

***Conneaut School District***  
***MINUTES***  
**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**January 16, 2018**  
**Alice Schafer Annex cafeteria**

The Conneaut School Board of Directors met Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the Alice Schafer Annex Building 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
Mrs. Luckock	Mrs. Klink	Mrs. Krachkowski
Mr. McQuiston	Mrs. Miller	

**Administrators Present-**

**Superintendent:** Jarrin Sperry

**Director of Special Education –** Susy Walters

**Business Manager:** Greg Mayle

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

**Technology Coordinator –** Rick Kelly

**Curriculum Director –** Brenda Kantz

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

**Visitor Recognition**

Mrs. Luckock provided 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.

**Agenda Approved**

Motion by Mr. Burnham, second by Mr. Hornstein that the Board approve the agenda.

Motion passed by roll call.

Mr. Burnham	yes	Mr. Ellis	yes	Mr. Hornstein	yes
Mrs. Klink	yes	Mrs. Krachkowski	yes	Mrs. Luckock	yes
Mr. McQuiston	yes	Mrs. Miller	yes	Open Seat	

**PASBO Transportation Review Proposal Approved**

Motion by Mr. Hornstein, second by Mrs. Miller that the Board approve the proposal submitted by the Pennsylvania Association School Business Officials to provide their School Operations Consulting Service to assist the Conneaut School District in evaluating the operation of any of the school business areas of specialization to include the school business office, transportation, facilities, technology, purchasing or food service operations. PASBO to conduct a transportation review at the cost of \$10,000.00, *detailed backup available on Canvas.*

*Mrs. Miller asked if this was for 3 years, Mr. Mayle replied yes.*

Motion passed by roll call.

Mr. Burnham	yes	Mr. Ellis	yes	Mr. Hornstein	yes
Mrs. Klink	yes	Mrs. Krachkowski	yes	Mrs. Luckock	yes
Mr. McQuiston	yes	Mrs. Miller	yes	Open Seat	

**Memorandum of Understanding Approved**

Motion by Mr. Burnham, second by Mr. McQuiston that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conneaut Education Support Professional Association and the Conneaut School District, *as per detailed backup on Canvas.*

Motion passed by roll call.

Mr. Burnham	yes	Mr. Ellis	yes	Mr. Hornstein	yes
Mrs. Klink	yes	Mrs. Krachkowski	yes	Mrs. Luckock	yes
Mr. McQuiston	yes	Mrs. Miller	yes	Open Seat	

**Board Concerns**

Mrs. Luckock announced she has selected Jamie Hornstein to fill the open spot on the Negotiations Committee.

**Visitor Recognition**

Mrs. Luckock offered visitor recognition on any topic 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. Dan McBride* addressed the Board. He questioned a \$6,000 cost for two board members to attend a leadership conference in October and then two months later another board member retired. He stated this is bad for the district to send someone and then they retire, we should be more responsible. Mrs. Luckock clarified for him that during October the two representatives that went from Conneaut were Mr. Ellis and Mr. Hornstein. Mrs. Sperry attended representing the Intermediate Unit, not this District. Mr. McBride asked about the monies spent and Mrs.

Krachkowski clarified that Mrs. Sperry was covered under the Intermediate Unit's budget. Mrs. Luckock also noted that she was approved but did not attend due to the untimely death of her mother in law. Most of the cost associated with her was refunded or canceled.

#### BOARD INPUT

Mr. Burnham commented- He asked everyone to look around tonight, there are no board members left on this board who were a part of the overblown building renovations. I have been against the renovations from the beginning the decisions they made were ours and we have to deal with the loans which will be refinanced and refinanced and it is slim to none that they will be paid off. The board members who made the decisions for consolidation that are still on the board are Don Ellis. The decisions that this Board makes have long tails that last a very long time and do not affect just students but the affect the tax base and that of Pennsylvania taxes that the state gathers in the education fund which help fund the building project, because of cost share and state reimbursements.

As we go forward we need to be careful on the decisions and view as board members everything very closely, as members of the public, for consolidation that have been brought about again. There is no defense for the three high school situations but they are different scenarios. But no defense on what could have been done which could have saved the high schools. We rid ourselves of an assistant superintendent that could have enabled us to still have three high schools; we rid ourselves of assistant principals and still had high school assistants. We have iPad text books now but could have kept three high schools; how many students went to outside cyber schools that have cost us money, we would not have had to do that; how much was spent to upgrade the facilities recently after we spent money renovating. So whatever we see here tonight take seriously and look between the lines. We haven't seen anything yet but be very careful.

#### Executive Session

Mrs. Luckock announced the Board would be going into an **Executive Session** immediately following the additional work session, scheduled next.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Hornstein, second by Mrs. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM.

  
Dorothy Luckock, Board President

  
Greg Mayle, Board Secretary