

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING

January 2, 2024

The Organization Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at Conneaut Middle School-the Board of Education offices.

Meeting began at 1:30 p.m.

- New Term Oath of Office
- Nomination, Election and Oath of Office for President
- Nomination, Election and Oath of Office for Vice President

Agenda modification – Addition of 01-2024-19 to approve resignation of Tiffany Neal.

Oath of office for Eric Nesbitt, Russ Coltman and Joanie Norton

Pledge led by Mrs. Mr. Coltman, President Pro-Tem

Nomination for President- Russ Coltman nominated by Penny Armeni and seconded by Chris Brecht. There were no other nominations.

All voted yes and Mr. Coltman is elected president.

Oath of Office administered to Russ Coltman

Nomination for Vice President-Chris Brecht nominated by Joanie Norton and seconded by Penny Armeni. There were no other nominations.

All voted yes and Mr. Brecht is elected vice president.

Oath of Office administered to Chris Brecht

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01-2024-01 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that Russ Coltman be appointed legislative liaison/delegate to the Ohio School Boards Association and Eric Nesbitt as alternate for the 2024 calendar year.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-02 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that Chris Brecht be appointed Board liaison to the Conneaut Athletic Association for the 2024 calendar year.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-03 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that Joan Norton be appointed Board liaison to Conneaut City Council for the 2024 calendar year.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-04 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Brecht that Penny Armeni be appointed Ohio School Boards Association Student Achievement liaison for the 2024 calendar year.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-05 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board appoint the Treasurer as their designee for public records training.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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01-2024-06 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board appoint the Superintendent as representative to the Ohio High School Athletic Association for matters including but not limited to student transfers.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-07 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board approve the designated staff appointment for the 2024 calendar year as presented.

- Title IX Compliance Officer: Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Athletic Administrator
- Anti-Harassment Compliance Officer: Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Athletic Administrator
- Disabilities Act Coordinator: Director of Pupil Services
- 504 Compliance Officer: Director of Pupil Services
- Civil Rights Coordinator: Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Athletic Administrator
- Homeless Liaison: School Family Coordinator
- Foster Care Liaison: School Family Coordinator

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-08 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board approves their membership to OSBA (Ohio School Boards Association) for the year of 2024 at a cost of \$6,745.00. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-09 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the OSBA legal assistance fund agreement as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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01-2024-10 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the district tax budget of the Conneaut Area City Schools for the Fiscal Year 2025 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-11 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board designate the Star Beacon and the Courier published and circulated in the District, as the official newspapers for the Conneaut Area City Schools.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-12 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the regular monthly meetings of Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education during the 2024 calendar year be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning with the work session at 10:00 am., followed by the regular session at Conneaut High School, 381 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio or alternatively as determined by the Board of Education.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-13 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board reaffirm all Board policies in effect at the date of this meeting are continued in full force and in effect unless modified by subsequent action of the Board, pursuant to OAC 3301-35-02.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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01-2024-14 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the appropriation of a sum not to exceed two dollars for each child enrolled in the district, or twenty thousand dollars, whichever is greater for payment of expense actually incurred by board members in the performance of their duties or members-elect in training and orientation to the performance of their duties.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-15 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Treasurer be authorized to retain legal services as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-16 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Treasurer be authorized to grant approval for the following as presented.

- To request tax advances from the County Auditor as the 2024 real estate and personal property tax collections become available.
- To invest any monies that become available from the County Auditor as the 2024 real estate and personal property tax collections become available.
- To pay bills each month and dispense with monthly resolutions authorizing payment of bills, if the expenditures for such are provided for in the annual budget.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-17 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Superintendent be authorized to grant approval for the following as presented.

- To hire personnel which includes substitutes and emergency replacement personnel and accept resignations on behalf of the Board. Any appointments or resignations will be presented to the Board for approval at the earliest meeting.
- To enter into contract agreement for services needed in emergency situations.
- To grant the Superintendent or designee as purchasing agent for the Conneaut Area City Schools

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- To authorize no more than \$75,000 through use of the credit card for any individual transaction.
- To grant approval for staff attendance at professional meetings as long as requested expenses do not exceed appropriated funds and the requests are within established Board guidelines and policies.
- To invoke emergency action to repair or replace property or otherwise make possible the continuous operation of schools, and further to close schools or dismiss early in event of hazardous weather or other emergencies.
- To seek and participate in grants and contracts for various funded programs from outside sources or file applications for educational or instructional projects considered desirable.
- To update instructional materials, courseware and textbooks as needed.
- To delegate principals, the authority to enter into contracts, as needed, in areas of photography, yearbook, graduations, and related school events. Principals must notify Superintendent of such agreements.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-18 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Norton to approve the Facilities and Security Supervisor job description as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Board members' summary:

01-2024-19 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the board approve the resignation as presented.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

01-2024-20 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the board adjourn this organizational meeting.

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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Adjournment: 2:00 p.m.

Treasurer

President