

## Conneaut School District

### PUBLIC WORK SESSION

#### Minutes

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

7:00 PM

The Conneaut School Board of Directors met Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at the Alice Shafer Annex cafeteria/gymnasium.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Vice President Mr. Don Ellis, Jr.

The following members answered to roll call:

Mr. Boyce	Mr. Burnham	Mr. Ellis
Mrs. Klink	Mrs. Krachkowski	Mrs. Luckock
Mr. Schaeff	Mrs. Sperry	Dr. Thomas

#### **Administrators Present-**

**Superintendent:** Jarrin Sperry

**Director of Special Education:** Susy Walters

**Business Manager:** Greg Mayle

**Director of Buildings and Grounds-** Elwood Schell

**Technology Coordinator** – Rick Kelly

**Principals:** John Hines, Joel Wentling, Dave Maskrey, and Adam Jardina. (Doug Parks arrived later).

#### **Visitor Recognition**

Mrs. Sperry offered a Visitor Recognition, as Per Policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings. All visitors who are recognized during the Visitor Recognition are allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes to address matters of their concern, unless otherwise determined by the Board President. Visitor recognition is to be limited to thirty (30) minutes unless otherwise decided by the Board.

No one approached the podium.

#### *Discussion Items-*

##### 1. *Nutrition-*

Mrs. Braden presented new packed smart snacks for the Board to sample. These included USDA approved food which included whole grain, juices, smoothies and such available on the serving line. The will be offering hard core apple juice to compete with energy drinks and provide breakfasts in the classrooms for the elementary students.

##### 2. *Start of School Updates-*

Each building principal provided an update on the first week of school. The elementary schools experienced no surprises; the middle schools commented on the warm temperature on the first day of school. Mr. Maskrey had a great start at the high school, lunches went well for 713 enrolled. Dismissal also was uneventful with the entire staff outside assisting students in finding their correct buses.

3. *Kindergarten Numbers-*

Conneaut Valley Elementary has 66 students in their kindergarten and see no problem with the numbers and sections and Conneaut Lake has 67 students. Our total enrollment has 2074 students as of the end of today compared to 2140 last year. This leaves us 70 students down from last year to this year and includes 45 or so lost from seniors and gains in Kindergarten.

4. *Superintendent's Evaluation-*

Mrs. Sperry reported the Superintendents contract had to follow a design established by state legislators therefore our District had to make adjustments this time around which included some goals. The Board used the PSBA Superintendent's Evaluation instrument which will provide a better formula to review.

The intent now is to meet in November in Executive to discuss the evaluation results with Mr. Sperry. But before meeting with him, the Board will meet in Executive in October to determine the percentage he has met.

Some Board members felt this new form provided a better evaluation tool to determine strengths and weaknesses.

5. *PSBA Updates-*

Mr. Ellis reported PSBA is watching the budget closely; PSBA is providing a webinar on Board Docs paperless agendas; PSBA is utilizing a new mls system with free courses to anyone ranging from superintendent evaluations to school board responsibilities, etc.

Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Krachkowski and Mrs. Sperry had met with Representative Park Wentling to discuss the budget and other issues and drive our point of cyber and charter school tuition. Representative Wentling predicted the budget to pass around Halloween time but Mrs. Sperry heard others guest Thanksgiving or Christmas.

The PSERS issue continues to bog down everyone's budgets.

Due to the Fall PSBA Leadership Conference in Hershey scheduled for the second week in October and several of our own board members attending (including herself and the board vice president), Mrs. Sperry recommended moving our voting meeting to October 20<sup>th</sup> or keep the current date and elect a temporary president to run the meeting.

There was no objection to moving the meeting and the change will be placed on the agenda at next week's voting meeting and publicized accordingly.

Mrs. Sperry read a thank you letter received from Margie Malloy, recently retired teacher.

It is noted Mr. Parks, Conneaut Lake Elementary School principal arrived and was asked to provide a brief overview to the start of his buildings first day back to school.

6. *Agenda Review-*

The Board reviewed the draft agenda for next week's voting meeting.

Mrs. Sperry announced the Board would be going into an **EXECUTIVE SESSION** immediately following the meeting to review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, might lead to disclosure of information protected by law, issues might include personnel and student concerns.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

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Mrs. Jody Sperry, Board President

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Mr. Greg Mayle, Board Secretary