

## MARCH 6, 2024 CSD BOD WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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#### 1. Call to Order

##### Minutes

The following board members answered to roll call;

Mr. Burnham, Mr. Hall, Mr. Horne, Mrs. Luckock, Mr. Klink, Mr. Nader, Mr. Schaef, and Mr. Williamson. It is noted Mr. McQuiston was out of town.

The following administrators were present;

Mr. Sperry, Ms. Dressel, Ms. Krankota, Dr. Jardina, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Sada, Mr. Hans, Mr. Messerall, Mr. Pietroski, and Mr. Vannoy.

##### 1.a. Moment of Silence

##### 1.b. Salute the Flag Ceremony

#### 2. Discussion Items

##### 2.a. 1st Reading of Policies...Mr. Vannoy

- Policy 127 Assessments
- Policy 137 Home Education Program
- Policy 140 Charter Schools
- Policy 103 Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment - School and Classroom Practices
- Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities
- Policy 218.3 Weapons
- Policy 222 Tobacco/Nicotine
- Policy 236.1 Threat Assessment
- Policy 254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Policy 323 Tobacco
- Policy 351 Drug and Substance Abuse
- Policy 810 Transportation
- Policy 918 District-Wide Title 1 Parental Involvement

##### Minutes

Mr. Vannoy reviewed the policies for 1st reading noting most had very minor changes.

## 2.b. Maintenance Updates...Mr. Kimmel

### Minutes

Mr. Kimmel updated the Board as follows;

**Bleachers** - The Albion Fair inquired about the away side bleachers at Conneaut Valley Middle School. He indicated there are no plans on using or moving the away side bleachers. But the home side bleachers are portable, and we are moving them to the new CAMS/Conneaut Area Middle School. Mr. Kimmel provided a picture on Agenda Manager. He noted the benches leaning against the fencing we are keeping. The fair board called this morning and also inquired about the fencing. Mr. Schaefer responded that if they are of no use to us it is good to support other communities activities. Mrs. Harrington reminded the Board if when donating does the district have a sign off from liability as these look like they have been here a while. Mr. Kimmel will inquire but, in the meantime, Mrs. Harrington will draw up a release. Mr. Burnham didn't feel there would be any liability once it leaves our property. Mr. Klink asked how much of the fencing.

**Summer Renovations**- Mr. Kimmel asked for a week's extension for the bid deadline for summer renovations. Moving it to March 19<sup>th</sup>. Board members felt it may be pushing it in getting all of the work done. The concern was hangups on bids Electrical contractors have a lot of work right now and ours is fairly small, we would probably lose some competition on ours. Mr. Kimmel noted the contractors had 3 weeks and suggested having a special voting meeting to approve the bid(s). The Buildings and Grounds Committee could plan an extra meeting to review the bids. The board was in agreement with this as well as a special voting meeting the same evening prior to the April work session.

**Press Box**- Mr. Kimmel had an engineering firm come out and inspect the press box at CLMS, he has the structural report available. They reported extensive repairs need done. Mr. Williamson asked who looks at the report and who makes the determination. Mr. Kimmel noted the code inspector. The building is not safe for occupancy. Mainly the floor and the stairs/steps. They found the decking too thin and is not on studs. He asked the Board how much they want to put back into it. Mr. Hall corrected Mr. Kimmel stating the report's it is not adequate for occupancy and how did we let it get into this condition. This is an example of the lack of preventative maintenance that has been happening. Mr. Kimmel said it was never built to code in 1984. Mr. Hall asked so we have used it anyway? Mr. Klink asked what prompted this review and how much did it cost for them to do the survey. Mr. Kimmel said the floor and the breaking of the walls and it cost \$1,200.00 to have the structural engineer come up and tell us. Mr. Burnham responded, "so there has been no time and money spent since it is not used correctly? Mr. Kimmel said yes, the buildings repairs are more, and we have used it a lot, he knew we had to replace sheathing but not to the level of the faults inside. Just thought the wall needed fixed. Mr. Burnham asked just to be clear the Conneaut Lake football merged with Linesville program but a couple years prior to the consolidation so that hasn't been used for 15 years and that could be one reason why it has not been properly maintained. Mr. Hall interjected and said that field is used by lacrosse team every spring and flag football programs and little gridders the whole way through, the buildings coring is done there. Mr. Burnham said it need not be maintained. Mr. Hall cannot speak for the buildings for that. Mr. Kimmel noted he has not had any requests for that building. Mr. Hall feels we should still maintain even without reports. Mr. Williamson agreed the aesthetics and reputation it is a building and should be looking good. Mr. Klink agreed along with the same for the field house at Conneaut Valley, the roof.

**CAMS Rebranding**- Mr. Kimmel asked for rebranding decisions and Mrs. Luckock asked about letting Mr. Kimmel go through all six questions for feedback. The first question was in regards to the colors of the sound panels from maroon to another color. Mr. Horne asked how long it would take to do this, Mr. Kimmel noted 2 guys to get all 36 down, drive to Erie could be done well before the end of the school year and then a day to put them back up.

Also, the graduation pictures on the walls at CAMS/Conneaut Area Middle School. Mrs. Luckock noted the Conneaut Valley Middle School graduation pictures she had spoken to an interested party last October/November

and they were working on removing them. Mr. Burnham interjected asking why the Conneaut Valley Middle School pictures were addressed without board discussion. Just like CL is getting now and what about Linesville pics, what is happening to them. Mr. Pietroski answered if they are in storage somewhere all of Linesville high School he doesn't know where they are. Two years' worth of CASH photos are on the wall in the lobby. If they exist somewhere prior he thought maybe they were given to the historical society or alumni that predates his time here. Mrs. Luckock asked Mr. Schaef has he is involved with the Linesville Historical Society. He didn't recall graduation class photos leaving the school, potentially they are stored somewhere. But the big push coming into the building was to have a couple of cabinets updated to new CASH setup and consolidating some older Linesville trophies into cabinets beyond the gates, historical society does not have photos of graduation classes. Mrs. Luckock thought Conneaut Lake still had some active alumni association, Mr. Hans can clarify the intent is to remove those photos from CAMS. Mr. Hall noted as we open up that school it will be branded as CAMS/Conneaut Area Middle School and we build a CAMS/Conneaut Area Middle School community in his opinion. Mrs. Luckock noted we are respecting the past and preserving the past for those who have a value to keep it alive. But she agreed we need to move forward as CAMS/Conneaut Area Middle School. We will keep the dedicated Don Weyel plaque up per Mr. Hall. Mrs. Luckock asked for any objection to the transition of rebranding of CAMS/Conneaut Area Middle School and removing Conneaut Lake High School memorabilia. Mr. Burnham felt it is very disrespectful to graduates of those buildings and we are still out there, there to see the history, to have lineage and this is what you all don't understand, what makes our small rural community with special linkage without the past and you with closing Conneaut Valley Middle School and rebranding CAMS/Conneaut Area Middle School. You have been destroying our heritage to building new artificial community. I don't live in Conneaut Lake or have business there. I go up north. Conneaut Lake doesn't come up to the Conneaut Valley area. But you want to destroy our heritage and our past and ancestry of students you are serving. How can you look yourself in the mirror. Mr. Williamson asked to strike a balance to maintain history somewhere. Mrs. Luckock noted as an example she speaks to the Valley Alumni Association has a collection of pictures from the old Conneautville High School before Valley was even created. They have those class pics and at annual banquets display them. It is their interpretation and best avenue to respect the history to those coming to the annual banquet to enjoy losing at old pics. Mr. Williamson agreed visibility is best, there is value in that. The general consensus was to have those removed and painting commenced. Mr. Horne noted he supports the rebranding, noting to Mr. Burnham, his grandfather graduated in 1940 and I am on the CLHS wall and am ok with removing them, we have to move forward. Mr. Burnham lashed out at Mr. Horne if you don't recognize the past, there is no future. Mr. Hall agreed he supports removing and rebranding of CAMS. Mr. Schaef asked about this merger rebranding is important, he is not sure where graduating class pictures should end up, all the historical societies have limited storage rooms and walls. AS much as possible it is where we can recall and show what brought us to today, we just need to maybe do more thinking. What it is that the CL historical society is willing to take. He knows Springboro, what is now the community center/old Springboro High School still has graduating classes from the early 50s hanging up on the walls. It is not the best for keeping in the best of shape but if there is interest in them. But like Mr. Horne said and Mr. Hall, we do need to rebrand and make adjustments as the world moves along and merges and changes. He recommends giving us a weeks' time to study and make decisions at the board meeting next week, what to do in terms of painting, repairs and renovations.

Mr. Sperry noted the Conneaut Lake historical society is interested in the pictures; Mr. Nader can inquire also.

**Staffing-** Mr. Kimmel reminded the board last year he had a maintenance position eliminated and is asking to reinstate that position. This was due to a termination a year ago and we did not fill it, so this is a backfill and is in the budget. The board was in agreement to reinstate this position.

### **2.b.a. Donation of Bleachers to Albion Area Fair Association**

Conneaut Valley Middle School away side football bleachers discussion to donate to the Albion Area Fair Association.



**2.b.b. Press Box**

**2.b.c. CAMS Rebranding**

**2.b.d. Staffing**

**2.c. School Reconfiguration Update(s)...Mr. Sperry**

**Minutes**

Mr. Sperry reported to the Board updates on the school reconfiguration.

**2.d. Real Estate RFP Discussion...Mr. Sperry/Mrs. Luckock**

**Minutes**

Mrs. Luckock reviewed the draft provided by solicitor with the Board and asked if they want to consider adding to voting agenda. The consensus was yes.

Mr. Burnham wanted everyone to be aware of spring Township Agriculture security zone does have language for property use and issue with liability of water supply, we get from Springboro. We own the water line on the west side of 18 which is in the right of way of the highway and may not be able to transfer to private entity but maybe can to public entity.

Mr. Williamson asked if we review during voting will we be required to vote, the response was yes. He then asked once put on for consideration if anyone has additional questions we can do motion to table. Mrs. Luckock stated that in the meantime if questions please forward to Ms. Krankota or herself and we can forward to the solicitor.

**2.e. Superintendent's Report...Mr. Sperry**

**Minutes**

Mr. Sperry read his report.

**2.f. Agenda Review...Mrs. Luckock**

**3. \*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**

**Joe Yeager** approached, Conneaut Lake resident and was the former business manager here 1994-2011. He has a problem with transportation. He read the transportation policy guidelines. His problem is he has 2 grandkids in school who attend Seton and live with him. They are on the bus 90 minutes in the afternoon. One condition is no longer spelled out in the policy and that is traveling no more than 60 minutes morning and afternoon. When he worked here he used to have 2 board members come in and look at the transportation schedules every year to make sure they did not exceed 60 minutes. He can't tell us if that is still the case but he emailed the board in September and has yet to have an answer six months later. He followed the school buses his kids are on and can't tell you how many safety violations he saw. Part of his responsibility as business manager included transportation and safety. The first violation he witnessed was transferring 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in the middle of school parking lot

unsupervised, the policy stays safety....safety. 2<sup>nd</sup> the vehicle came from Seton and parked by the west school Drive and ran 30 minutes parked exposing to 3 minutes of exhaust fumes. Once the bus 2 gets into line it wraps around and my grandchildren transferred in front of two lines of buses to get on the bus unsupervised again. 3<sup>rd</sup>. on the way home they get on the bus and go out Harmonsburg and it turns right on 18 and 20 yards down the road and one is discharged on the bus and walks across 18 to the sidewalk... this is bus 41. Mrs. Luckock informed Mr. Yeager his time was about up. Mr. Yeager was visibly upset. Mr. Burnham asked to allow him more time considering there were no other visitors in the audience. Mrs. Luckock announced he was granted more time. Mr. Yeager angrily shouted back he would come back next week.

**4. BOARD CONCERNS**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**Minutes**

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

**6. 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.

  
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Dorothy Luckock, Board President

  
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Christine Krankota, Board Secretary