

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

February 21, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at Conneaut High School. The Regular meeting was preceded by a work session that began at 10:00 a.m.

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Work Session: Mrs. Carly Strader, Transportation Supervisor and Mr. Brian Chase, Technology Director, provided the board with the upcoming implementation of Stopfinder, a program under the umbrella of Transfinder products. The Stopfinder program is an app available to parents that will push daily transportation details out to designated emails and geo alerts. Parents will need to enter all current contact information into Final Forms, such as emails, addresses and phone numbers and make sure to update annually or whenever any contact information changes. Also, the district will be pursuing the implementation of Wayfinder that will assist drivers with pre and post trip documentation and also with student attendance on busses. Mrs. Lori Riley, Superintendent, highlighted the State Farm Safe Decision Week, with thanking Mr. Chris Brecht, local State Farm agent, for the events his business sponsored during the week. Also, the district partnered with other county schools and Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to survey students regarding safe or unsafe decisions. The district will receive a report of responses by district and county to utilize in supporting students.

Meeting began at 10:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Coltman.

Agenda Modifications: None

Presentations: Pastor Tim Kraus, presented the Student of the Month award. Honored this month was Leland Jacobs, nominated by Mr. Joel Specht. Mr. Specht shared that Leland is selfless and kind and works his very best in all that is asked of him. He really shines when things are tough and is a great young man to have in class.

Delegations and Visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: Mrs. Riley reviewed the FY25 school calendar, sharing that the calendar reflected the traditional school start being after D-Day but prior to Labor Day, with Spring Break again being the last week of March 2025.

Committee Reports

Legislative – Mr. Coltman shared that there continues to be significant indications of support among Ohio legislators for funding charter schools and school choice in Ohio.

A-Tech – Mr. Nesbitt reported he attended the recent A-Tech Annual Spaghetti Dinner and attended the OSBA Board Etiquette review held at the ESC.

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Athletic Council/SPARC- Mr. Brecht shared that a SPARC meeting would be held next week to discuss the next step in the lighting phase for the replacement at Joslin Football Field and the new installation at Garcia Soccer field.

Student Achievement Report and DLT – Mrs. Armeni shared the DIT continues to work with SSDT on PBIS and One Needs Assessment to tie into the Strategic Plan and CCIP.

City Council – Mrs. Norton shared the SOM for January is Ramgel (Lito) Bermudez-Colon, nominated by teacher Mr. Pete Alessi. Mr. Alessi states that Lito is a pleasure to have in class.

Board President - Mr. Coltman reminded all that of the upcoming performance of the musical “Addams Family”, March 14-16. Mr. Coltman also shared congratulations to all, staff, students, administration, parents and community for continually moving the district forward.

Superintendent’s report: Mrs. Riley shared that the RAM clinic would be held on April 13 and 14 at Lakeside High School. Mrs. Riley also shared that the Junior Achievement “18 under 18” event will be held April 17 honoring 18 entrepreneurial students across the county. Mrs. Riley also noted that the Eclipse Day is Monday April 8 and is a non-student day with only staff reporting. Many activities are being offered around the area during that weekend and day of event. Conneaut Library has safety glasses available for those that choose to view the eclipse. Mrs. Riley also shared that she and Detective Cleveland and Officer Rose would be meeting with each buildings staff to debrief the January 26 safety drill.

Treasurer’s report - Mrs. Miranda reviewed the Ohio Schools Council Cooperative advertising and the need to purchase two MPV for the transportation department. The existing vehicles were purchased in 2014 and have over 200,000 and 300,000 miles respectively with one still being used daily for out of district student transportation. Estimated cost for a non-handicapped accessible unit will be approximately \$80,605 each, with the district needing two vehicles. The district also uses a passenger van daily that has approximately 300,000 miles and is adding 300 miles per day for student transportation.

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02-2024-03 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the organizational meeting of January 2, 2024, and the regular meeting of January 17, 2024 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

02-2024-04 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

02-2024-05 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$4,000.00 from Coca Cola for Conneaut Schools, fund #001-0000
- Donation in the amount of \$1,600.00 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 \$1,225.00 from State Farm Insurance/Chris Brecht for CHS Guest Speaker, fund #019-9100
- Donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Conneaut Athletic Boosters for Conneaut Wrestling, fund#300-9001
- Donation in the amount of \$1,324.74 from Conneaut Mat Club for Conneaut Wrestling, fund #300-9001
- Donation in the amount of \$3,100.00 from Julene Edwards for Lakeshore Primary School, fund #018-9400

02-2024-06 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve Ohio Schools Council Cooperative advertising and receiving bids for two (2) 9-passenger vans. (ENCLOSURE)

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

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02-2024-07 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education authorizes membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

02-2024-08 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board give first reading of the district calendar for school year 2024-2025 as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

02-2024-09 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education and the Conneaut Classified Education Association as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

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

02-2024-10 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Norton 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.

10.01 Approve resignations as presented:

Classified:

Sharon Salhoff, due to retirement, effective March 1, 2024

10.02 Amend motion 01-2024-25, 25.05, Approve supplemental contracts for the 2023-2024 school year.

Erik Hodges Varsity/Asst. Baseball Coach Step 6

10.03 Approve changes in classified contracts.

Patricia Johnson, 2nd shift custodian, step 1, from 260 days per/year to 212 days per/year, effective 2/12/24

Brittney Mackey, bus aide, step 0, from 6.25 hrs. per/day to 6.5 hrs. per/day, effective 2/14/24

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

Scott Buehler Hannah Durant Paige Schlick

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

Tonie Harrison-Ring Kylie Nevison Briana Strader
Beth Thompson Krystal Tuttle

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

Rocco Dobran Asst. Track Coach Step 1

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

Board members' summary: None

02-2024-11 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Treasurer

President