as presented.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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07-2023-19 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the abolishment of the following classified position effective August 30, 2023 as presented.

- #01-29 LPS Satellite School Helper

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

07-2023-20 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt 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 paperwork as needed, in accordance with scale as adopted by the Board.

20.01 Approve a one (1) year limited contract for the following certified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year.

Catherine Gebhardt	Grade 4	M, step 0
Tyler Pew	Social Studies	B, step 2
Jeanann Irwin	Business/Computers	M, step 3

20.02 Approve supplemental contracts for the 2023-2024 school year.

Steve Wahonick	8 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	step 27
Peter Alessi	8 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	step 2
James Kennedy	Asst. Girls Basketball Coach	step 2
Richard Thompson	Asst. Boys Basketball Coach	step 1
Russell Ritari	JV/Asst. Boys Basketball Coach	step 1
Ryan Sherman	Head Wrestling Coach	step 3
Dennis Distelrath	Asst. Wrestling Coach	step 2
Chad Campbell	Asst. JV/Wrestling Coach	step 1

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board Summary: Mr. Nesbitt thanked his fellow board members for the appointment to the A-Tech board. The board also thanked ACCESS and GearUp for increased college visits for student and exposure to career options beyond traditional college opportunities.

07-2023-21 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Treasurer

President