



JANUARY 5, 2022 CONNEAUT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION MINUTES

01/05/2022 [07:00 PM-08:00 PM] @ Alice Schafer Annex Gym

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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. Hall Mr. Horne

Mr. Hornstein Mrs. Luckock Mr. Klink

Mrs. Klink Mr. McGuirk Mr. McQuiston

The follow Administrators were present-

Mr. Sperry Mr. Mayle Mrs. Kantz Mr. Kimmel Mr. Kelly

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

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock opened the meeting to visitor recognition. Seven individuals addressed the Board as follows;

Nicole Mead referenced the last Athletic Committee meeting that was held where the middle school pilot programs were discussed in length. She emphasized to the Board the intent was for all sports across the Board, not just softball and baseball feeder/pilot programs. She would like to see feeder programs for the LaCrosse program as it has a deficit in the 7th and 8th grades.

Kris Cornell addressed having a 5th and 6th grade cross country feeder program, noting he now has someone willing to devote their time as coach for that level.

Karen Ott addressed the Board regarding 5th and 6th grade feeder programs and how they have helped students coming into the junior varsity program and mentoring with the varsity.

Jessica Ellis emphasized with the new search for a head football coach, she asked the Board to find someone within the community, active and dedicated to the football program. The program used to be a close knit unit whereby each player felt supported and part of a team but with the past several head coaches this has not been the case. She asked the Board to not rush into hiring and find the right coach to help rebuild the program.

Maddie Robertson is a student involved in the girls soccer programs. She discussed how the feeder programs have helped her grow and learn the sport and asked the Board to consider a junior high program as there is a gap before high school. She has two younger siblings and would like to see them have a program to continue through to varsity.

Lana Johnson is a student involved in soccer and she would like to see a club sport to help the program grow. It is a financial hardship for parents but very motivational for the players, helping academically as well.

Brooke Leuthold asked about the Business Computer Information Technology teacher opening if it would be filled anytime soon. Mr. Sperry responded, there are a number of qualified candidates now and they will be interviewing soon.

3. Discussion Items

3.a. Maintenance Updates...Mr. Kimmel

Minutes

Mr. Kimmel noted bids are due tomorrow for projects and they will be reviewed with the Architects on Friday. This is on the agenda, pending review.

Other items, there are some athletic facilities and upgrade plans. One is the CASH football score board needs attention. There are foundation issues, pictures are on Agenda Manager and this will need to be addressed in the next year.

3.b. School Director Recognition ...Mr. Sperry

Minutes

Mr. Sperry announced this is National School Board recognition month. PSBA provides certificates for each board member. He noted, Board members volunteer at least ten hours a month or more. Mrs. Luckock added that in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Board members are completely volunteer, there is no monetary payment to being a board member. When she attended the National School Board Convention she found some states board members are paid pretty well. Pennsylvania is 100% volunteer. Mr. Sperry put in for a round of applause to our Board members and for their devotion to students.

Mr. Burnham asked pertaining to payment, he understood several years ago, it could be twenty, that he thought Erie, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia board members did receive pay. Mr. Sperry wondered if it was a city regulation and due to the size of the district. Again, Mr. Burnham felt that might have been twenty years ago. A good question to ask Mr. Joseph next week.

3.c. Focus Group Proposal...Mrs. Luckock

Focus Group Proposal from the Conneaut Valley Boroughs Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, per detailed backup on Agenda Manager.

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock presented a letter from the Conneaut Valley Borough Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to join them for a brief presentation and discussion on a joint effort to plan for the future of Springboro, Conneautville, and Linesville boroughs. Since the school district plays a vital role in the region, they want to make sure our board has an opportunity to know about the effort, explore findings to date and share concerns. If any board members are interested either Tuesday, February 22nd or Wednesday, February 23rd.

Jamie Hornstein, John Burnham, Tim McQuiston and Mr. Sperry are interested in the Tuesday meeting. Several others were considering and a final decision will be made next week.

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

Policy 006 - Local Board Procedure Meetings

Policy 217 - Graduation Requirements

Minutes

Mr. Sperry reviewed the two policies for first reading. He noted 006 was a total re-write from Mr. Joseph and the biggest change was virtual meetings.

Policy 217 Graduation Requirements had some credit requirements corrections caught by the guidance counselors.

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

Minutes

Superintendent's Report: January 5, 2022 (Presented to Conneaut School Board)

1. The December CCCTC Superintendent meeting was held on the 7 At this meeting we discussed: The Commercial Art Program, Marketing/Re-branding of the CCCTC, Youth Committee Meeting, and Programs for our students with IEP's, and Covid.
2. The IU5 Superintendent meeting was December 10th. Topics included; Updated substitute teaching regulations from PDE, Superintendent Summit in April of 2022, American Rescue Plan funds, School masking and anticipated changes, Omicron Variant, and COVID and mitigation efforts and instruction/scheduling challenges in all districts.
3. The CCCTC Re-Organization and Board meeting was held December 18th. Tom Washington, Tim Glasspool, and I were in attendance. The new board was seated and Kevin Merritt (CCSD) was seated as President with Tim McQuiston (CSD) as Vice-President.
4. I attended the Systems of Care budget meeting for the New Year Remotely on Tuesday, January 4th. Discussion centered on: Homelessness and how it impacts students in our school districts, Covid Updates by agency, 8th Annual Trauma Informed & Resilient Communities Conference, The Power of Collective Healing" March 29, 8:45AM-3:45, Edinboro University, and Planning & Sustainability-ADAPTIVE STRATEGY with a goal to align all partners in the Systems of Care and a plan for the next 3-5 years.

5. I also attended numerous remote meetings concerning: Covid Pandemic Coordinators, Homeless Workshop, Meeting concerning classes for students with IEP's at the Career and Tech Center, and a Preliminary meeting with Mike/Kevin/NPRC about pairing with Meadville Airport with the possibility of an airplane mechanic classes.
6. Tom, Tim, Kevin, Mike and I also had numerous meetings with Becky Dawson concerning Covid mitigation, quarantining, isolation and protocols that are being used in Pennsylvania. We have also discussed the latest variant and how that may/will impact our school systems.

3.f. Ethics Reminder...Mrs. Luckock

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock reminded the Board it is Ethics time once again. Each board member was provided the form to complete no later than May 1, 2022. She noted there is a penalty if not completed.

3.g. PSBA Updates...Mrs. Luckock

- PSBA Principals of Governance and Leadership Yearly Renewal

Minutes

Mrs. Luckock reminded of the PSBA travel accident program provided last month.

As the liaison, she started receiving the emails this week. This month the Board confirms following the PSBA Principals of Governance and Leadership, which is on the agenda next week.

Mr. Burnham highlighted two sections of the principals he does not agree with- 1) we do not have a democracy and all these people using this term are brain washing you, these people at PSBA know better, secondly, the last sentence should be constitution republic, he felt the half of last paragraph is unnecessary.

3.h. Agenda Review...Mrs. Luckock

4. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

Mr. Burnham asked, he felt it was a good idea with the new board members and most haven't been familiar with our curriculum to start alphabetically with Ag first off to go every month with a short presentation by the teachers and decide which teachers give us an overview of what they are teaching in their curriculum.

Mrs. Luckock felt that was a good item during a board retreat in a few months? She asked her fellow board members to consider it and will get back.

There is a Board Retreat this month, Thursday, January 27 at CASH library. This is Board training with the District solicitor and is not a public meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 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 and real estate concerns.


Dorothy Luckock, Board President


Greg Mayle, Board Secretary