

Conneaut School District

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION
Minutes
Wednesday, May 1, 2019
7:00 PM**

The Conneaut School Board of Directors met Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at the Alice Schafer Annex 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. Luckock |
| Mr. McGuirk | Mr. McQuiston | Mrs. Miller |

Administrators Present-

- Superintendent:** Jarrin Sperry
- Technology Coordinator:** Rick Kelly
- Director of Special Education:** Susy Dressel
- Business Manager:** Greg Mayle
- Curriculum Director:** Brenda Kantz
- Director of Buildings and Grounds-** Frank Kimmel

Principals: Mr. Hines, Mr. Jardina and Mr. Parks.

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.

It is noted no one approached the podium.

Discussion Items

Budget...

Mr. Mayle provided a budget update as follows;
New for 2019-2020 is full funding for middle school homework clubs; winter cheerleading at both middle schools; 2nd reading specialist for middle schools; Added Curriculum in Science K-12, ELA 5-8 and texts/materials for new courses at CASH for AP Human Geography, Legal Studies. Also, Ma Mental health social worker through Bethesda; K-6 Intensive alternative education program through Bethesda; AOPA “You Can Fly” Program t CASH and a Community Outreach line items for Board initiatives.

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The 19-20 Proposed Final Budget summary was reviewed. Mr. Mayle noted cuts for the new year include staffing to include 3 retirements with 1 of them absorbed and 1 position repurposed for a reading specialist position.

He reviewed the General Fund Balance and then discussed the Cafeteria/Capital Projects funds.

Cafeteria Fund is on an RFP Year with results provided in June. An alternate proposal will be requested asking for the traditional and then a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) implementation.

Capital Projects Fund has a 5 year plan and budget to be reviewed also in June. Investment review, project savings and reorganization of projects result in no transfer of funds needed in 19/20 year to maintain five years of funding.

Moving forward, the Board will vote on the proposed final budget on May 8th; the budget will be publicly displayed through May 23rd; May 31st will be the publication of intent to adopt a final budget; June 5th will be an updated presentation of projections, capital projects, cafeteria and the general budget and the Board will vote on the Final Budget on June 12, 2019.

PSBA Membership Renewal...

The Board discussed the All Access Membership and agreed, as the same last year, to do the same. It was asked to add the wording of "All Access" to the motion.

Student Accounting Secretary...

Mr. Sperry noted to the Board that the PIMS Coordinator/Student Accounting Secretary has resigned. Her last day is this week. The Intermediate Unit has offered to help to get the District through the end of the school year. An idea that he has kicked around is instead of replacing her would be to repurpose the Financial Accountant to be the Coordinator of Student and Financial Accounting. We would increase her salary and push back some of her responsibilities back to Mr. Mayle. As the District enrollment continues to decline, in about five years we are potentially looking at 1500 students. This move would save us \$50,000 to \$60,000 in the budget. We have spoken to her and she is willing to do it. The idea was presented to the budget committee and we can write a contract that puts a one year time frame so that if the Board or she thinks it is not doable, she can go back to her original position and get another person. Mrs. Luckock said the draft job description is on Canvas for the blended position. This is a very time sensitive decision.

Mr. Burnham asked what kind of a raise were you thinking, Mr. Sperry noted \$10 to \$15,000. Mr. McGuirk noted PIMS is not a fun thing, even though a career cent is much different than districts. Mrs. Miller agreed that it is a big idea and because we hired an accountant opposed to a secretary the experience is there.

Maintenance...

Mr. Kimmel is reviewing HVAC over the past several years and is able to knock down what we do. Mr. McQuiston thanks Mr. Kimmel who has spent a great deal of time on this project. He agrees with Mr. Kimmel on this project.

Policies for 1st Reading...

Mr. Sperry reviewed with the Board the minor changes for the policies up for 1st Reading. It was noted there is a typo on 904, and 103 and 104 are on for 1st and 2nd reading, also 348 the unlawful harassment is retiring contingent on 103 and 104 are changed to be a separate motion. The 2nd readings will be 103.1; 601; 604; 605; 606; 607; 608 and noted 606 and 607 have no changes.

Graduation...

Mr. Sperry reminded that Graduation is Thursday night, June 6th.

Superintendent's Report...

Mr. Sperry updated the board on his activities;

1. Happy Star Wars Day Saturday. (May the 4th) (May the 4th be with you)
2. The Crawford County Round Table was held on April 5th. Local District Magistrates, Judge Spataro (who took over for the Judge Vardaro who is retiring, juvenile probation, and many other local organizations were in attendance. At this meeting we brought Judge Spataro up to speed and focused on some platform that would let multiple agencies to communicate with one another. This is a continuation of a project that Judge Vardaro started.
3. Lisa Lichota, Brenda Kantz and I attended a symposium at Westminster College on April 5th entitled, "How Prepared are Students for the World after High School." There were a number of great speakers and some eye opening data was presented. i.e. "Roughly 65% of students entering college change their major." "70% of adults would rather have a different job." "Only 27% of those with a bachelor's degree work in their major." "25% of students graduating this year will go on to work at jobs whose titles have not even been invented yet."
4. Dot and I attended the National Honor Society induction ceremony on April 5th as well. It was (as always) very well organized and a very special event for our students and families. 17 sophomores, three juniors, and one senior were inducted into the society.
5. PDE was in Conneaut on April 9th and 10th for Gifted Monitoring. Conneaut (thanks to Susy, Joyce, Bernadette, and all of our special education teachers) received numerous commendations on how we educate our gifted youth.
6. On April 10th, I had the opportunity to cover the welding shop at CVMS in the afternoon. That was a blast and I learned a great deal about welding, (Stick, Tig, and Mig)
7. Brenda Kantz, Dave Maskrey, and I attended a workshop at the IU on April 11th for ATSI schools (schools that need to boost their special education students scores in the Keystone tests) From that workshop, a plan was created where Lori Patton from the IU along with Dr. Susan Miller came to CASH on April 25th to meet with teachers who will be team teaching next year in core Keystone classes. The teams will consist of subject matter teachers along with special education teachers. Both Ms Patton and Dr. Miller were very impressed with the determination and professionalism of our staff.
8. The IU5 SAC meeting was April 12th. Curt Sonney was present to discuss how Cyber Charter legislation is progressing at the state level. He's optimistic something will come about within this coming year to help with the burden of Cyber Charter costs to school districts. Other topics included: TB testing for volunteers, Bomb Threat training, eSports updates, Bethesda Partial, and a discussion and survey about later start times for high schools.

9. Rick Kelly and I attended a "Cyber Warfare Symposium" at the Bayfront Convention Center on April 24th. Presenters included Erie Insurance, multiple professors from local universities and a Secret Service Agent. All presenters shared best practices and what they are doing to keep their systems secure from hackers, and cyber criminals. It was a very interesting and thought provoking symposium. Ultimately the best defense is educated end users and Rick and the tech department at Conneaut do a good job of training everyone on what to look for and how to react if they see something suspicious on our network.
10. Bill Stevenson completed the training to be our first teacher to teach the AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association) curriculum in the Conneaut School District, and the first in Crawford County. Only two school districts in Northwest PA (Erie and Conneaut) will be offering the courses next school year. We will continue to get Bill and other teachers trained for the next four years so that these students entering 9th grade next year will be ready to take the written part of the pilots licensure test when they become a senior in our high school.

Board Goals...

Mr. Hornstein reviewed the changes and updates. He noted we will start new goals in July and August.

Finance Committee...

Mrs. Luckock asked for any interest in adding monies into the budget in the Board category of community involvement for such as a host speaker to come in and provide a presentation to students, families and the public on topics. These topics could include those impacting society, students, families and more. The Budget Finance Committee has allotted \$7,500 but some speakers are free. This would also be start up monies for publicity, marketing and such. Is this something the entire board is willing to put in the budget? Mr. Jacobs felt it would allow administrators to create dialog on a yearly basis. Mrs. Luckock reminded this is a Board initiative, not an administrator one.

PA School Works Resolution...

Mrs. Luckock followed up from a presentation she and Mr. Jacobs attended last fall. In the April work session on Canvas is a packet on PA School Works. Districts have been asked to sign a resolution supporting for more funding urging the General Assembly. She asked if there was interest in supporting this resolution, it could be added to the June Board.

PSBA Update...

Mr. Ellis provided an update.


Agenda Review...

The Board reviewed the draft agenda.

Mrs. Luckock announced 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 matter, within the CEA.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.


Mrs. Dorothy Luckock, Board President


Mr. Greg Mayle, Board Secretary