

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

November 20, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at Conneaut High School. The Regular meeting began at 10:01 a.m.

Mrs. Miranda called the roll. The roll call vote is as follows: Mr. Coltman-present, Mr. Brecht- present, Mrs. Armeni- present, Mr. Nesbitt-present and Mrs. Norton-present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Coltman.

Agenda Modifications: None

Presentations: Mrs. Stephanie Anservitz, Conneaut High School Principal, provided the board with an overview of the many activities and events occurring at the high school this school year. She deeply appreciates the presence of the GEAR UP program as it has provided so many additional opportunities for Conneaut students. Day trips to Gannon University, Cleveland State University, University of Pittsburgh and more, provides students exposure to a variety of career opportunities. Safe Decisions week will be held the week of December 9. There will be a distracted driver simulator available for students to experience. Also, being included in second semester courses this year will be an athletics officiating class. The goal is to offer another curriculum option and grow more officials for not only the Chagrin Valley Conference (CVC), but also for local needs such as CLYO.

Mrs. Missy Colucci, representing The Conneaut Chamber of Commerce, presented the Student of the Month award. Honored this month was Eleanor Davin, nominated by Mary Holdson. Eleanor shines above the rest, is beautiful inside and out and brightens every day. Eleanor is conscientious and is a hard worker. She is a PAX leader and is involved in many activities.

Mrs. Julie Phares, National Honor Society Advisor, shared information regarding a proposal for NHS students for a three day trip to Washington DC in the spring of 2025.

Delegations and Visitors: Mrs. Lori Riley, Superintendent, introduced Mr. Ben Schade, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education from Pymatuning Valley Local Schools, as an observer at the board meeting.

Correspondence: Mrs. Riley shared a Certificate of Appreciation received from the D-Day organization for the district's permission to use the school building parking lots and also for the many school employees who volunteered on their own time during the annual D-Day event.

Committee Reports:

Legislative – Mr. Coltman noted that the lame duck session currently has 20-30 bill represented in hope of passage. SB29 took effect on October 24, 2024 and some changes are expected prior to the end of the general session before it breaks in December.

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A-Tech – Mr. Nesbitt reported that construction at A-Tech is going very well and should be under roof by the end of December. Mr. Nesbitt also shared that the nursing program had received a \$360,000 grant that will support the purchase of medical mannequins for the adult nursing program. The mannequins teach students how to respond to real life medical situations.

Athletic Council/SPARC– Mr. Brecht reported Athletic Council would meet on Friday, November 22, 2024. The SPARC committee is planning on meeting before year end.

Student Achievement Report and DLT – Mrs. Armeni reported that Red Ribbon week was held the last week in October and students participated in spirit week and door decorating.

City Council – Mrs. Norton shared that the Spartan of the Month for November Lillian Urquhart. Lillian is always prepared and ready to work. She is a great presence in the classroom and helps her peers by always being a positive influence, with integrity and perseverance.

Board President – Mr. Coltman shared that he appreciated attending Capital Conference and that it is an opportunity to acquire some great information and share successes and challenges with other districts across the state.

Superintendent's report: Mrs. Riley shared an overview of district related activities, past, present and future. The Storybook Trail dedication occurred on October 17. Mrs. Riley represented the district and attended a meeting between the City of Conneaut and railroad officials to discuss railroad safety for not only students but community pedestrians and local motorized traffic. In January, a train safety program will be presented to all students in all four buildings. The Powder Puff Football game was held along with the Powder Buff Volleyball coming up in December. Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Keri Hayes are working on a literacy grant. November 1 was a PD day with PBIS training for classified staff and was well attended and is planning for a more in depth version tailored to specific positions for the next PD day. A tabletop Cyber Security training was hosted by NEOMIN and attended by Mrs. Riley and other district administrators. CACS is the only district participating in the annual Stuff the Bus Competition, collection for nonperishables and toys thru December 12. Mrs. Riley also congratulated G. Joseph Colucci on his upcoming retirement after 35 years in teaching.

Treasurer's report: Mrs. Miranda presented the five year forecast to the board. The forecast reflects no significant increases in revenue from the state and projects typical property valuation increases. For FY25, there is a onetime bump in state provided economically disadvantaged impact aid due to the implementation of the CEP meal program. Expense increases are projected in salaries and benefits, with not significant increases in purchases services, supplies or equipment. Based on the knowledge today, we begin to deficit spend in FY27 and erode our cash balance in FY28 and FY29.

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11-2024-01 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2024 be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

11-2024-02 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

11-2024-03 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve the Five-Year Forecast as presented.(ENCLOSURE)

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

11-2024-04 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board approve the following donations as presented.

- Donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Conneaut Elks Lodge-VFW Ohio Charities for Playgrounds, fund# 001-1890
- Donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Conneaut Elks Lodge-VFW Ohio Charities for Musical Instruments, fund# 001-1890
- Donation in the amount of \$619.75 from Conneaut Athletic Boosters for Prom, fund# 200-9026

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

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11-2024-05 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Brecht that the Board approve the following
Then and Now Certificates as presented.

- Ace Digital Academy \$5,920.00
- Greatwave Communications \$6,276.00
- Sports & Sports \$3,108.00

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

11-2024-06 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve Athletic
Worker pay proposal as presented.

- Box Office Manager, \$60 per/event
- Game Day Ticket Booth Workers, \$30 per/event for High School, \$20 per/event
for Middle School
- Game Day Operations, \$30 per/contest for High School, \$20 per contest for
Middle School

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

11-2024-07 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the
Memorandum of Understanding between the Conneaut Area City School District and the
Ashtabula Area City School District as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

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11-2024-08 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board approve the Conneaut Area City Schools REVISED District Gifted Identification and Service Plan as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

11-2024-09 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve first reading of the following policies and revisions as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

- 0100 DEFINITIONS
- 0142.1 OATH
- 0151 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
- 0152 OFFICERS
- 0163 PRESIDING OFFICER
- 0164 NOTICE OF MEETINGS
- 0165 BOARD MEETINGS
- 0165.1 REGULAR MEETINGS
- 0165.2 SPECIAL MEETINGS
- 0166 AGENDAS
- 0167.2 EXECUTIVE SESSION
- 0173 BOARD OFFICERS
- 4120.08 EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- 4121 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK
- 5780 STUDENT/PARENT RIGHTS
- 6320 PURCHASING AND BIDDING
- 6430 VENDOR RELATIONS

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

11-2024-10 Moved by Mrs. Norton and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the field trip for the Conneaut High School National Honor Society as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

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11-2024-11 Moved by Mrs. Armeni and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board approve a district school bus to be in the Conneaut Christmas Parade as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

11-2024-12 Moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mrs. Norton that the Board approve the following club for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

- Grade 7/8 Swim Club

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

11-2024-13 Moved by Mr. Brecht and seconded by Mrs. Armeni that the Board approve the Ohio Public Education Appreciation Week Proclamation as presented. (ENCLOSURE)

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

11-2024-14 Moved by Mrs. Armeni 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.

14.01 Approve resignations as presented.

G. Joseph Colucci, due to retirement, effective July 1, 2025, He has been with the district for 35 years.

14.02 Rescind motion 10-2024-09, 09.02, Approve the following changes in classified contracts.

Effective 10/21/24:

- Valerie August, LPS Satellite School Cook, from 6 hrs. to 6.25 hrs.

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- Lisa Poff, LPS Satellite School Helper, from 5 hrs. to 5.25 hrs.
- Jane Guglielmo, CHS Satellite School Cook, from 6.25 hrs. to 6.5 hrs.
- Heather Jackson, CHS Satellite School Helper, from 4.25 hrs. to 4.5 hrs.
- Kim Tantari, CMS Central Kitchen Cook, from 6.75 hrs. to 7 hrs.
- Cathy Ezzone, CMS Central Kitchen Cook, from 6.75 hrs. to 7 hrs.

14.03 Approve a one (1) year contract for the following classified personnel for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Nicholas Newell, Bus Aide, step 0, 4.5 hrs. per/day, effective 10/28/24
- Jennifer Jones, Bus Aide, step 0. 2 hrs. per/day, effective 10/28/24
- Daryna Haelpa, Satellite School Helper, step 0, 3 hrs. per/day, effective, 10/28/24
- Julie Ring, Satellite School Helper, step 0, 3 hrs. per/day, effective, 10/28/24
- Paula Oster, Satellite School Helper, step 0, 3 hrs. per/day, effective, 10/28/24
- Samantha Burt, Administrative Asst., step 1, 8 hrs. per/day, effective 12/3/24

14.04 Approve employment for the following certified personnel as home tutor at \$24.00/hr. effective August 30, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Hannah Clark

14.05 Approve the following changes in classified contracts.

Eugene Emery, Bus Aide w/Paraprofessional Certification, step 16, effective 10/24/24

14.06 Approve employment for the following substitute certified personnel for the 2024-2025 school year.

Amber Marshall

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14.07 Approve employment for the following substitute classified personnel for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Daisy Asmus
- Kimberly Koehler

14.08 Amend motion 10-2024-09, 09.05, Approve supplemental contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

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| • | Robert Edwards | CMS Wrestling Coach | Step 1 |
| • | Steven Riggs | CMS Asst. Wrestling Coach | Step 1 |

14.09 Approve supplemental contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

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| • | Alexis Zappitelli | Head Softball Coach | Step 4 |
| • | Brianna Oatman | Asst. Softball Coach | Step 4 |
| • | Joe Chadwick | Asst. Softball Coach | Step 1 |
| • | Bill Lipps | Head Baseball Coach | Step 1 |
| • | Nathan Pape | Asst. Baseball Coach | Step 1 |
| • | David Rivera | Asst. Baseball Coach | Step 1 |
| • | Melissa Livengood | Boys Tennis Coach | Step 1 |
| • | Rebecca Thomas | CMS Tennis Coach | Step 1 |
| • | Tyler Pew | Boys Head Track Coach | Step 2 |
| • | Jason Dalton | Girls Head Track Coach | Step 1 |
| • | Chris Brown | Asst. Track Coach | Step 1 |
| • | Adam Lytle | CMS Head Track Coach | Step 12 |
| • | Jodi Pasanen | CMS Asst. Track Coach | Step 2 |
| • | Dennis Distelrath | Spring Weight Room Monitor | Step 2 |

14.10 Approve volunteers for the district athletic program for the 2024-2025 school year.

Carl DeNunzio - Level 2

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

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Nays:

Motion Carried

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Board members' summary: The board thanked G. Joseph Colucci for his many years of service and dedication to education and wish him well in future endeavors. The board discussed having a planning retreat in December and will determine an available date for all and notify the media of the public as required. The board also thanked all the generous donors for their commitment to the importance of public schools. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m., at Conneaut High School.

11-2024-15 Moved by and seconded by that the Board adjourn this regular meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARMENI, BRECHT, COLTMAN, NESBITT, NORTON

Ayes: Armeni, Brecht, Coltman, Nesbitt, Norton

Nays:

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Treasurer

President