Conneaut School District Finance/Budget Committee

Jan. 8, 2025

The meeting of the Finance/Budget Committee was called to order at 5:00 pm on Jan. 8, 2025, in the ASA meeting room. Present at the meeting were Directors Dorothy Luckock, Steve Nader, and Dave Schaef; Business Manager Christine Krankota, B&G Director Jody Welcheck, Technology Director Rick Kelly, Superintendent Jarrin Sperry and Assistant to the Superintendent Adam Jardina.

- Technology Discussion Rick Kelly presented a proposal to move 2 of his staff from Level 1 to Level 2. He presented his reasoning based on experience, increased number of devices being supervised, as well as budget impacts.
- Tax Collector Compensation As a continuation of the information and discussion from the November 2024 meeting, Christine provided an analysis of the request from the school property tax collectors for a significant increase. We were reminded that we reimburse them for supplies. She also provided the information requested as to what the county pays for their portion, number of parcels, etc. The unanimous consensus of the committee was to make no change at this time.
- District Security System Jody Welcheck presented current information about extra false alarms in our current system as well as information regarding the existing equipment age and proprietary to one firm with extreme challenges getting parts due to the age. He presented information about a universal type of system which expands the capabilities of being updated and who services. It would also be updated to current code standards. When asked, the business manager confirmed that funds already exist in the Capital Projects fund. This project was originally discussed in Spring 2024 but was bundled with the CVE Kitchen project. Due to timing and needing more information, this project was tabled at that time. The committee agreed to support proceeding with this project. It had already been recommended for approval by the Buildings & Grounds committee.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Feb. 12, 2025.

Christine Krankota, Board Secretary

Dorothy Luckock, Board President