

**Conneaut School District**

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 3, 2018**  
**7:00 PM**

The Conneaut School Board of Directors met Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at the Alice Schafer Annex gymnasium/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:

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

It is noted Mrs. Klink was absent.

**Administrators Present-**

**Superintendent:** Jarrin Sperry

**Business Manager:** Greg Mayle

**Director of Special Education –** Susy Dressel

**Technology Coordinator:** Rick Kelly

**Director of Buildings and Grounds-** Frank Kimmel

**Curriculum Director –** Brenda Kantz

**Principals:** Mr. Wentling, Mr. Maskrey, Mr. Parks, Mr. Burns and Mr. Jardina.

**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.

Mr. Rob Golemberke approached the podium. He addressed the Board about how board policy has three regions and although it may have served the district at one time he does not feel it serves it anymore. He stated he felt the three regions divides the board into three teams instead of one united team like it should be. Since only three board members are in his region he can only vote for three of the nine. One could argue if a change was made he feels he would gain six more board members.

In reviewing the population of the three regions, the populations are pretty even. He does not feel it matters which borough or township one lives in. He also could not find any other district that separates like ours does. PENNCREST has three actual attendance areas but they elect at large and so does Meadville.

He feels our boards current practice does not seem to support eh community well.

Mark Hoegerl approached the podium. He is working on a project on behalf of the Linesville Historical Society in preserving sports items from the former Linesville High School. He toured the building this week and found banners, trophies and such stored in rooms that could be better served on display. He is asking permission to have access to these items and be able to display them at the Linesville Historical Society.

Mrs. Luckock asked Mr. Hoegerl to please provide a letter supporting this for the agenda.

#### Discussion Items-

##### 1. *Maintenance Updates-*

*Bus Parking Lot-* Mr. Kimmel discussed a bus parking lot proposal which was brought to him by Anderson Bus. Anderson is losing a parking lot in town here in Linesville which they lease. The property is being sold and they are wanting a new location. They suggested the grass field in front of the high school to be stripped and graveled. The backup on Canvas shows pricing and options and he asked if the Board wanted to do. The costs presented are high in his opinion. For Anderson it is more of a timing issue and Linesville is centrally located for them. Conneaut Lake involves extra time, other than that there is no other issue. It was also suggested for Anderson to use Conneaut Lake Middle School parking lot since there aren't any students of driving age, the parking lot is pretty empty. Mr. Ellis remembered this being brought up a few months. This location is also just a short distance away from the township police department and the lots are lite all night long.

Mrs. Miller wondered if contracting with a church and what impact there would be for busing overnight to where they have to start based on the busing transportation survey.

CASH Life Skills Restroom – Mr. Kimmel noted the room is pretty much completed. Mrs. Miller commented on a response she heard from Mr. Van Dusen. He reiterated that “it was rather loud” and he feels there is plenty of room and would like to have a washer and dryer but maybe down the road. A couple of his students do not like loud noises.

Mrs. Miller asked if there was something we can do about the noise? Mr. Kimmel stated the toilet is an up-flush toilet because the waste has to go up. A different setup would have been more money. Mrs. Miller replied that she is disappointed that the toilet paper rolls are not in a roll and cannot be reached if sitting on the toilet, also the toilet is not stable. Mr. Kimmel reminded her that the toilet has to be set a certain distance from the walls to all for aides to assist the student, the rails are bolted into a concrete wall. All this was also advised from the nurse to allow for more space between for helpers. Mrs. Miller still asked for more lenience with this community of students and accommodations.

##### *Board Discussion on the Tornado*

Mrs. Luckock wanted to thank those who stepped up to assist yesterday during the tornado incident(s) and helping the nursing home, some of those people are here tonight. It gives a warm feeling to see the community to come together in taking care of those in a time of need during the tornado.

*Board Study Committee Report ...* Mr. Hornstein had no report.

*Superintendent's Report-* Mr. Sperry read his report.

*Board Goals-*Mrs. Luckock

*Superintendent's Report:* October 3, 2018 (Presented to Conneaut School Board)

1. Kevin Sprong, Mike Costa, Ted Watts, Julie Bauer, Tom Washington, Tim Glasspool and I met for the September PAC meeting. We discussed the process needed to possibly have aviation mechanics beginning and the expansion of one or more programs at Conneaut Valley among other things.
2. As reported in the Meadville Tribune, the three Crawford County superintendents, local state reps, Kevin Sprong, and Mike Costa toured the CCCTC with the Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) Deputy Secretary: Eileen Cipriani. The tour highlighted Gov. Tom Wolf's PAsmart initiative to prepare students with the education they need to obtain good, middle-class jobs and to demonstrate how the school works with local employers to ensure students have the skills they need to succeed in the job market.
3. I spoke with John Amato last month about our National Honor Society Students once again helping at the polls on election-day 2018. John spear headed this in the county a few years ago and is once again getting students signed up to help people with the voting process at all the polling stations in Crawford County.
4. I attended the Summit Township meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Numerous citizens were there to discuss items ranging from golf cart use on public roads to waste water managements and right of ways. I introduced myself to the township supervisors which includes Bill Agnew a retiree from the Conneaut School District and currently a PIAA official.
5. The IU5 Superintendent Meeting was September 14<sup>th</sup>. We discussed current and pending legislation (Including ACT 44 School Safety and the grant money tied to it). We also discussed the upcoming regional in-service on October 8<sup>th</sup>, and the recent talk in Harrisburg concerning PIAA and how the playoffs are set with public and private schools competing against each other.
6. Greg and I have been working on the school safety grant tied to ACT 44. All districts qualify for \$25,000 and then there is a competitive amount open to all school districts in the state that we are also attempting to secure some funding from.
7. I attended the Crawford County Career Fair at the Vernon Fire Hall in Meadville on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup>. The Career Fair was coordinated through all Crawford County school districts and involved all middle school students in the county attending so they could find out about careers and the training necessary for those careers. It was a packed event with groups/organizations from tool and die to EMT, to diesel tech and Colleges and trade schools present.
8. Kurt Sitler and I attended the Crawford County Round Table on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. From this meeting the Crawford County superintendents are meeting to formulate a plan to bring to Judge Vadaro regarding truancy and students that are habitually late, but not actually absent. We also are working with the systems of care and Alleghany College in an attempt to build a database for all the county agencies to use in regards to what families

are accessing what services. (This is a direct tie in to the meeting I was at with Judge Vadaro and what Alleghany county is currently using)

9. Of course, yesterday, we had a tornadic event in Conneautville and had 161 residents from Rolling Fields Elder Care housed temporarily at Conneaut Valley Middle School. By 4:00 this morning, all the residents had been transported to other nursing homes or taken by family. School was held for the students at CVMS with little to no disruption. A big thank you to all involved.

*Board Goals...*

Mr. Hornstein reviewed the minor changes made to the Board Goals, based on discussion from the additional work session held in September. Mr. Ellis was in support of them, he felt they were well put together.

There was discussion on the board goals aligning with the homework policy and testing's but Mr. Burnham reminded his fellow board members to remember we need goals that we can follow through with, Mr. Hornstein agreed with him.

Several Board members felt the score card was a good tool to stay on task. Mr. Burnham felt we need to make sure Administration is up to snuff. Mr. Hornstein offered to add to the goals a recommendation if administration is adhering to policy we as a board are successful as a concept for admin to be following policy and the bidding of the Board.

Mrs. Luckock reminded everyone that the Boards job is to make sure Administration is doing what is necessary and governance of success of students.

The Board then switched to discussing the Superintendent's Evaluation- Mrs. Miller asked there something we can add to the superintendent's evaluation along the Administration staying in align? She does not know where the dotted line is and where the solid lines are. For Example, she doesn't know when Mr. Kimmel goes to the Board or when he is to go to Mr. Sperry.

Mrs. Krachkowski offered a goal to be continuously evaluation the superintendent's goals, he would report back on his goals which can be the Boards scorecard. Mrs. Miller would like to set the superintendents goals to be a little more specific to like a review of the business office goals, IT department. Capital Building Department and such. Mrs. Luckock intervened and stated she did not feel those fall appropriately with the state requirements. Mr. McQuiston agreed with Mrs. Luckock and that we may be getting too micro-managing. Mrs. Miller then remarked that the Board dug into their own goals, so what would it look like if Mr. Sperry had the same breakdown. Mrs. Luckock reminded the Board that the Superintendent's goals are performance goals and items which have to be measurable. What he does as far as something in place with Administration and the departments going down through, that is too much too detailed for what we as board members are to do as policy makers. We do get to dig into the budget details in describing budgetary needs, it is difficult to get that balance and not micromanage. Mr.

Sperry is to oversee other administrators. We hire him to oversee the day to day of the district, and yes it is difficult to not get involved in the details in this case but I still disagree with Mrs. Miller. It is Mr. Sperry's responsibility and if there is a matter of concern we are at liberty to bring it up with him.

Mrs. Krachkowski asked if part of our responsibility is the relationship with Mr. Sperry she offered a score card update from him as we are to oversee him. Mrs. Luckock asked what we see in the superintendents report is not sufficient to stay on top, maybe a little more noted and referencing goals to remind us. Mr. Burnham would like to see a report on what is happening in the Administrative team, with testing's and happenings in the buildings. Mr. Jardina reminded the Board they provide multiple reports to the board on a variety of items, we can redirect them to Mr. Sperry if you wish.

Mrs. Miller read off Mr. Sperry's report noting CCCTC was in his report quite a bit, although she appreciates the career center she is not diminishing that we have our own school sand she wants to know what he is doing in our schools. That is what she is looking for, not individual units bur how working as a unit together.

Mrs. Klink suggested then that Mr. Sperry reword some of his report to indicate "our" students participated in a tour at the Career Center.

Mrs. Luckock noted the revised goals will be on the agenda for approval next week.

*PSBA Updates...*

Mr. Ellis noted the graduation requirement bill still on its way, thank you for all who contacted our representatives as it worked. Park Wentling appreciated all the calls.

In 2 weeks the fall leadership conference starts.

*Superintendent's Evaluation reminder...*

Mrs. Luckock reminder to board if not turned in.

*Agenda Review...*

The Board reviewed the draft agenda.

**Mrs. Luckock announced there will be No EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

  
Mrs. Dorothy Luckock, Board President

  
Mr. Greg Mayle, Board Secretary