

OCTOBER 2, 2019 CSD WORK SESSION MEETING

10/2/2019 [7:00PM-9:00PM] @ Conneaut Valley Elementary School cafeteria

- CONNEAUT SCHOOL DIST PUBLIC WS AGENDA -

1. Call to Order

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock opened the meeting at 7 PM at Conneaut Valley Elementary School cafeteria.

Roll Call Attendance-

Mr. Burnham present

Mr. Ellis absent

Mr. Hornstein present

Mr. Jacobs present

Mrs. Luckock present

Mrs. Klink present

Mr. McGuirk absent

Mr. McQuiston present

Mrs. Miller present

It is noted Mr. McGuirk arrived at 7:04 pm.

It is noted the following Administrators were present-

Mr. Sperry, Superintendent

Ms. Dressel, Assistant to the Superintendent, Director of Student Services

Mr. Mayle, Business Manager

Mrs. Kantz, Curriculum Director

Mr. Kimmel, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Joseph, District Solicitor

a. Moment of Silence

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock asked for a moment of silence.

b. Salute the Flag Ceremony

2. VISITOR RECOGNITION

1. Visitor Recognition *

*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.

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock offered a Visitor Recognition noting as per Policy 903 Public Participation in Board Meets. 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.

3. Discussion Items

a. Agenda Manager Review...Mr. Mayle

Minutes

Mr. Mayle reviewed the Agenda Manager with the Board reminding them a 30 day trial extension was obtained in order to give the Board and particular staff more time working in the software. The Board felt the software was a step forward in transparency and asked that it be placed on the voting agenda for a 3 year time frame.

b. After School Dinner Program...Mr. Mayle

Minutes

Mr. Mayle asked the Board to fill out a form for audit information. It is in relation to finishing up the application for the after school program which allows the District to serve meals to any student staying late regardless of economics. Part of the application requests Board information for PDE. The program is primarily geared towards non profit pre-schools, and day cares who are a higher risk for program enrollees as small pre-schools are a higher fraud risk. The program wants to be able to track down board members if something goes wrong. But the program kept public schools in it, we have to submit for that reason.

c. Athletic Committee Recommendation...Mrs. Luckock

To incorporate 9th Grade Boys Basketball into the JV Program

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock noted the minutes from the September 12, 2019 meeting are on the October agenda to be approved. The purpose of the meeting was the varsity boys basketball coach presented a proposal to consider the stand alone 9th grade team to be incorporated into the junior varsity team. It would not reduce coaching staff as the coaches would transition to the high school. Mr. Acklin noted the schedule for the 9th grade team is done for this year but it can be changed. All head coaches at each sport are in charge of their programs, make the decisions on what works best and build the program. The main thing is the numbers in this group especially we can only identify six students interested in 9th grade basketball. Opportunities for students to come to open gyms and only those same five or six students showed interest. The numbers at the middle school level are getting very low and it is hard to support the program this year with these numbers. The coach feels this started a few years ago as the middle school program was not successful, the top two or three players were moved up to the JV program to get more play time but the trend is that these students that play 9th grade, who did not get moved up did not show up in their sophomore year. The coach wants to move the entire 9th grade team to the JV level to have a full JV program. They would dress for the JV and be done for the evening, it would not be a cross over for the 9th grade to then have play time in the varsity games. Players would see more playing time and work with the same coaches, this should help ease players and be more comfortable in coming back at the sophomore year.

The Board was concerned with what has happened in the past, varsity coaches cutting players because they have too many thus those cut could be the younger players. Mr. Acklin felt typical was 20-22 players

Mrs. Miller asked Mr. Acklin if was the one who recommended a few years ago to eliminate boys soccer because of numbers. Mr. Maskrey reminded her that case was due to no head coach but we did end up hiring one, but yes their numbers were low as well.

Mrs. Miller feels it is the coaches responsibility as the athletic director to give direction to head coaches. She hears the girls volleyball had 50 come out for tryouts and she feels that is because of a 4th grade program. The head coach comes out and sponsors and works with them. It is a leadership role and how are we setting up the

head coaches to be successful, especially in the middle school. We have not had a season to have a defined coach each year at the middle schools.

Mrs. Luckock noted to Mrs. Miller that this boys basketball head coach IS proactive and is trying to give them more opportunities, he went to Mr. Acklin and then they brainstormed, evaluated the pros and cons before coming to the Committee. It is frustrating how many times when coaches are interviewed and the discussion has to do with practices after school. It is increasingly difficult to find good coaching staff and we have relied as a committee that the right coaching staff have to have late practices, you have to have flexibility. She has to give this coach the opportunity to try this.

Mr. Burnham asked what happened to the sports forecast when we formed together as one high school we would be going to have all these students playing sports. We had 3 teams and now we are barely putting together one. Mr. Acklin informed Mr. Burnham we have 9 varsity programs now and we used to have three. Mr. Burnham stated distance matters, we had three schools and helped three communities, we are not one community. He didn't care but CASH is not a community, it is a school form three communities and we are force feeding them into one school. The person that lives up at the Erie line is not part of the community. Linesville he hears does not support Linesville like they used to because Lake and Valley are there. If you do this you will have fewer participating, he does not support this at all, stated Mr. Burnham.

Mrs. Miller asked what we are investing in our boys, opting for 20 on a team versus 35, can we identify only 5 or 6. The Coach stated he had 8 students come out to a meeting at the middle schools, the varsity program started with 18-19 and finished last year with 14 eligible, some had eligibility hits and others injuries. He also takes into consideration when cutting players those who have a history of ineligibility issues.

Mrs. Miller felt some parents are torn about this, they want someone to invest in their players. The coach stated ever since he joined with Coach Sperry he has invested time with AU teams, summer leagues and fall leagues. He personally has a jr hi team at Cambridge Springs. There are 4-5 of us coaches who do what we can to make this program successful. We spend a lot of time off season and on season promoting. Without a 9th grade program he can invest even more time on the programs success.

d. Maintenance Updates...Mr. Kimmel

Minutes

Mr. Kimmel had nothing to report.

e. Policies for 1st Reading...Mr. Sperry/Ms. Dressel

1. Policy 701 Facility Planning
2. Policy 707 Facility Use
3. Policy 816 School Police

Minutes

Mr. Sperry reviewed the changes made to Policy 701; 707 and 816.

f. Superintendent's Report...Mr. Sperry

Minutes

Mr. Sperry reported on the following;

1. Kevin Sprong, Mike Costa, Ted Watts, Julie Bauer, Tom Washington, Tim Glasspool and I met for the September PAC meeting on the 10th. We discussed FID's for the Career Center, CCCTC fundraiser, and first reading on policies.
2. The IU5 PAC Meeting was held on September 13th. We discussed legislative updates regarding cyber charters and the Governor's push for reform. Flexible Instructional Days, SAP Services, Blue Zones (Community Health), Career Readiness, PDE updates (testing), PAYS Survey, Future Ready updates, and Trauma informed Schools among various other topics.
3. The Education Partnership Advisory Council (Edinboro University) met on the afternoon of September 13th. This committee organized by Edinboro University meets 2-3 times a year and allows the school of education at Edinboro to meet with school district superintendents and review where teacher preparation programs are headed at Edinboro. Their enrollment is up after going down for a number of

years, and they are experiencing a higher demand from districts all over the state (and country) for Edinboro School of Education graduates.

4. I Met with Judge Marwood about www.mylifemyquit.com. My Life My Quit is a free program available for use to help people quit vaping. There has been a huge rise in vaping across the country and there have also been some deaths associated with vaping. The website takes individuals through a number of steps that informs them of the dangers of vaping and how it is affecting their body. Numerous schools are reporting success with the program and youth are finding success with quitting vaping. I approached Judge Marwood with the program in the hopes that she may be able to use it in lieu of fines/court costs at least for the first offense.
5. Tim McQuiston, Bill Stevenson, and I attended a meeting of Meadville's Civil Air Patrol on Monday, September 23rd. Gary Worthington (the gentleman who got our Aviation program up and running) coordinated the meeting. Civil Air Patrol has curriculum and materials that we will be able to use in our aviation program. Additionally, they are hopeful that we may have some students that want to join the Civil Air Patrol. We are working on creating a partnership with them which would garner anything from drones to curriculum to possible time in the air for our students.
6. Our students in grades 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th took the PAYS (Pennsylvania Youth Survey) this past week. The PAYS survey lets parents and administrators learn about the behavior of local youth and students statewide concerning: alcohol use, tobacco use, and other drugs and violence. The survey is administered every two years and Conneaut has participated for at least 12. The survey not only gives us insight into harmful behaviors but also protective factors that help kids avoid drugs and violent activities. Additionally, Crawford County students from all three districts meet every September and use the PAYS data to create information campaigns to take back to their respective schools.
7. Greg, Frank, Rick, Kurt and I have been working on the school safety grant tied to ACT 44. All districts qualify for \$25,000 and we will be using that for our Mental Health Liaison that we share with Crawford Central. For the competitive amount (open to all school districts in the state to apply) we are attempting to secure some funding for security upgrades for all of our buildings. This year, they have changed the process in that we may get partial funding instead of the full amount.
8. The Systems of Care Meeting was yesterday, October 1st. We continued work on the strategic plan for the systems of care. This work is near completion and groups are being formed to tackle the overarching goals that have been formed by the committee. We also had a presentation by Crawford County Crisis Intervention Services. This is a service that replaced the former "Mobile Crisis." Their efforts so far have been exemplary. They are working with local law enforcement and our county 911 center to help with mental health calls throughout the county. Lastly we talked at length about the Crawford County Safety Summit occurring on October 17th at Meadville HS auditorium at 6:00 pm.

g. PSBA Updates...Mr. Ellis/Mrs. Luckock to update

Mrs. Luckock will provide an update for Mr. Ellis.

Minutes

In Mr. Ellis' absence, Mrs. Luckock reported on the PSBA Updates.

h. Agenda Review...Mrs. Luckock

Minutes

The Board reviewed the Draft agenda for the voting meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

adjourned at 8:26 pm

Minutes

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

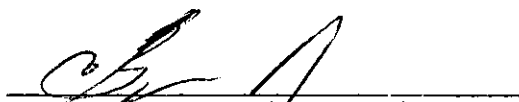
5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is noted there was no executive session.

Minutes

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Mrs. Dorothy Luckock, Board President


Mr. Greg Mayle, Board Secretary