



DECEMBER 1, 2021 CONNEAUT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

12/01/2021 [07:00 PM-08:00 PM] @ Alice Schafer Annex gym

CONNEAUT SCHOOL DIST PUBLIC WS MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Minutes

It is noted the following answered to roll call;

Mr. Burnham

Mr. Hall

Mr. Horne

Mr. Hornstein

Mr. Klink

Mrs. Klink

Mrs. Luckock

Mr. McGuirk

Mr. McQuiston

Administrators Attending;

Mr. Sperry Mr. Mayle Mr. Joseph

Mr. Kimmel Mr. Kelly

Mr. Messerall

Principals Attending;

Mr. Hans, Mr. Vannoy, Mr. Pietroski, Dr. Jardina.

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.

Minutes

No one approached the podium.

3. Discussion Items

3.a. Item Removed - Auditors Review...Mr. Mayle

3.b. Maintenance Updates...Mr. Kimmel

Minutes

Mr. Kimmel noted this Friday will be an advertisement for summer projects coming up. There is a number of work for this summer so he would like to receive the bids soon. The bid deadline is January 6, 2022 and he plans on putting the recommendation on the agenda without a name and add the winning bidder to the voting meeting.

Mrs. Klink asked if the entrance to the high school sign was included in this coming summers list. Mr. Kimmel replied, no but it is in the five year plan. She emphasized that we really need to get something done to that sign. Mr. Kimmel noted he has discussed it with the Buildings and Grounds Committee but we are too swamped for this summer.

Mr. Horne what was included for this summer; Mr. Kimmel replied; the windows at ASA, CASH and CLE. Upgrades to the building controls at ASA, changing the water system at CLMS as it is really old. Smaller projects include carpet and tile changes and the normal repointing.

3.c. Policies for 1st Reading...Mr. Sperry

Policy 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Policy 123.3 Concussion Management

Policy 826 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

Minutes

Mr. Sperry reviewed the policy changes. Mr. Hall added that the Concussion policy change includes if a student is in concussion management or cardiac arrest and a coach sends that player back in, that ruling has changed. The coach is no longer a coach in the District. So if a coach is told a student is ineligible due to concussion/cardiac arrest and they send a that student in by the coach, the consequences. That is the big change, it used to be a three step but now a one step process. With winter sports about to start he indicated there may be a push next week to waive the 1st reading and go right to 2nd Reading and Adoption.

3.d. Middle School Pilot Program Proposal...Mrs. Luckock

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock noted at the recent Athletic Committee, there were a number of inquiries received with proposals on various interests to expand the middle school feeder programs for some sports. There either are none or very little in the private sector or few which incorporate into the school activity. This now comes as a recommendation from the three board members on that Committee; Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Klink and Mrs. Luckock to forward a consideration of approving a pilot program for baseball and softball grades 5-8. 5th grade and 6th grade would be a club concept and 7th and 8th grades would be more organized as junior high. The 5th and 6th grade is club due to eligibility issues under PIAA guidelines. Details are yet to be finalized but we are bringing this forward with interest to continue onto a more proposed idea by the full board. Mr. Hornstein asked are you continuing to gather information for the official proposal? Mrs. Luckock said yes but we didn't want to get hopes up and the Board say no. Mr. Hornstein asked if this is the first step for working out details and bring in for consideration? Yes, Mrs. Luckock confirmed.

Mr. Burnham asked is there enough interest showing from students and parents. Yes, Mrs. Luckock noted baseball and softball proposals had a very strong following and support with experienced coaches willing to spearhead this. It was a more wide spread proposal but we want to start with baseball and softball. It would be a combined middle school venture.

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

Minutes

Mr. Sperry read his report.

3.f. PSBA Updates...Mrs. Klink

Minutes

Mrs. Klink provided some information to the new board members.

3.g. Agenda Review...Board President

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock noted with two new board members who will need "new board orientation" and she had reached out to existing board members on what is helpful. Let's consider a Saturday morning for a board retreat and Mr. Joseph can provide his yearly board presentation. This yearly presentation he does helps define the role of board members versus administration roles. It covers the Sunshine Law and is a good refresher to existing board on finer points. The majority of the board preferred a week night and settled on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 5:30-8 pm in the CASH library, pending availability.

Also in moving forward, please let me know which committee's you would be interested in serving this new year; they are Budget/Finance; Policy; Athletic; Buildings/Grounds and of course the Ad Hoc of Community Goal Progress. She asks for no more than two from each voting region. She will review and announce at next weeks voting meeting.

Next month we move into negotiations with the CEA contract, she announced Mr. McQuiston, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hornstein and herself will serve n the negotiations team from the board.

Mr. Joseph provided the states on the mask mandate. He noted that as of 6 PM yesterday but actually taking the timeline to when this all started this fall; a number of parties filed a lawsuit in September on the mask mandate, this was filed in the original jurisdiction and fast forward to November 10th in the Commonwealth ruled the Acting

Secretary exceeded their authority. So that as of that date lifted the mask mandate. The same day on November 10th the Attorney General filed an appeal to the Supreme Court. Which is called an Auto Supercilious. This reinstated the mask mandate immediately. Then a appeal was filed to terminate the Supercilious in the Common Court. On November 16 the Commonwealth ruled the mask mandate would be lifted effective December 4. The reason for that date is the Secretary of Health does have authority for emergency regulations effective in a bulletin. The deadline for submission was November 21 for publication on December 4th. So the Commonwealth Court gave them the opportunity to publish before the deadline. Interestingly on the same day, November 16th, the Supreme Court issued an order presumed jurisdiction of Appeal. So yesterday, following a brief the Supreme Court ordered vacating the order and said we recognize our jurisdiction over the appeal. At that same time the Commonwealth didn't have authority so vacated it. They have oral arguments scheduled on December 8 so they reinstated the mask mandate pending further consideration of the court. Essentially the mask mandate remains until oral argument and the Supreme court issues further orders. He expects December 8 order by Friday the 10th.

Mr. Burnham asked if something lifted anyway by January. Yes, Mr. Joseph reminded that the Acting Secretary of Health lifted the order as of January 17 and turn it back over to local school boards for their own decision.

Mr. Hornstein asked if we should act at the January Board meeting. Mr. Joseph said probably should in advance of January 17. PDE says look at your Safety Plan so it is current.

On the draft voting meeting it was recommended by the Business Manager to remove item 12.B considering the Budget/Finance Committee did not meet this evening.

4. ADJOURNMENT


Minutes

Motion by Mr. McGuirk, second by Mr. Hornstein to adjourn at 7:56 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 student concerns and a CESPA MOU.


Dorothy Luckock, Board President


Greg Mayle, Board Secretary