

Conneaut School District

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION
AGENDA
Wednesday, August 1, 2018
7:00 PM**

The Conneaut School Board of Directors met Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at the Conneaut Area Senior High School cafeteria.

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

The following members answered to roll call:

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| Mr. Burnham | Mr. Ellis | Mr. Hornstein |
| Mr. Jacobs | Mrs. Klink | Mrs. Krachkowski |
| Mrs. Luckock | Mr. McQuiston | Mrs. Miller |

Administrators Present-

Superintendent: Jarrin Sperry

Business Manager: Greg Mayle

Technology Coordinator: Rick Kelly

Director of Buildings and Grounds- Frank Kimmel

Curriculum Director – Brenda Kantz

Principals: Mr. Maskrey

Visitor Recognition

Mrs. Luckock offered a 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.

No one approached the podium.

Discussion Items-

- a. *CASH Music Department Fundraiser-* Mr. Sperry detailed a fundraising request submitted by Mr. Egyud for the purpose of campaigning for two students who will be attending the NAFME All National Choir. He explained a fundraiser was conducted a couple years ago for the same purpose, different student. The Board was in acceptance of this fundraiser and asked to have the proper paperwork submitted for board approval.
- b. *Creating Cyber Classes-* Mr. Sperry indicated the intent to add about six more cyber special education classes to this new school year. We started last school year with six classes and 5 to 6 students, saving the District approximately \$22,000 each. The numbers are changing daily

but we are looking at 5-10 students so far this year. Mrs. Krachkowski asked how this works with the teachers' schedule. Mr. Sperry explained they are paid an hour after the day ends to the class. A lot give up plan time or prep time to help a student if they want to come in for help on a certain assignment. They are not paid extra if helping a student during the day. Mr. Maskrey added he rotates during the week who helps and there is a resource room available to any student who wants help.

- c. *Transportation*- based on an email sent to the Board by fellow board member Kevin Jacobs, he asked for more transportation data on students based on the consolidation options offered by Mr. Sperry. Mr. Sperry and Mr. Bridge worked on his request and presented some data and maps to the Board based on the students enrolled/transportation provided at the end of the 17/18 school year. They explained it is difficult to pinpoint actual numbers/figures for each option as there are not enough man hours to compute all the scenarios. Plus the software does not provide variable such as impassable roads not maintained in the winter, roads that can be traveled uphill but not downhill or vice versa and other variables. They did however, note that transportation costs would most likely go up. Mr. Bridge also noted that bell schedules make a big difference in pickup and drop off times which multiply the potential scenarios.

Mrs. Miller thanked Mr. Bridge for the information and noted that the maps seemed skewed in her interpretation. She was referencing the dots provided on attendance maps which showed each student for pickup/drop off s. Mrs. Klink strongly disagreed noting these are the facts. Mr. Bridge reminded everyone the information was pulled from May and June actual bus routes. It showed major arteries and lone dots in outlying areas.

Mr. Bridge noted Mrs. Weidner has retired and Jen Palko is the new assistant manager for Anderson. Jen and he worked together in obtaining all of the data for tonight's presentation. It is very difficult to pull information for future stops and so many different scenarios.

Mr. Jacobs thanked them for all the work and felt this will be helpful to see the proportion of where students are, the maps were very helpful to see where current stops are located.

Mrs. Miller's main concern was what happens in five years when asked to close an elementary school and students are on the bus longer than one hour. Mrs. Luckock clarified there has been no discussion indicating closing an elementary school. Many districts if anything leave the elementary schools. Mrs. Miller reminded everyone that Mr. Sperry made a comment at the last meeting about 92 kindergarten students enrolled.

Mrs. Krachkowski asked at the last consolidation, there was a thorough BUSS Committee that provided x dollars of savings, how was that derived and how can we use it here. Mr. Sperry replied most of the savings was in furloughs of teaching staff. The Board noted to Mrs. Krachkowski there was not a savings in transportation. She replied, then how can we derive that information. Mr. Hornstein wondered the same. Mr. Sperry stated we have to make a lot

of assumptions, like when PASBO conducted their survey, there are different buses at garages versus at home that change the formulas.

Mrs. Krachkowski also recalled information provided for transportation during the committee, and how was the data derived. Mr. Bridge did not remember it being that detailed, he stated this consolidation is much more detailed than the high school consolidation. Mrs. Miller felt then that it makes even more sense to bring everyone to the high school campus.

Different bus sizes were discussed along with the state requirements. He noted in order to drive a bus with flashing lights requires a school bus license, doesn't matter what size. To drive a van, PA law only requires drivers a license. not a commercial one. Anderson doesn't make commercial but have to go through all the physical requirements for a bus driver. There is some difference in pay scale, as well as a CDL license but experience accounts for more. He uses a lot of the 30 passenger vans/buses due to the outlying areas and prefers to use a van with a stop sign and lights. The smaller vans do not have.

Mr. Jacobs asked if the district closed a middle school, do you perceive being able to pick up K-8 at the elementary and would it make it to the middle school or just have a separate middle school run. Mr. Bridge stated he saw a mix, depending on distance and bell times a lot would be a single run to the elementary in the afternoon due to the length of the school day.

Mr. Burnham stated realistically it would add a half hour no matter which direction going to for the most part or 20 minutes. Mr. Bridge said yes realistically but he would have to change routing to accommodate the 1 hour limit. This would cost more but it can be offset by changing the bell times. What works in the morning probably will not work in the pm.

Mr. Burnham felt consolidation would cause additional stress to parents in staying involved in the educational experience. They could potentially have students in three buildings, Mrs. Klink reminded him that already happens.

Mr. Burnham asked if we could consider options of having someone like PASBO to look at the routes and software and the consolidation options.

- d. *Bus Tour*...the Board discussed potential dates for the annual building tour, a.k.a. Bus Tour and decided on Monday, August 27, 2018, starting at Central Office.
- e. *Board Goals*- Mrs. Luckock received a few more Board Goals and reiterated incorporating this year goals more towards board accomplishments, not administration reporting to us. She asked each member to review them, rate and prioritize and send back to her prior to next week's voting meeting. This will be on the September agenda for approval.

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- f. Superintendent's Report- Mr. Sperry reviewed his month since the last board meeting only three weeks ago.

- g. PSBA Update- Mr. Ellis updated the Board and Mrs. Miller confirmed her plans to attend the Fall Leadership Conference.


- h. Agenda Review- The Board reviewed the draft agenda for next weeks' voting meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Burnham questioned Mr. Kimmel on the removal of the CVMS bleachers. Mr. Kimmel clarified which bleachers were recommended by the professional inspector and the insurance representative were liabilities to the district. He reviewed which ones would be repaired as well.

It is noted there would be no Executive after the conclusion of this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.


Mrs. Dorothy Luckock, Board President


Mr. Greg Mayle, Board Secretary