

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

January 17, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at Conneaut High School. The Regular meeting was preceded by a work session that began at 10:01 a.m

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Work Session: Mrs. Lori Riley, Superintendent reviewed the draft of the 2024-2025 school calendar with the board. Mrs. Riley also provided an overview of the upcoming safety drill to be held on Friday, January 26, 2024. Detective Taylor Cleveland and Officer Tim Rose, of the Conneaut Police Department, organized the tabletop drill that was held in November and are orchestrating the live drill. The drill is designed to give emergency services practice in a real time scenario. Mrs. Riley added that Friday, January 26 is a professional development day with staff in attendance but no students. Many staff have been invited to participate at different levels of the drill. Because it is a drill, Mrs. Riley will be sending multiple district messages out to families and community to alert and remind that the event is a drill only.

Meeting began at 10:31 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Coltman.

Agenda Modifications: None

Presentations: Mrs. Lori Riley, presented the Student of the Month award. Honored this month was Drew Eaton, nominated by Mr. Adam Lytle. Mr. Lytle shared that Drew is a product of excellence beginning at home. Drew sees value in everything they learn in the classroom.

Mrs. Riley announced that January is school board appreciation month. Mrs. Riley read a proclamation from Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted honoring school board members for their important role in creating and monitoring district plans to make sure students have the tools and skills to reach their full potential.

Delegations and Visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: None

Committee Reports

Legislative – None

A-Tech – Mr. Nesbitt reported A-Tech is currently working on the Skills USA preparation. H also noted that A-Tech would be expanding Safety and Fire Academics classrooms with the \$6 million state grant award and would be investing an additional \$6 million for a second phase at the same time for new labs and manufacturing classrooms.

Athletic Council/SPARC–None

Student Achievement Report and DLT – None

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City Council – Mrs. Norton shared the SOM for January is Josh Sabo, nominated by Tyler Pew. He is the definition of a Spartan in every way.

Board President – Mr. Coltman shared that he is grateful for the opportunity for the school to participate in the safety drill training process.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley shared that the DIT (District Implementation Team) is working on consistent communication regarding educational instruction and support that will maximize flow between buildings. She also noted that she would be attending a portion of the Ashtabula County Superintendent Retreat as she wanted to be in district on the day of the safety drill.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda reviewed that the fiscal office has submitted the tax budget, mailed out W2's and 1099's, completed and submitted Excess Costs, and are preparing to complete Catastrophic costs by April 30. Mrs. Miranda also shared that it is audit season. The district just completed the annual Medicaid audit and the State of Ohio Auditor's office would be beginning their FY23 audit shortly, along with a Food Service audit, and an ESSERS and IDEA B Fiscal Review for FY24.

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01-2024-21 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2023 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-22 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-23 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$1,100.00 from Fraternal Order of Eagles, Conneaut Aerie No. 408 for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$800.00 from Fraternal Order of Eagles, Conneaut Aerie No. 408 for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$2,070.00 from Fraternal Order of Eagles, Conneaut Aerie No. 408 for SPARC, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$1,707.50 from Conneaut Athletic Boosters for Standing Choral Risers, fund #001-0000
- Donation in the amount of \$14.47 from Conneaut Athletic Boosters for Fall Awards, Boys Cross Country, fund #300-9001
- Donation in the amount of \$119.48 from Conneaut Athletic Boosters for Fall Awards, Girls Cheerleading and Girls Cross Country, fund #300-9001
- Donation in the amount of \$35.00 from Conneaut Rotary Club for Fall Awards, Girls Tennis MVP, Fund #300-9001
- Donation in the amount of \$555.25 from Kelloggsville United Methodist Church for Cafeteria unpaid lunches, fund #006-9005
- Donation in the amount of \$35.00 from Chris Brecht-State Farm Insurance for Fall Awards, Volleyball MVP, fund #300-9001
- Donation in the amount of \$35.00 from Chris Brecht-State Farm Insurance for Fall Awards, Boys Cross Country MVP, fund # 300-9001

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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01-2024-24 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the Conneaut High School course description guide for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

01-2024-25 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board approve the following clubs for the 2023-2024 school year contingent upon interest and volunteers as presented.

- CMS Club Baseball
- CMS Club Softball

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

01-2024-26 Moved by Mrs. Norton 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.

25.01 Approve movement on scale to reflect additional education.

Rebecca Thomas, from M to M+15

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

Michelle Rose, LPS Paraprofessional, step 10, 6.5 hrs. per/day, effective 1/8/24

Lana Ensmann, LPS Paraprofessional, step 1, 6.5 hrs. per/day, effective 1/8/24

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

Kaylee Battaglia

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

Dasha Halepa

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

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Robert Edwards	CMS Asst. Wrestling Coach	Step 1
Matt Pape	JV/Asst. Baseball Coach	Step 7
Erik Hodges	Varsity/Asst. Baseball Coach	Step 4
Robert McBride	CHS Asst. Track Coach	Step 1
Jodi Pasanen	CMS Asst. Track Coach	Step 1

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

Level 1:

Jordan Jarvi	David Rivera	Roger Sherman Sr.
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Level 3:

Bill Chicatelli	Chuck Guglielmo	Robert Shackle
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Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

Board members' summary: The board shared their appreciation for Mrs. Riley's quick responses and communication skills when dealing with unexpected events. The board is pleased that the district is being proactive in protecting CACS students and staff by practicing and participating in the upcoming safety drill.

01-2024-27 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Treasurer

President