

9/4/19 CONNEAUT SD WORK SESSION AGENDA

9/4/2019 [7:00PM-9:00PM] @ Alice Schafer Annex Cafeteria

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1. Call to Order

Minutes

It is noted the following were in attendance-

Mr. Burnham

Mr. Ellis

Mr. Hornstein

Mr. Jacobs

Mrs. Luckock

Mrs. Klink

Mr. McQuiston

Mrs. Miller

It is noted Mr. McGuirk was absent.

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

It is noted no one approached the podium.

3. Discussion Items

a. Conneaut Cyber School... Mr. Sperry

Minutes

Mr. Sperry is recommending the cyber students from outside our district to be charged 1) regular student \$5,000/year or \$800/class. 2) high school special education students \$8,000/year and go down to include 7th grade. Mr. Joseph has the document drafted which is an agreement we would have with any outside district on an individual basis and we expect to bring it to the October board meeting.

b. Charter School Initiative...Mr. Jacobs

Minutes

Mr. Jacobs has researched cyber learning, the accountability of districts and controlling costs for low performing cyber schools out there. He noted that cyber charter education cost is around \$5,000 and we as a district paid \$1.5 million to cyber charter education. In essence we paid \$850,000 above what actual costs are for cyber schooling. Only 30 percent of students actually achieve a high school diploma.

The Governor of Pennsylvania is actually taking some leadership putting it front and center with a push right now. Many legislative leaders in the house and senate are focused on updating these laws for cost containment and accountability. Mr. Jacobs sent a letter to the Meadville Tribune in June as well as to our representatives. He is asking to send a reminder letter to Representative Wentling on our position.

The drafted letter, once approved would be from the whole board and Mr. Jacobs feels it would go along way to continue support and movement.

c. Data Overview...Mrs. Kantz

Minutes

Mrs. Kantz presented PSSA results, noting our District submitted an early return by the end of May. Keystones are not in until July so what is here is raw data and not broken down by school. The data does not take into account any student with an IEP and is for 8th, 9th and 10th grade only.

She highlighted Keystone Grade 8 Algebra was 100% proficient, kudos to the teachers. Biology showed a 5 percent or more increase; literature was up as well. She is very proud of our gains.

PSSA Middle School is always a concern, Math especially and these scores have really improved. Middle School Language, English, Arts rewrote their curriculum this past summer.

Elementary schools are doing what they do very well and Future Ready scores will be here late October.

d. Maintenance Updates...Mr. Kimmel

Minutes

No Update

e. Start of School Update(s)... Each Building Principal

Minutes

Each building presented their overview of the first day back for students.

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

Minutes

Mr. Sperry reviewed the policies for first reading.

g. Agenda Manager Review...Mr. Mayle

Minutes

The Board discussed their impression of the Agenda Manager software. All seemed in agreement to request a 30 day extension and make a decision at the October Board meeting.

h. Superintendent's Report...Mr. Sperry

Minutes

Mr. Sperry provided his report for the month.

i. Board Goals... Mr. Hornstein

Minutes

It was asked if Board Goals could be conducted on a quarterly basis. Saturday, January 11th would be a Board Training day.

j. PSBA Voting for PSBA Officer Elections...Mr. Ellis

Minutes

Mr. Ellis presented his recommended candidates.

k. PSBA Updates...Mr. Ellis

Minutes

Mr. Ellis provided some PSBA updates.

l. Superintendent's Evaluation...Mrs. Luckock

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock discussed the Superintendent's Evaluation with the Board.

m. Agenda Review...Mrs. Luckock**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION - to review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, might lead to disclosure of information protected by law, specifically to discuss personnel and real estate concerns.