

A meeting of the Board of Education of Conestoga Public School in the County of Cass, in the State of Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at, 5:00 PM Tuesday, December 10, 2024 located at the Jr./Sr. High Media Center/Library, 8404 42nd Street, Murray, NE 60409.

Notice of the meeting, agenda and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting were given in advance to all members of the Board of Education and thereof by posting at the Elementary and High School offices and Statute 84-1407 to 84-1414 requires that the Open Meetings Act be posted in the meeting room. President Welch informed the board and the public that the Open Meetings Act is located in the meeting room.

## **Opening Procedures**

Pledge of Allegiance

Statement of Open Meetings Law

Roll Call

Ahrens: Present, Kelley: Present, Page: Present, Priefert: Absent, Stone: Present, Welch: Present.

## **Comments from the Audience**

Public comment regarding communication and discipline, referencing Policy 5035.

## **Presentations**

### **III.A. Work-based learning**

### **III.B. Americanism**

### **III.C. AQUESTT**

**Work-based learning**-Mr. Brokaw shared this opportunity for students to narrow down a career by connecting with a wide range of employers in the community. Two Medical Pathfinder students were invited to share their experience and valued the specialists perspectives. Approximately 120 students have got to job shadow, resulting in 11 field trips this year. There are 8 students in the work-based learning program that start late or leave school early for their jobs. Businesses are welcome to volunteer for this program to serve our students.

**Americanism**-Mrs. Kelley and Mr. Stone reflected on committee visits at the Elementary and the Jr/Sr High. Compliments to both buildings for applying education surrounding our history early and often, to include daily announcements and annual programs that involve our community.

**AQUESTT**-Mrs. Bergmeyer explained the data from our assessments, requirements

from the state, and our future goals. Significant changes and scores/averages were shared and overall, we are seeing an increase in proficiency from our students. Conestoga is classified as "Great" in all areas!

### **Consent Agenda**

Board member Page made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda., seconded by Stone.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Stone: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Minutes/Claims

### **Discussion Items**

Admin Reports

**Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment-Lisa Bergmeyer**  
Report submitted.

#### **Elementary Principal-Eric Dennis**

An enrollment update and monthly activities report was provided. Special thanks to those staff that organize the testing schedule to help students and teachers be successful. Thank you to Heath Marrinan's Design Group for providing lighting for our K-3 music concert, and another thanks to Deputy Tuttle for educating students on drug resistance. Playground plans are being discussed and day care rate changes go into affect next month. Visit our lobby to see our giving tree set up by the PTO.

#### **Jr/Sr High Principal-Rob Geise**

Thank you to Kaitlin for her time and dedication to Conestoga. Student enrollment and the opening of this Teacher/Sponsor position was discussed. A previous project for a digital sign/marquee to highlight Conestoga Public Schools received a \$40,000 donation for completion. Still in the planning stages for implementation of the soft skills program.

**Assistant Principal/Activities Director-Molly Stieren**  
Absent, report submitted.

#### **Director of Student Services-Nick Krause**

The team saw more growth and strengths from our staff during Intervention Fidelity Checks. No additional action is needed for Indicator 13. Outside agencies must be considered for all students that have an IEP. We must provide justification for eligibility of services and our obligation to offer them.

Superintendent Report

**Superintendent-Mike Apple**

Absent, report submitted.

**Action Items**

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the resignation of Kaitlin Kennebeck.

Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve the resignation of Kaitlin Kennebeck., seconded by Page.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Stone: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to accept the audit for the 23-24 school year.

Provided an overview of the District wide report, explained the procedures in place, and the findings for the year. Board member Page made a motion to accept the audit for the 23-24 school year., seconded by Ahrens.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Stone: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

**Upcoming Meetings**

BOE meeting 1/14/2025

**Adjourn**

Board member Kelley made a motion to Adjourn 6:32 p.m., seconded by Page.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Stone: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried