

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

November 15, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, November 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. Joanie Norton, Board of Education President, addressed members of the community stating that the permanent improvement levy on the November 7 ballot had not passed and that the board of education would be preparing a list of maintenance needs, providing a list of prior permanent improvement expenditures, considering options to fund permanent improvement expenses and seeking community feedback as the district moves forward.

Mrs. Stephanie Anservitz, Conneaut High Schools Principal, shared that there are many successes and celebrations at the high school. The fall drama, The Brother Grimm Spectaculathon, held three performances and was fantastic. The Fall Sports Awards yielded a filled cafeteria to support fall student athletes and the Fall Academic and NHS Awards was attended by over 120 students and families, with Mrs. Anservitz adding that she was impressed by the amount of students achieving awards. Mrs. Anservitz shared how much she appreciates the great community and the strong support based that they provide for students. The high school staff is working on curriculum and aligning assessments with TBT's and are continuing the partnership with a data coach and are diving into strengths and weaknesses. Mrs. Anservitz shared that the evening of November 15, there would be a Rachel's Challenge Initiative in the CHS cafeteria with a motivational speaker, program and dinner for CMS and CHS students and families who pre-registered for the event.

Mrs. Jackie Miranda, Treasurer, presented the five year forecast for board approval. Mrs. Miranda shared that as the district is in the final year of ARP ESSER funding, expenses will increase for General funds in the FY25 school year and beyond as a result. The adjustment in the funding formula to be funded at 50% for FY24 and 66.67% for FY25 along with adjusted valuations assists in replacing the eliminated ESSERS funding. Mrs. Miranda noted she anticipated property tax collections to increase approximately 10% for the district.

Meeting began at 10:36 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 Maci Carlson, nominated by Mrs. Amy Sanford. Mrs. Sanford shared that Maci is a classroom role model, shows leadership, is empathetic and knows how to compromise. Mrs. Sanford complimented Maci's parents and village of family for providing a positive and encouraging environment for Maci.

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: None

Committee Reports

Legislative – Mr. Coltman reported the ODE/DEW change if still being challenged in court.

A-Tech - Mr. Nesbitt reported A-Tech is receiving an amount of \$6 million dollars of OFCC funding for expansion of Safety Program classrooms. He also reported that he was the A-Tech's delegate for the annual OSBA business meeting at Capital Conference.

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Athletic Council/SPARC- Mr. Brecht reported that SPARC had not held a meeting. He also reported that the fall sports awards were well attended. He also reported that the CVC was having a division alignment. He anticipated that Conneaut would be in the same division next year. Mr. Brecht also noted that winter sports are beginning. He also made note that SAFE Decision week would be the first full week of February.

Student Achievement Report and DLT – Mrs. Armeni reported the district had partnered with iReady and were seeing academic successes for students.

City Council - Mrs. Norton shared the SOM for November is Daniel Simonsen. Mrs. Norton asked the board to consider a quarterly joint meeting date with City Council on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Conneaut High School Library

Board President - Mrs. Norton shared that several board members had attended the annual OSBA Capital Conference and noted the great planning and valuable learning sessions that were attended.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley shared her concern and empathy for the Tusky Valley school community. Mrs. Riley reviewed the ESC agreement, the CEA MOU and the CEA three-year agreement beginning 7.1.2024 thru 6.30.2027 and expressed the great working relationship that the administration and the CEA have developed. Mrs. Riley also noted the addition of a swim club and the middle school, shared an overview of the table top emergency drill and encouraged the community to support the December 9<sup>th</sup> Stuff the Bus event at Walmart in Ashtabula.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed the monthly donations and that the SPARC donations were being provided a matching donation by an anonymous donor. She also reviewed the Student activity budget for Drama, and the Centerra Co-op agreement for diesel fuel purchasing for busses.

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11-2023-03 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni, that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2023 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

11-2023-04 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

11-2023-05 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the Five-Year Forecast as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

11-2023-06 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$900.00 from Fraternal Order of Eagles Conneaut Aerie No. 408 for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$820.00 from Fraternal Order of Eagles Conneaut Aerie No. 408 for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$1,200.00 from Fraternal Order of Eagles Conneaut Aerie No. 408 for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$500.00 from American Legion Post 151 for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from J. Razem for Alumni Donation-Students, fund #018-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$1,053.96 from True North Energy, LLC, The Giving Pump, General Donation, fund #001-1890
- Donation in the amount of \$75.00 from Amy Lower for Powder Puff Football, fund #200-9025
- Donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Conneaut Moose Lodge #472 for SPARC-Care for Kids, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$640.50 from Athletic Boosters for CHS Junior Class, fund #200-9025

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

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- 11-2023-07      Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the Student Activity budget for 2023-2024 as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 11-2023-08      Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the agreement between the Conneaut Area City School District and the Centerra Co-Op as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 11-2023-09      Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve the agreement between the Conneaut Area City School District and the Ashtabula Area City School District as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 11-2023-10      Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education and the Conneaut Education Association as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried
- 11-2023-11      Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve a Successor Master Agreement/Contract with the Conneaut Education Association as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
- Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Motion Carried

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11-2023-12 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve 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

11-2023-13 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the Acceptable Use Policy as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

11-2023-14 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the supplemental job description as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

11-2023-15 Moved by Mr. Coltman and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve the following clubs for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

- Grade 7/8 Swim Club
- Grade 6 Wrestling Club

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

11-2023-16 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the employment contract of Lori A. Riley, Superintendent as presented.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

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11-2023-17 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve the employment contract of Jacelyne J. Miranda, Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer as presented.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

11-2023-18 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.

18.01 Approve resignations as presented.

Michael Trinko, due to retirement, effective June 1, 2024

18.02 Approve the following changes in classified contracts.

Floyd Cameron, Bus Aide from 4.5 hrs./per day to 4.75 hrs./per day,  
effective 10/16/23

Michael Mandagelo, Bus Aide from 6.25 hrs./per day to 6 hrs./per day,  
effective 10/16/23

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

Lori Cline, GES Paraprofessional, step 0, 6.75 hrs./per day, effective  
10/30/23

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

Cheryl Alexander                      Renee Blair                      Destiny Myers

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

Keri Hayes                      Winter Cheer Advisor                      step 1  
Larry Mozzocco                      Girls Varsity Asst. Basketball Coach step 1

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

Level 2: Kyle Woods

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Nays:

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Board members' summary: The board congratulated Mr. Trinko on his retirement. The board expressed their appreciation to be able to attend Capital Conference. The board members expressed their condolences for the Tusky Valley school community that losted multiple students and community members in a motor vehicle accident on their way to the conference. The board also highlighted upcoming events in the community and congratulated all the NHS inductees, academic award winners and fall athletic participants and award winners.

11-2023-19      Moved by Mr. Coltman 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 11:43 a.m.

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Treasurer

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President