

Conneaut School District

PUBLIC WORK SESSION AGENDA

Wednesday, October 4, 2017
Alice Schafer Annex Cafeteria 7:00 PM

The Conneaut School Board of Directors met Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at the Alice Schafer Annex cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Vice President Mrs. Dorothy Luckock.

The following members answered to roll call:

Mr. Burnham	Mr. Ellis	Mr. Hornstein
Mrs. Krachkowski	Mrs. Luckock	Mr. Schaefer

It is noted Mrs. Klink, Mr. McQuiston and Mrs. Sperry were absent.

It is noted Mrs. Klink arrived at 7:20 pm.

Administrators Present-

Superintendent: Jarrin Sperry

Director of Special Education- Susy Walters

Business Manager- Greg Mayle

Curriculum Director- Brenda Kantz

Director of Buildings and Grounds- Frank Kimmel

Technology Coordinator – Rick Kelly

Principals: David Maskrey, Doug Parks, Kevin Burns, Joel Wentling, John Hines and Adam Jardina.

Mrs. Luckock provided a visitor Recognition as Per Policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings. She announced 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.

Discussion Items

- *Game Worker Fees... Mr. Acklin*

Mr. Acklin provided a proposal on game worker fees and provided some history to the Board. Prior to 1999 each game worker was paid \$15 for an evening's worth of work. In 1999, this increased to \$25.00. So for the past 18 years it has remained at \$25.00. He is here tonight, not due to lack of workers but because he has loyal workers who have been with the program for 18 years without a raise. He is asking for a \$5.00 increase. One of his loyal workers has been assisting for 26 years.

Last year during the budget season he had proposed to the budget committee a change and he did put it in his budget, it is there now for the 17/18 school year. Therefore, his proposal would have no

adverse affect to the current budget, although it does not have taxes included. The hours are generalized times and he uses a 3 hour figure. In conducting a survey he was surprised he only received six responses out of 40 to see what other districts paid. Mr. Acklin was disappointed to see some less and some significantly more. Some had different pay scales for JV versus Varsity. His conclusion was there was not enough of a response to come to a generalization.

Mr. Burnham confirmed with Mr. Acklin that he was looking for a 20% increase; Mr. Acklin stated yes \$5.00. Mr. Burnham felt a 20% increase was drastic, maybe 10% and take it up again in a couple years. Mr. Schaef disagreed; he felt \$5 did not impact much.

- *Policies for 1st Reading...Mrs. Kantz/Mr. Jardina*
Mr. Jardina and Mrs. Kantz presented five policies for discussion. Two were reviewed by the committee and five more had minor edits which basically were involved cleaning up and updating.
- *Title I Parent Conference.... Mrs. Kantz*
Mrs. Kantz reminded the Board of the parent conference on October 24, 2017. All are welcome.
- *Buildings and Grounds...Mr. Kimmel with Gary Jacobs from Smart Edge*
 - a. *Energy Savings Presentation-* Smart Edge provided their yearly report on the energy project. Utility data provided by the district forms the foundation of the report as well as contract savings levels outlined in the energy savings guarantee contract of 11/17/2014.

As can be seen from the tables, overall electric savings for the district were above the guaranteed amount by 13.9%; and the natural gas savings were slightly below the guaranteed amount by 9.4%. When standardized to KBTU energy units, the actual savings attained in 2016 -2017 was 10,047,938 KBTU compared to a guaranteed savings of 10,240,739 KBTU. In terms of savings at the contract rates, the contract savings is \$110,555; and the actual savings at contract rates was \$113,810 or a difference of \$3,255 above the contract rate.

The natural gas savings were lower than predicted due mostly to the mild heating season of 2016 and 2017. When the need for heating is very mild, most of the district's boilers must still maintain the same temperatures they would in a normal heating season, and therefore use proportionally more energy to heat the schools. Accounting for the weather differences between the baseline and the current reporting periods have been taken into account when compiling this report. Overall utility cost savings have been achieved with the higher electric savings and they continually work with the maintenance staff to continually improve.

Mr. Burnham commented on the lighting, basing his comments on the public who have asked. The concern is with the lighting during off hours as it seems lights are still on during the evening/night time. These complaints have been ongoing since the overhaul with some improvement. He was reminded some of the lighting is for safety and the lights are automatically programmed to dim in some parking lots. Smart Edge has and still is switching lighting over to LED which is a lot less expensive and even though they are still on, they are not as costly. Sometimes it is convincing the public of the cost savings with the switch to LED.

It is noted Mrs. Klink arrived to the meeting.

In reviewing the numbers, the Board asked why there seems to be a better savings in the Valley area. When comparing Cooperative Electric to Penelec our district uses different suppliers at different buildings based on location. Also, there were renovations in each building all at different times. Thus the Valley was renovated later with more modernized equipment providing a greater opportunity for bigger savings.

b. Snowplowing- Mr. Kimmel noted the snowplowing contracts are on the voting meeting with extended contracts. The backup provides a 1, 3 and 5 year option and he is recommending the five year because of the cost of equipment each contractor has to purchase. The three are the same we have been using, with an excellent history over the past twelve years. we do have a limited resource in our area and cannot go with one company due to logistics. These three have done a very good job, are consistent and even though they run their companies different, Mr. Kimmel feels looking at the side by side the are right even with each other.

- *West Fallowfield Exoneration Request... Mr. Mayle*

Mr. Mayle received a call from the Secretary for the Board of West Fallowfield Township with a unique request to pass along to our Board. In a clip note version, he indicated the township bought a small parcel in 2000 at a tax sale for the sewer line to go through for a means of securing a right of way. With that right of way they are not tax exempt and have to pay taxes. In 2014, they had a surveyor look at the property of which the surveyor could not find the deed or any record of the property existing. Essentially a ghost parcel but yet the township has been paying taxes for 2015 and 2016. But why pay taxes for property that doesn't exist. They are reaching out to us asking to exonerate the taxes and at the same time are negotiating with the neighbor to acknowledge the property and do a quick claim. Basically it would be exempt from here on but asking us to exonerate the 2015 and 2016 taxes. They owe \$165.00, the county has approved their request and they await our district.

In board discussion they recalled Mr. Joseph stating our District could not exonerate the Park taxes so how can we with this one?

It was decided Mr. Mayle would clear the question with Mr. Joseph and in the meantime agreed to place it on the agenda for a vote next week.

- *State Budget Mention...Mr. Mayle*

Mr. Mayle updated the Board on the state budget; he recalled status looked optimistic with the spending packet approved at the deadline but they appear to be fighting over a pesky detail for where the revenue is coming from over the past few months. This week it appeared the parties drifted apart but the good news is school districts have been getting their monies...very different from last years budget impasse. Governor Wolfe is indicating he wants to tap into the liquor funds as a source for the schools, we understand. Obviously there are legalities but we are still getting our monies. October is a big payment by the state which is a big hurdle for the state.

- *Teachers Master Schedules...Mr. Sperry*

Mr. Sperry provided copies of the teachers' master schedules to the Board. Mr. Schaef was happy to state that he has not had to ask for these for a number of years.

- *Superintendents Evaluation...Mrs Luckock*

Mrs. Luckock, reminded that a copy of the superintendent's evaluation was provided to each board member at the September additional work session, along with an addressed envelope in hopes of sending to Mrs. Sperry and have ready for the November meeting. Electronic versions also went out to the Board. Mrs. Luckock suggested having it to Mrs. Sperry by October 25, 2017 as this would allow time for her to be back in town and compile everything by the November meeting.

- *Superintendent's Report... Mr. Sperry*

Mr. Sperry noted the below in his report-

1. Kevin Sprong, Mike Costa, Ted Watts, Julie Bauer, Tom Washington and I met for the September PAC meeting. We discussed the preliminary success of the new welding program, made plans for having the September JOC meeting at CVMS so the JOC members could see the welding program, and we also discussed the fact that enrollment is the highest it has been at the CCCTC in recent years. (568 students)
2. Mike Costa, Kevin Sprong and I were on Froggy 100.3 in Meadville on Wednesday, September 13th. We were only on for a few minutes, but we talked about the new welding program and our adult evening classes available at the CCCTC.
3. The Comprehensive Plan meeting was held the afternoon of the 13th in CASH Library. This was an initial meeting with groups being formed. The groups are: Special Education, Safe and Supportive Schools, and Professional Development. The next meeting is October 10th.
4. The IU SAC (Superintendent's Advisory Council) meeting was Sept 15th. Discussion centered on upcoming the state budget, PARSS updates, PASA/Legislative updates, the Rural Regional College, and quick discussion about class rank and Val/Sal that led to a formal topic of discussion for the upcoming SAC meeting on October 13th with curriculum directors and HS guidance counselors also being invited.
5. Brenda Kantz and I met with Kelly Davis who is in charge of the GED program at Titusville. She came to us to hopefully get a GED program started here at CASH for this side of Crawford County. We hope to be able to start a GED class at CASH this January. More details will be forth coming within the next month.
6. The September CCCTC meeting was at CVMS. The JOC took a tour of the new welding classroom and shop area.
7. I got to go back to my roots as I was the CLE principal on Friday, Sept 22nd in the afternoon.
8. Brenda Kantz, Dave Maskrey, Frank Kimmel, Laura Metrick (new Vo Ag teacher) along with additional members of the community including John Burnham, attended the Vo Ag advisory committee on September 27th. The committee made Laura aware of the acreage on Cole Road. Laura is going to take some time to go see the property before the committee makes any recommendations on what to do with the land.
9. I attended the monthly Systems of Care meeting at Crawford County Human Services on Tuesday, October 5th. Tom Washington from Crawford Central was also in attendance. Tom and I could only attend for 45 minutes as we had to go to the court house for a meeting on truancy with Judge Vadaro and local District Magistrates. (Judge Marwood was in attendance as was Dave Maskrey) The Systems of Care meeting (while Tom and I were there) centered on the Safe Schools grant paying for more middle school teachers being trained in Link Crew (Middle Schools are called WEB "Where Everyone

Belongs.”) The Truancy meeting was to get all of Crawford County on the same page with new state regulations and to make sure the judges and CYS are also complementing each other with TEP’s (Truancy Elimination Plans)

10. Lastly, I attended numerous negotiations meetings with three different bargaining groups over the last month.

In deviating from the agenda, the Board asked for an update on the opening and Link Crew. Mr. Hines, who is the chairperson, stated activities since the beginning are done once a month with one coming up soon. There are changes in the perception and a decrease in apprehension due, he feels, to the Link leaders taking a good lead in providing information to the 9th graders on day one. Not everything is in place yet but the Board was reminded that General McLane took four years to see a full affect.

Mr. Maskrey feels this year was the best opening he has ever had and adds the Link Crew for helping 9th graders to feel more welcome. Mr. Maskrey also feels changing the dress code for this year; he was not after the students about what they were wearing.

Mr. Hans updated on Conneaut Lake Middle School. He feels fortunate that teachers are in remediation for 22 minutes at the end of the day and this is a common time where he is allowed to take up to 28 web leaders. They started meeting at the same time, setting up the schedule so that 8th graders are pushing out to the 5th graders, helping to organize, helping with homework, etc. We have left Fridays open where we can plan once a month activities with the web leaders and 5th graders. The first one was 1st Friday with a rock, paper, scissors tournament.....the students loved it. This was setup in conjunction with the leadership summit where he took half of his leaders to the Leadership Summit. From this they developed a list of activities to do throughout the year, voted on it and solidified it. We have 4-5 big activities to do this year with the other Fridays bringing in motivational leaders to speak on leadership. There is a lot going on, our web leaders are awesome ad doing a good job which has made it easy on him.

- *PSBA Updates...Mr. Ellis*

Mr. Ellis reminded that the PSBA Fall Leadership Conference starts next week.

- *Agenda Review...Mrs. Luckock*

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

Mr. Schaef asked to add to the agenda, that the Negotiation Committee meet with the CESP on September 14, 26th and October 3, 2017.

Mrs. Luckock noted that there would be 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 concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.



Mrs. Jody Sperry, Board President



Mr. Greg Mayle, Board Secretary