

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

August 16, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at Conneaut High School. The Regular meeting was preceded by a work session that began at 10:00 a.m.

Work Session: Mrs. Elizabeth Gillette, Food Service Supervisor, provided the board with an update of the food service program for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Gillette informed the board that the Ohio State budget process for the 7.1.2023, any student who is eligible for reduced meals will receive meals for free. This benefit will be in place thru the 2023-2024 school year and the 2024-2025 school year as a result of being included in the biennium budget. Mrs. Gillette also shared with the board that lunch and breakfast prices for full pay students would remain the same for the 2023-2024 school year as they had been for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mr. Joel Taylor, Athletic Director, provided the board with an update on how the first full season playing in the Chagrin Valley Conference (CVC) was progressing. He stated that transportation remains an issue for all districts and competition start times may be adjusted as needed. He also shared that the new scoreboard is in place and will provide increased opportunities to share information with spectators. Mr. Taylor shared that the Cole Walker Memorial Park is in progress at the corner of Reig and Maple. He also shared that CVC prices will be \$8 at the gate for students and adults. Pre-sale tickets are available at Brecht Insurance, or purchased thru Hometown Ticketing. There is no charge for Conneaut Middle School football games. Mr. Taylor does encourage the public to purchase an annual pass with students being \$40 and adults being \$85 for the school year to regular competition events. Spectators 65 and over and children under age 6 are free to regular competition events. Mrs. Miranda reviewed items listed on the agenda for board approval.

Meeting began at 10:36 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Norton.

Agenda Modifications: None

Presentations: None

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: None

Committee Reports

Legislative – No report.

A-Tech – Mr. Nesbitt reported he will be attending his first meeting on Monday, August 21st and that A-Tech held their Convocation Day on August 17th. The potential A-Tech expansion project was still on hold as they continue to wait for a response on funding.

Athletic Council/SPARC- Mr. Brecht reported that the Annual White Out would be held prior to the Thursday, September 14 football game. He noted also that Pat's Bowling Alley parking area would not be available for White Out or football game parking as the game is held on a Thursday night

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Student Achievement Report and DLT – Mrs. Armeni had no report. Mrs. Riley shared that preliminary report card data had been provided by ODE and staff is reviewing and clarifying data with ODE.

City Council – Mrs. Norton had no report.

Board President – Mrs. Norton had no report.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley shared with the board that due to D-Day using several buildings for parking and setup, less than 12-month staff are not scheduled on Friday, August 18th, as a work day, with 12-month staff and central office being open. Mrs. Riley also shared that Thursday, August 24th, is New Teacher Orientation Day and Friday, August 25th is Convocation Day for all staff. She also noted that Building start and end times remain the same as last year. Each building has a different open house schedule and busses will be on sight at LPS and GES to review bus safety with students and parents. The food service department will also provide a to-go sample lunch for all students on open house days.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed the creation of grant funds Early Childhood with an allocation of \$255,000 and Title V-B for \$44,569.11. Mrs. Miranda shared that the board would need to select a delegate and alternate for the annual OSBA conference in August. She also reviewed that the new school bus ordered in 2022 had been received. Two busses had been cannibalized for parts and have been scrapped. Mrs. Miranda also explained to the board the 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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08-2023-01 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2023 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

08-2023-02 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

08-2023-03 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$70.00 from Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 51 for Track MVP, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Conneaut Eagles Club for SPARC, fund #019-9100

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

08-2023-04 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve the creation of the following FY '24 Federal and State Grant Funds and establish all the corresponding revenue and expenditure line items.

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|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| • Early Childhood                | 439-9024 | \$255,000.00 |
| • Title V-B Rural and Low Income | 599-9124 | \$ 44,569.11 |

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

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08-2023-05 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the following Then and Now Certificate as presented.

- Riddell \$3,087.00
- Riddell \$1,703.10
- Community Counseling Center \$9,000.00

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

08-2023-06 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve the resolution to authorize employer pickup for Classified Administrator employee contributions.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

08-2023-07 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the agreement for participation in the Ashtabula County Technical & Career Campus Business Advisory Council as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

08-2023-08 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the ELL service agreement with Ashtabula County Technical & Career Center as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

08-2023-09 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that **Mrs. Armeni** be appointed OSBA Annual Business Meeting delegate to the Ohio School Boards Association and **Mrs. Norton** as alternate for the 2023 calendar year.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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08-2023-10 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve handbooks for Conneaut High School, Gateway Elementary School, and Lakeshore Primary School as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

08-2023-11 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve 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
- 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

08-2023-12 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve employment for the following personnel as an Athletic Worker for the 2023-2024 school year.

**High School Ticket sales** - \$25.00/per sport, per date

**Scorekeeper** - \$20.00/ per contest

**Timekeeper** - \$20.00/ per sport, per date

**Faculty Representative** - \$40.00/ per sport, per date

**Line Judge** - \$20.00 / per sport, per date

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**Door Monitor** - \$20.00/per sport, per date  
**Middle School Ticket sales** - \$15.00/ per sport, per date  
**Scorekeeper** - \$15.00/ per contest

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Ayes: Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain: Armeni

Motion Carried

08-2023-13

Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni 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.

13.01 Approve resignations as presented:

Certified

- Eric Kujala, Assistant to the Superintendent/Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, effective 6/30/23

Supplemental

- Anna Applebee (Deeter) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball, effective 7/26/23
- Heather Harmon 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball, effective 7/26/23

13.02 Approve the certified employees of Conneaut Area City Schools be issued a blanket contract for class coverage for the 2023-2024 school year at scale adopted by the Board. (\$24.39 per class)

13.03 Approve employment for the following certified personnel as home tutors at \$20.00/hr. effective August 30, 2023 through June 30, 2024."

Amy Gallagher

13.04 Approve a one (1) year contract for the following classified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Jennifer Kent, Paraprofessional, step 0, CMS-Mon/Wed, GES-Tues/Fri, 6 hrs./per day, effective 8/25/2023 (re-called from Reduction-In-Force)
- Jennifer Kent, Clerical, step 0, CMS-Thursday only, 6 hrs./per day, effective 8/25/23

13.05 Approve changes in classified contracts for 2023-2024.

- Heather Jackson, CHS Satellite School Helper, from 4 hrs./per day to 4.25 hrs./per day., effective 8/25/23
- Claudia Fill, GES Satellite School Helper, from 5 hrs./per day to 3 hrs./per day, effective 8/25/23

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- Karen Wiser, LPS Satellite School Helper, from 2 hrs./per day to 3 hrs./per day, effective 8/25/23
- Rachel Rapose, CHS Satellite School Helper, from 3 hrs./per day to 4 hrs./per day, effective 8/25/2023

13.06 Approve the following classified substitute personnel for the 2023-2024 school year.

Patrick Clancy	Priscilla Green	Julie Ring
Michelle Rose	Marilyn Wright	

13.07 Approve employment for the following as Ticket Manager for the 2023-2024 school year at \$40.00/per sport, per date.

Martha Gross

13.08 Approve employment for the following personnel as Athletic Workers for the 2023-2024 school year.

**High School Ticket sales - \$25.00/per sport, per date**

**Scorekeeper - \$20.00/ per contest**

**Timekeeper - \$20.00/ per sport, per date**

**Faculty Representative - \$40.00/ per sport, per date**

**Line Judge - \$20.00 / per sport, per date**

**Door Monitor - \$20.00/per sport, per date**

**Middle School Ticket sales - \$15.00/ per sport, per date**

**Scorekeeper - \$15.00/ per contest**

Peter Alessi	Michael Andrews	Jason Aponte
Elaine Applebee	Jeff Applebee	Gloria Babb
Lindsay Bidwell	Matt Bidwell	Tiffany Braden
Jackie Brady	Jim Campbell	Terri Campbell
Kristin Cellini	Joe Chadwick	Stephanie Chase
Linda Coccitto	G. Joseph Colucci	Anna Deeter
Gina Dickinson	Dennis Distelrath	Emily Dobran
Rocco Dobran	John Eaton	Julene Edwards
Brenda Fields	Jodi Fowler	Christina Frisbie
Amy Gallagher	Elizabeth Gillette	Martha Gross
Jane Guglielmo	Doug Hedrick	Adam Holdson
Mary Holdson	Kelly Jones	Jessica Kennedy
Tim Kennedy	Tammy Kobernik	Bill Lipps
Adam Lytle	Richard Marshall	Kari McKinley
Artemis Mermis	Brianna Oatman	Jodie Pape
Matt Pape	Anthony Pasanen	Marian Petri
Julie Phares	Jill Rhodes	Zach Rhodes
Maureen Ritari	Tom Ritari	Sue Robison
Julie Sedmak	Ryan Sherman	Dave Simpson

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Pam Simpson	Heidi Spero	Nancy Sullivan
Tim Tallbacka	Rebecca Thomas	Richard Thompson
Anthony Todaro	Mike Trinko	Dan VanSlyke
Steve Wahonick	Lori Webster	Georgia Woods
Greg Woods	Alexis Zappitelli	

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

Anna Deeter	Varsity/Assistant Volleyball Coach	step 1
Heather Harmon	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach	step 3
Danielle Georgia	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach	step 1
Austin Blair	Dramatics Director/Non Musical	step 3
Anthony Pasanen	District Wellness/4-8 Athletic Coordinator	step 1

13.10 Approve volunteers for the district athletic program for the 2023-2024 school year.

Level 1:

John Eaton  
Howie Campbell  
Craig Huya  
Robert Edwards  
Roger Sherman

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board members' summary- The board asked that community members consider participating in school bus driver training as a national shortage of qualified drivers still exists and to please consider employment with our school district. The board is looking forward to a great year, and they are excited to participate in the CVC conference. They wished congratulations to each and every staff member for making each year great for our students.

08-2023-14 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board move to executive session to consider the Superintendent and Treasurer evaluations, employment and compensation.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

The board moved into executive session at 11:18 a.m. for the purpose of Superintendent and Treasurer evaluations, employment and compensation.

The board returned from executive session at 1:38 p.m.



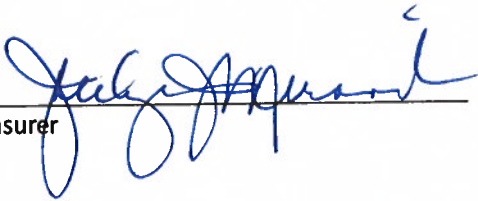
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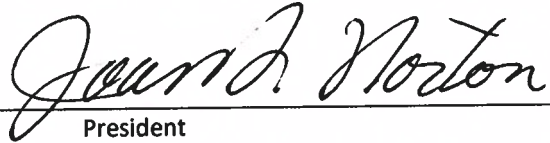
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08-2023-15      Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.  
Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

  
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Treasurer

  
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President

