

Conneaut School District Finance/Budget Committee

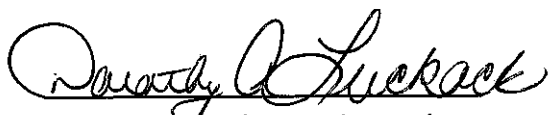
April 11, 2019

The meeting of the Finance/Budget Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on April 11, 2019 as advertised in the Conference Room in the Central Office. Present for the meeting were Directors Dorothy Luckock, Jamie Hornstein and Theresa Miller, Business Manager Greg Mayle and Superintendent Jarrin Sperry.

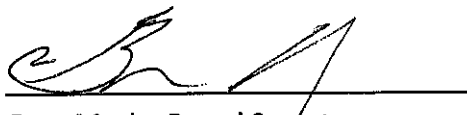
This continues the series of meetings to review department and building budget requests, etc. As we move along Greg is updating the reports.

- Curriculum – Brenda Kantz and Diane Reynolds were present to review and discuss their proposed budget. Some items of note:
 - Reviewed were the annual subscriptions for Read 180, Moby Max, Study Island, On Hand, AR and Career focus areas.
 - Currently we have 2 students in the programs English Language Learners
 - Projected for 19/20 in curriculum updates are Science (tends to be more costly), finishing Phys Ed and possibly Middle School English Language Arts.
 - Proposed to be finished this current year are Art and Family Consumer Science, as well as German.
 - Some of the costs for Books at high school level are for a base set (such as 1 class worth) for those not using the chromebook; as well as for Cyber. Also noted is that with the computer based books have annual subscriptions for updates, etc.
 - The goal is a 7 year rotation on curriculum updates. Brenda has been striving to get areas updated that have gone a very long time (such as art, Phys ed, etc.). The committee reinforced the priority of avoiding exceptionally long periods of time between curriculum updates/review as not being in the best interest of our students.
- Business Office budget – Greg reviewed the budget which includes the “efinance” software costs. This actually came in lower in year 2 than originally projected.
 - Proposed to use the new Kronos (timeclock) system absentee control instead of AESOP as it would utilize the same “log in info” for employees – avoiding having to remember 2 sets of log in.
 - Reported that with the new “efinance” programs that some additional areas are able to be done in house – saving some costs for outside professional services.
 - Included in this budget are the following: Business Manager, Accountant, Payroll, Accounts Payable and Personnel.
- Microphone System follow up – the follow up regarding whether to purchase multiple sets of wireless microphones (to cover multiple buildings) versus one that is shared was reviewed.
 - The feedback from various areas are to purchase the multiple sets. Initially the thoughts focused around drama productions, but we were reminded that school assemblies, etc. would also be in need. It was mentioned to verify coordinated purchasing so that they are “interchangeable” if need be.

The next meeting is re-scheduled from Weds. April 17th to Tuesday April 23rd at 5:30 pm due to committee members being unavailable.



Dorothy Luckock, Board President



Greg Mayle, Board Secretary