

FEBRUARY 3, 2021 BOD WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA

2/3/2021 [7:00PM-8:30PM] @ Alice Schafer Annex Cafeteria

- CONNEAUT SCHOOL DIST PUBLIC WS AGENDA -

1. Open of Meeting/Call to Order

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock called the meeting to order 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 arrived at 7:20 PM.

Administrators present;

Mr. Sperry Mr. Mayle Mr. Joseph

Mrs. Kantz Mr. Kimmel Mr. Kelly

Principals present:

Mr. Parks Mr. Burns Dr. Jardina Mr. Hans Mr. Maskrey

a. Moment of Silence

b. Salute the Flag Ceremony

2. VISITOR RECOGNITION

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 addressed the Board.

3. Discussion Items

a. School and Extra-Curricular Update(s)...Mr. Sperry

Minutes

Mr. Sperry received updates from each of the principals. All students were back in full session four days a week starting this past Monday, noting we are no longer on the hybrid ABABC schedule. There are no individuals on quarantine and attendance was pretty good with only three days in this week.

The count keeps going down in the country which is trending in the right direction. If we continue this for a week he anticipates our county to move out of the substantial phase and in the orange phase.

b. Maintenance Updates...Mr. Kimmel

Minutes

Mr. Kimmel asked the Board if he could start negotiations with the custodial contract at Conneaut Valley Middle School in order to continue the process of changing equipment ownership to the contractors, similar to what he has done with Alice Schafer Annex. By doing so, we are trying to avoid replacing the aging equipment in the

District and we could negotiate with a contractor the stipulation (to provide the equipment) as this is part of a service.

Mrs. Miller wished to make note that she was not happy with the last contract we did because it was not put out for bid, she was not happy with the price increases we gave the contractor at said time. She did not want to see any big increases in this negotiation. Mr. Kimmel responded that there will be increases because we are asking the contractor to purchase up to \$30,000 worth of equipment and the equipment has to stay in the building.

Mrs. Luckock asked if it would be spread out over the length of the contract. Mr. Kimmel replied that it would be over the length of the contract, which is normally five years. Mrs. Miller then noted she would vote no if she wasn't happy with the pricing. Mr. Ellis asked if this would be an extension to be voted on? Mr. Kimmel replied yes.

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

Policy 201 - Admission of Students

Policy 802.1 - Attendance Area Boundaries

Policy 803 - School Calendar

Policy 804 - School Day

Policy 805 - Emergency Preparedness and Response

Minutes

Mr. Sperry noted five policies up for first reading.

Mrs. Miller was curious about Policy 201- Admission of Students and asked if another if another school accepts a kindergarten student even for one day or more in another district or cyber school and then un-enrolls and tries to enroll with us the next day, if their age does not meet our age deadline of August 1st can we deny them. Mr. Sperry replied yes. Some have already tried this. Mr. Hall noted the committee did discuss this, our policy trumps the district a student comes from, our age requirement is the student must be five years of age by August 1st. Mr. Joseph, District Solicitor asked to pull this policy as he wants to look into this matter.

d. Superintendent's Report...Mr. Sperry

Minutes

Mr. Sperry presented his Superintendent's Report: February 3, 2021

1. IU5 Superintendent Meetings have taken place every Thursday or Friday since January 8th. Of course the vast majority of the conversations center on COVID: The new strains have come up in numerous discussions in the past month. The bad news is they are more contagious, the good news is current vaccines are effective against them. Vaccine distribution has also been a much discussed topic. While Crawford County had the ability to vaccinate educators, Erie County has not been able to do that yet. There is hope on the horizon with more vaccines becoming available. In addition we can expect pharmacies to begin vaccinations starting on February 11th.
2. Four Superintendents: Kelly Hess (Harbor Creek), Shane Murray (Iroquois), Donna Miller (Girard), Amy Stewart (Warren), and I were selected to represent IU5 in a meeting with PA Senator Bob Casey. We explained all of the issues we are dealing with as suburban and rural districts. We covered topics that the federal government could intervene with including: Internet Access to rural areas, Transportation, Vaccine availability, Career and Technical funding for both school age students and adult learning, Cyber Charters, Looming Teacher Shortage, and Federal testing requirements. There was a good back and forth with Senator Casey for about 45 minutes.
3. All three Crawford County superintendents participate in a weekly Pandemic Coordinator meeting (held every Friday). Along with Crawford County, Warren County is also a participant. We discuss issues with

COVID that are particular to our Counties. This is a group that was separated from Erie County as the needs/issues of the two counties are different right now.

4. There is also a County specific COVID Meeting every other week with Crawford County Emergency Management, All School Districts, Meadville Medical, Alleghany College, and Social Agencies.
5. I participated in a webinar for the Garrett Lee Smith suicide prevention grant on January 28th. The Systems of Care of Crawford County is involved as are Crawford Central and PENNCREST as well as now Mercer and Venango. We were recipients of the grant previously and used it to get students/staff/ and coaches trained in suicide prevention/awareness.

e. PSBA Updates...Mrs. Klink

PSBA School Law Edition 1/8/21 Issue #1

Minutes

Mrs. Klink noted she was still going through the information Governor Wolfe had proposed for the budget. She did not feel it looked good for our district.

f. Agenda Review...Mrs. Luckock

Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft agenda.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes


The meeting was at 7:20 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 concerns.

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock noted the Board would go into an 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 some personnel concerns.


Dorothy Luckock, Board President


Greg Mayle, Board Secretary

