

Conneaut School District

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

7:00 PM

The Conneaut School Board of Directors met Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the Alice Schafer Annex cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Mrs. Jody Sperry.

The following members answered to roll call:

Mr. Burnham	Mr. Ellis	Mr. Hornstein
Mrs. Klink	Mrs. Krachkowski	Mrs. Luckock
Mr. McQuiston	Mr. Schaeff	Mrs. Sperry

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, John Hines, Doug Parks, Kevin Burns and Adam Jardina.

Visitor Recognition

Mrs. Sperry offered visitor recognition on Agenda Items noting 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.

It is noted there were no visitors.

Discussion Items-

1. *YMCA After Care Program* – Hannah Fuller and two colleagues from the YMCA presented the YMCA After Care Program for opening a before and after school program at our elementary schools. Their history with the Crawford Central School District involves 160 students and the Y serves 1500 students and families within the community. In a collaborative agreement they wish to provide service for parents of children in our elementary schools with before and after school services. It would provide parents with a peace of mind knowing their children are safe. We can provide a safe, educational and fun environment within the school building. The program goes until 6 pm if the need is there and can use a classroom if necessary.

The Board was concerned with scheduling conflicts with the community and how to handle it. Both elementary school principals did not see a problem with juggling current or planned events in conjunction with this program.

Ms. Fuller indicated all staff is trained child care representatives, the Y is a licensed facility and all staff has had previous experience. Once the school day has ended and the student is released to the Y, the student becomes the Y's responsibility.

The Y bases their budget on an average of 15 students daily and likes to see an enrollment of 20 students into the program, with 2 staff members.

The Board asked to add this to the agenda.

2. *Website Update*- Mr. Kelly announced the Districts website host, Edline, is pushing for platform changes. Beth, Sarah and I are reviewing vendor options with the first webinar starting tomorrow. We will be seeking a change in the near future but rest assured there is not a big difference in the pricing across the board. He does not anticipate much of a disruption once we switch over. Our domain will not change as we own it.
3. *District Internet Contract*- Mr. Kelly announced the District internet contract is coming up the end of this year. This is the District ban width that goes out via the IU consortium. We can jump in with no obligation if the prices come back competitively. Fortunately, there are competitive vendors staying with Velocity in Erie. The plan next year is to double the ban width and the forecasted pricing looks fantastic; this is the right time to make the move. We would be switching from Windstream to Armstrong and this is in a good thing.
4. *Policies for 1st Reading*- Mr. Jardina reviewed the minor changes to the following policies, of which the Policy Committee had made some changes. Note, the Policy 237 Electronic Devices had radical changes and was scaled back from seven pages to three.

Policy 204 - Attendance

Policy 219 – Student Hearing Process

Policy 231 – Extracurricular Activity Trips, Social Events and Class Trips

Policy 237 – Electronic Devices

Policy 412 – Evaluation of Professional Employees

Policy 413 – Evaluation of Temporary Employees

Policy 417 – Disciplinary Procedures

Policy 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid

5. *Maintenance Updates* –

- a. *CASH entrance*- recently there has been discussion on people having trouble entering the exit at night at CASH. The entrance to the high school does not have a lot of pizzazz and the exit is wider and lit up, therefore addressing the confusion. During the night time one tends to gravitate to a lighted sign, thus encouraging one to enter at that point. Mr. Kimmel provided some pictures that showed during the day time is easy to see. The current sign was installed during the consolidation.

The Board discussed possible upgrades, changes that could be made such as widening the entrance and street, moving the sign and potential zoning regulations. The Board asked for administration to bring back several options to consider.

- b. CASH Concession Stand- The Boosters is willing to donate a new concession stand for the soccer fields. Currently there is an 8' x 8' shed and is in poor condition. Boosters will place a 10' x 10' right next to the old one, and pay for upgrades, electrical, gravel, etc..
- c. HVAC Contracts- these contracts are going out to bid on the 9th. Mr. Kimmel finished breaking them out while conferring with Mr. Joseph. Minor discussion by the Board regarding the winter and summer light schedules and keeping the security gate out back accessible to the snow plowers.

6. *Community Meeting* – Mrs. Sperry announced most of the budget meetings with staff and buildings are under way and should be completed in April, Mr. Mayle will be presenting his preliminary budget to the public. The Board discussed dates in April and decided on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the CASH gymnasium at 7 PM.

7. *Additional Work Session* – the agenda will be the business manager's initial presentation to the board as well as a brief update on board goals and some advocacy training. This will include proper advocacy methods and information from PSBA. We can also ask Mr. Joseph to put together a resolution opposing the House of Representatives changing the tax.

8. *Superintendent's Report-*

Mr. Sperry reported as follows;

- On February 2nd, I went to the Erie County Technical School to listen to a presentation from Learning Innovations. This company has a program along with software to help K-3 students gain reading ability to grade level or beyond. Initially, they partnered with the Girard School District to gather data and beta test their program (along with other districts across the country) and now through the Erie Together Program, they are attempting to obtain a \$15,000,000 grant to cover the costs of the program. We are interested in the program, but are waiting to hear how their grant application is proceeding.
- On February 8th, the IU5 Superintendent meeting was held in Edinboro at the IU. Topics included: PARSS Update, PASA/Legislative Update, Substitute Teacher Shortage, Title IX, PIL, Executive Orders, Transfer of Entity, and the upcoming PA State Budget.
- I attended the CCCTC Superintendent meeting on February 14th. We discussed personnel moves, School Calendars, Policies, and upcoming events at the CCCTC.
- On Wednesday, February 15th, Greg and I attended a meeting at the IU to review the IU budget for 2017/2018.
- On Tuesday, January 21st, Dr Pam Lenz, Tom Washington, and I sat down with Lisa Adams at WICU 12 to film an episode of "INSIDER with Lisa Adams." The panel discussed: Property Tax reform, Cyber Charters, Erie, The State Budget, and the New Funding Formula. The discussion lasted 24 minutes for a 30 minute episode. (commercials) It was a great experience, and I have received positive comments from individuals regarding the show. The episode is not available on-line yet. After the show, I drove to CVES and read "Captain Arsenio - Inventions and (Mis) Adventures in Flight" to Adam Jesse's 4th grade classroom.
- On February 28th, Greg and I attended a Webinar on School Police Officers through PASBO. We were affirmed that we are indeed doing things correctly and have model program here with Kurt.

9. *PSBA/NSBA Updates* – Mr. Ellis announced the Spring Legal Roundup is on March 7th in Venango County, he expressed is dissatisfaction that there is, once again, not one scheduled in Crawford or Erie County, he will be calling them.

Mrs. Sperry will have the breakouts for the NSBA Conference available next week, if anyone wishes to review and make suggestions on what she should sit in on.

10. *Agenda Review-*

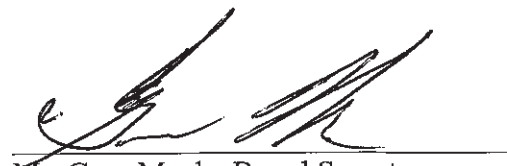
The Board reviewed the draft agenda.

Executive Session

Mrs. Sperry noted the Board would be going into an **Executive Session** after the meeting is adjourned to discuss agency business, which, if conducted in public would violate a lawful privilege, specifically to discuss involving personnel matters.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Mrs. Jody Sperry, Board President


Mr. Greg Mayle, Board Secretary