

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

October 18, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at Conneaut High School. The Regular meeting was preceded by a work session that began at 10:00 a.m.

Work Session: Mrs. Dawn Zappitelli, Gateway Elementary Principal, proudly announced that GES had earned Bronze medals in PBIS over the last few years, but has now earned a silver medal for positive intervention behavior. She congratulated her entire building staff and students for the work they have done to achieve the Bronze award. Mrs. Zappitelli is planning an activity day prior to Thanksgiving break as a reward for students. She also highlighted the use of iReady in her building and how the combination of programs available at GES increases vigor and growth by students. Mrs. Zappitelli noted that the addition of Dean of Students position filled by Mrs. Shelly Brown provides an additional layer of social and emotional support that is incredibly valuable for student support. Mrs. Zappitelli shared that GES will be focusing on attendance, PBIS and social media presence sharing the great things that are occurring in GES every day.

Meeting began at 10:30 a.m.

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 Makenzie Rainey, nominated by the Fine Arts Department at Gateway Elementary School. Mrs. Jodi Brecht shared that Mackenzie is bright, follows directions, is kind to students and staff, and excels in all specials areas and cannot wait to see what Makenzie does in the future.

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: None

Committee Reports

Legislative – Mr. Coltman reported there is a temporary restraining order against the DEW (Department of Education and Workforce) from moving forward with changes to the ODE (Ohio Department of Education) as the changes have been ruled unconstitutional and that at this time ODE is still functioning pending the outcome of the court case against DEW.

A-Tech – Mr. Nesbitt reported A-Tech remains hopeful for OFCC funding for expansion of classrooms. He also reported he was provided a campus tour by A-Tech Superintendent, Mr. Scott Wludyga, sharing the many programs A-Tech provides for county students. Mr. Nesbitt also noted he was impressed with the She-Dig program, an all-girls presentation that allowed girls to visit a construction site and experience heavy equipment operation.

Athletic Council/SPARC- Mr. Brecht reported that SPARC had not held a meeting. He also reported that coaches were working with the Coaches Tool Chest to acquire and maintain necessary certifications.

Student Achievement Report and DLT – Mrs. Armeni reported the district was using SameGoal and that the district had met with The Impact Group on the best way for the district to communicate with families to share all the positive events at CACS.

City Council – Mrs. Norton shared the SOM for September and October will be held at the October City Council meeting. Mrs. Norton asked the board to consider a quarterly joint meeting date with City Council.

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Board President – Mrs. Norton noted that she would be participating in a webinar on October 20 regarding seatbelt safety and school busses had no report. Mrs. Norton added that the December meeting has been moved to Wednesday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the Conneaut High School Library and that annual Organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, January 2 and 1:30 p.m. at the Board Office at 230 Gateway Avenue.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley reviewed enrollment and attendance for the district noting that attendance is a focus for each building this year. Mrs. Riley also shared that on November 3, the district will participate in an emergency preparedness tabletop discussion with all involved parties in preparation for a live event in April. Mrs. Riley reviewed the State Report Card results noting that LPS can only ever receive 2 stars as they building is a KG-2 building and does not participate in state testing which begins in grade three. Mrs. Riley shared that she recently met with high school students when she participated in a Lunch and Learn, provided by the ACCESS/Gear-Up program.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed snowplow bids for the 2023-2024 school year, stating that True Finish Landscaping provided the lowest bid for both Job 1 and Job 2. True Finish was the only bid for Job 1, with just one other bid for Job 2. Mrs. Miranda also reviewed the first reading of board policy 6240 regarding Board of Revision Complaints and Counter complaints.

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10-2023-01 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, 2023 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

10-2023-02 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

10-2023-03 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Fraternal Order of Eagles Conneaut Aerie No. 408 for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$100.00 from G. Joseph Colucci, Colucci's Fattoria for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$65.00 from Rotary Club of Conneaut for Sponsorship of Spring Awards-Boys Tennis MVP, fund #300-9001
- Donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Joseph and Laurie Brennan for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$500.00 from American Legion Post 151 for SPARC, fund #019-9100

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

10-2023-04 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board accept the 2023-2024 snow removal contracts as presented.

Job 1-CHS/LPS	True Finish Landscaping	\$17,625
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Job 1-Bus Garage-Snow Removal	True Finish Landscaping	\$130.00 per/hour
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Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:  
 Motion Carried

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10-2023-05 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board accept the 2023-2024 snow removal contracts as presented.

Job 2-GES/CMS True Finish Landscaping \$14,300

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2023-06 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the following Then and Now Certificate as presented.

- RE-ED Access \$8,204.00

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2023-07 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the Student Activity budget for 2023-2024 as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2023-08 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the agreement between the District and the General Electric Company as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2023-09 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the physical therapy service agreement with DLH Therapy as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2023-10 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the service agreement with Community Counseling Center of Ashtabula County as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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10-2023-11 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve the following policies and revisions as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

- 0141.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- 2623.02 THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE
- 3120.08 EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- 4120.08 EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- 5113.01 INTRA-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT
- 5320 IMMUNIZATION
- 5337 CARE OF STUDENT WITH ACTIVE SEIZURE DISORDERS
- 6700 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FLSA)
- 8120 VOLUNTEERS
- 8210 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2023-12 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board give first reading to the following policies and revisions as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

- 6240 BOARD OF REVISION COMPLAINTS AND COUNTERCOMPLAINTS
- 9160 PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS
- 9270 EQUIVALENT EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE SCHOOLS & PARTICIPTION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR FOR STUDENTS NOT ENROLLED IN THE DISTRICT

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2023-13 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve a one-time lump sum Certified retention payment of \$500.00 dollars to certain employees of the district as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

10-2023-14 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the bus routes for 2023-2024 as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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10-2023-15 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt 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.

15.01 Approve resignations as presented.

Classified:

Patricia Gilbert, effective 10/5/23

15.02 Approve leave for the following personnel.

- Martina Harrington, beginning on or about February 14, 2024 through May 10, 2024 using unpaid leave following the birth of a child.
- Lindsay Bidwell, beginning on or about March 19, 2024 through June 5, 2024 following the birth of a child.
- Matthew Bidwell, beginning on or about March 19, 2024 through April 12, 2024 following the birth of a child.

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

Karla Beatman, Bus Aide, step 0, 2 hrs/per day, effective 10/2/23

Karla Beatman, Bus Aide, step 0, 5.25 hrs/per day, effective 10/23/23

Larry Latva, Driver, step 7, 8 hrs/per day, effective 10/16/23

Marcia Williams, Driver, step 10, 8 hrs/per day, effective 10/16/23

15.04 Approve the following changes in classified contracts as presented.

James Muchiarone, from bus mechanic to head bus mechanic, step 10, 8 hrs/per day, effective 10/2/2023

Gary Pitts, Bus Aide, 7 hrs/per day to 7.25 hrs/per day, effective 10/9/23

15.05 Approve certified substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.

Eva DelPrince

15.06 Approve classified substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.

Melody Burnett

Brian Phelps

Sandra Rivera

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

Tatum Sanford 7<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball Coach step 1

Bill Lipps Head Baseball Coach step 1

Alexis Zappitelli Head Softball Coach step 3

Brianna Oatman JV/Asst. Softball Coach step 3

Joe Chadwick Asst. Softball Coach step 1

Chris Brown Head Girls Track Coach step 1

Tyler Pew CHS Asst. Track Coach step 1

Adam Lytle CMS Head Track Coach step 11

Dennis Distelrath Spring Weight Room Monitor step 1

Joshua Morrison Swim Coach step 1

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

Level 1: Theresa Morrison

Level 2: Greg Brown

Level 3: Aaron Joslin

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board members' summary: The board and Mrs. Miranda shared data regarding the pending November 7, 2023, Permanent Improvement levy, pointing out the structure of the proposed levy and its purposes.

10-2023-16 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board move to executive session to consider employment and compensation of the Superintendent and Treasurer.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

The board moved into Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. for the purpose of Superintendent and Treasurer evaluations, employment and compensation.

The board returned from Executive Session as 12:15 p.m.

10-2023-17 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 12:16 p.m.