



OCTOBER 6, 2021 CONNEAUT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS OCTOBER WORK SESSION

MINUTES

10/06/2021 [07:00 PM-09:00 PM]

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1. Call to Order

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

It is noted the following Board members were present-

Mr. Burnham Mr. Ellis Mr. Hall Mr. Hornstein

Mrs. Luckock Mr. McGuirk Mr. McQuiston Mrs. Miller

It is noted Mrs. Klink was not present.

The following Administrators were present-

Mr. Sperry-Superintendent Mr. Mayle-Board Secretary/Business Manager

Mrs. Kantz- Director of Curriculum

Mr. Kelly- Director of Technology

Colleen Stumpf representing Quinn Law Firm/District Solicitor

Principals- Mr. Vannoy; Dr. Jardina; Mr. Hans; Mr. Maskrey and Mr. Parks

1.a. Moment of Silence

1.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.

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Brooke Leuthold approached the podium to address the Board.

3. Discussion Items

3.a. LERTA Program...Todd Joseph

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Mr. Todd Joseph addressed the Board regarding the LERTA Program. He passed out a document noting school taxes for property located on 18th and Iroquois in Conneaut Lake. Mr. Joseph has meet with Summit and Sadsbury townships and introduced them to LERTA Program. This is for developers and builders and schools a way to improve dilapidated properties and work with local communities so that they are receiving significant benefits from program. He noted Sadsbury Township was not familiar with the program. He noted again there are huge benefits and is a windfall for schools. Basically it promotes development of dilapidated areas and allows debated taxes on certain areas for a certain number of time. An estimate on assessment office, he showed without LERTA school receives \$20k, and with LERTA school taxes are \$3 million. The township after meeting with him, now sees the windfall they get, per Mr. Joseph. In looking at numbers the district is getting now versus what the district would get is significant. He is asking tonight for a letter of support to show Sadsbury township that the school board understands the windfall and development and the longevity for school. The school would immediately see in year one get 200% increase in real estate taxes. It is a win-win for everyone.

Mrs. Luckock responded, she knows many of us are not firsthand familiar with this program. Mrs. Luckock pointed out Mrs. Stumpf, who is filling in for our District Solicitor George Joseph, who is out of town. Our Mr. Joseph is familiar with the LERTA program so at this point we are not ready to act. Next week at the voting meeting we will sit with our solicitor and talk about particulars and numbers. Mr. Todd Joseph responded, it doesn't cost the district a dime to support, with a letter to the township will enact and we would see a windfall from year one.

Mr. Todd Joseph noted the particular property is dilapidated. Mr. Hall asked on the 72 residential properties you are saying will go up, on year one what is the deferment for taxes if we do not enact. Mr. Joseph responded the property will not go off the ground, the property has been for sale for ten years, there are some challenges in place. LERTA helps get it off the ground and running, and again it doesn't cost district.

Mr. Burnham asked about the private property owners, do they own the corn field, and have you contacted them? Are they on board. Mr. Joseph replied, there is one owner 18 acres and that is me. Mr. Burnham then asked do you want a ten year tax abatement? Mr. Joseph replied, only on the improvements. Mr. Burnham said we have heard this before with our Greenwood Township industrial park that to my knowledge has not produced. Mr. Joseph assured he has used before in other areas and it is a win for all, what it does is liquidate the properties being built, buyers to reduce overall payments on those properties and helps district generate more monies. if nothing done school gets \$1000 a year enacting it, they get 200% year one from \$20,000 first year to over 3 million.

Mr. Joseph noted are purchase units for sale, the income he projects is very conservative so he could get you a solid number. Mr. Burnham asked what properties sell for, Mr. Joseph noted on average \$300,000 which is on par for used houses over there, brand new \$450,000 and not including commercial strip center in front.

Mrs. Luckock asked to verify that Mr. Joseph had Mr. Mayle's contact information.

Mr. McQuiston said would be nice to hear about your other projects, see how well it worked out for them. Mr. Joseph noted he has used this program all over the state ...everybody wins.

3.b. Superintendent's Report...Mr. Sperry

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Mr. Sperry handed out PSBA certificates to board members who have served to Mr. Ellis for 12 years as a member; Mr. Burnham for 16 years and Mrs. Luckock for 8 years as board members.

He asked for board members or 2 per month to serve 5-6 meetings October to February for the Strategic Plan Comprehensive Plan. Mr. McGuirk and Mr. Hornstein volunteered.

Mr. Sperry reviewed his report for the month.

3.c. Master Schedules...Mr. Sperry

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock had the Master schedules for any board member to review.

3.d. PSBA Updates...Mrs. Klink

Minutes

No report, Mrs. Klink was absent.

3.e. Agenda Review...Mrs. Luckock

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock reminded Monday morning at 7:30 at CLMS a dedication of Memorial for Joel Wentling.

Mr. Burnham wants a resolution of support for legislation and request to overturn mask mandate.

Secondly, he asked to put a motion out to pull out of NSBA membership, he saw a memo or request to a federal attorney to name parents and others protesting about curriculum namely CRT and masks and mask mandates. We should not be a part of that organization and should pull out. Mrs. Luckock asked for others interest in doing that.

Mrs. Miller asked Mr. Burnham for clarification on his request. Mr. Burnham added he wants a resolution of support for Senate and general assembly to overturn mask mandate reiterated. Mrs. Miller asked for a specific house bill, he didn't have one and has not talked to legislators. Mrs. Luckock noted as before individuals are able to contact legislators.

Mrs. Miller asked about Mr. Burnham's other request; he noted we don't want to spend our tax payers monies on associations not supporting. Mr. Burnham is talking about national association not the state one, he saw the memo written to the attorney general's office, it was very un American. He has just heard a federal attorney general has a conflict of interest whereby apparently a son-in-law and daughter are involved with an organization that makes money from promoting CRT in education world, that gentleman needs to resign immediately and not be a part of the justice. Mrs. Miller responded that she felt we should not be involved in a political issue.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 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 an MOU with the CEA addressing COVID.


Dorothy Luckock, Board President


Greg Mayle, Board Secretary