

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

December 13, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at Conneaut High School. The Regular meeting was preceded by a work session that began at 10:00 a.m.

Work Session: Mr. Austin Blair, Conneaut High School and Conneaut Middle School Choir Director, brought CHS choir students to the work session and performed a showcase medley of holiday songs.

Meeting began at 10:31 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Norton.

Mrs. Norton led a moment of silence to honor Mr. George Voytek, a Conneaut High School Music Teacher for many years.

Agenda Modifications: None

Presentations: Mrs. Carrie Brockway, Lakeshore Primary Principal, shared that the new reading curriculum is being implemented with fidelity. Over summer, the staff had an academic focus to be prepared for the start of school. LPS is also using Orton Gillingham with 19 teachers trained with the focus being on the lowest 10% of students needing on the most intense intervention. LPS is also focusing on attendance and climate. The board of education members noted that the importance of attendance and addressing the attendance culture and addressing the issue by creating building environments that students value and where kids want to come to school.

Mrs. Lori Riley, presented the Student of the Month award. Honored this month was Elliot Taylor, nominated by Mrs. Mary Holdson. Mrs. Holdson shared that Elliot is standout above the rest. He demonstrates respect and responsibility, is hardworking, conscientious and is always willing to help out. Elliot is always smiling, kind and considerate and can be a bit of a jokester.

Delegations and visitors: None

Correspondence: Mrs. Lori Riley noted she had received 1911 and 1927 yearbooks from a donor and they would be available in the board office for viewing.

Public Participation: None

Committee Reports

Legislative - Mr. Coltman reported the senate has confirmed a director for DEW that now replaces the state board of education and its responsibilities.

A-Tech - Mr. Nesbitt reported A-Tech would be holding its annual Holiday dinner from 4:30 – 7 p.m. on Thurs. December 14, prepared by the culinary arts program.

Athletic Council/SPARC- Mr. Brecht reported that SPARC had not held a meeting. He also reported that winter sports are in full swing. He also noted appreciation for support staff and coaches for their commitment over winter break to continue practices and games.

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Student Achievement Report and DLT – Mrs. Armeni updated the board on student achievement.

City Council - Mrs. Norton shared the SOM for December is Aurelia Huya, a positive strong leader. Mrs. Norton reminded the board of the quarterly joint meeting date with City Council on December 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Conneaut High School Library.

Board President - Mrs. Norton congratulated Mr. Rick Hillyer on his retirement and also noted in memoriam, what a great honor it was to have Mr. George Voytek, with his larger than life enthusiasm, as Conneaut High School Music Director, as he is well remembered and respected by all.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley shared that she had worked with building principals and provided clear direction to custodial and maintenance staff on snow removal at all locations. She noted that CVC scheduling is following Title IX compliance which reflects girls' basketball and boys' basketball schedules being different nights of the week and not as traditionally scheduled. Mrs. Riley also noted that the district is replacing some football helmets that can no longer be reconditioned. She noted that Conneaut had placed 1st in the Stuff the Bus competition against Geneva on December 9th at Walmart in Ashtabula. Mrs. Riley also shared that there is a new renewable Governor's Merit Scholarship for \$5,000 for students that graduate in the top 5% of their class. Mrs. Riley also noted her appreciation for the support from Conneaut Police and Fire for security and safety walk-thru's as needed.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed that the fiscal office is preparing for calendar year end, tax budget, processing three pays for December, and the fiscal office schedule over the holiday.

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12-2023-01 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the minutes of the special meeting of November 2, 2023 and the regular meeting of November 15, 2023 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

12-2023-02 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

12-2023-03 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$278.75 from Conneaut Athletic Boosters for CHS Junior Class, fund #200-9025
- Donation in the amount of \$1,200.00 from Rotary Club of Conneaut for Cavs BB Event, fund #300-9001
- Donation in the amount of \$1,248.00 from Conneaut Music Boosters for Class of 2027, fund #200-9027
- Donation in the amount of \$696.00 from Conneaut Athletic Boosters for Class of 2027, fund # 200-9027

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

12-2023-04 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board approve the agreement between the district and the City of Conneaut as presented.

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

12-2023-05 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.

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05.01 Approve resignations as presented.

Classified:

Rick Hillyer, due to retirement, effective 2/1/24

Supplemental:

Tyler Pew, Asst. Track Coach, effective 12/11/23

05.02 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Lesley Gerics, from B+15 to M

05.03 Amend motion 06-2023-25, 25.07, Approve a one (1) year limited contract for the following certified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year.

Dennis Distelrath	Online Students/In-School
Intervention	B, step 8

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

Brittney Mackey, Bus Aide, step 0, 6.25 hrs./per day, effective 12/8/23

05.05 Approve employment for the following substitute certified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year.

Sarah Campbell	Tehya Higley	Emily Roethler
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05.06 Approve employment for the following substitute classified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year.

Bonnie Bowers	Lana Ensmann
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05.07 Approve supplemental contracts for the 2023-2024 school year.

Tyler Pew	Head Boys Track Coach	step 1
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05.08 Approve volunteers for the district athletic program for the 2023-2024 school year.

Level 1: Jeremiah Georgia

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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12-2023-06 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that Mr. Coltman be appointed as President Pro-Tem for the January 2, 2024 organizational meeting.

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

Board members' summary: The board shared their condolences to the family of George Voytek. The board expressed appreciation for all the effort by staff to engage students that ultimately fills the buildings with opportunities to receive a quality education and to participate in and enjoy sports and music.

12-2023-07 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Coltman that the Board move to executive session to discuss personnel and safety.

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 11:54 a.m.

The Board exited Executive Session at 12:47 p.m.

12-2023-08 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 12:48 p.m.

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 Treasurer

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 President