

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular meeting

March 19, 2009

The REGULAR MEETING of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at Administration Office, 400 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030.

Members Present: Rob Eager, Sonny Heinonen, Nick Iarocci, Connie Jury and Mike Kennedy

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent Kent Houston, Treasurer Linda Bryan, Martha Sorohan, Martha Gross, Jim Lutes, Gordon Hitchcock, Diana DiPofi, Don Ketchum, Marie Richards, Linda Bernay and Ruth Farr.

President Sonny Heinonen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Participation:

Stephanie Nesbitt from the Chamber and Marcy Greenfield, Gateway teacher, presented Shelby McCartney as Student of the Month.
 Donald Ketchum addressed the Board about the future of the CHS Library.
 Mary Richards, PVHS Librarian, believes that the high school library position should not be abolished and presented her reasons for that belief.

03-2009-09 Moved by Mike Kennedy, seconded by Rob Eager that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2009 and the special meetings of February 16 and March 3 and 4, 2009, be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
 Ayes: Kennedy, Jury, Iarocci, Heinonen and Eager
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

03-2009-10 Moved by Rob Eager, seconded by Connie Jury that the financial report be approved as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
 Ayes: Jury, Iarocci, Heinonen, Eager and Kennedy
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

03-2009-11 PRESENTATION OF BILLS PAID

03-2009-12 REPORT OF ATTENDANCE AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS
Mary Gillespie, March 5-6, 2009, Employee Benefits training, Auburn, release time and nominal expenses.
Mary Gillespie, March 13, 2009, OASBO Workshop for school law and funding issues, Rootstown, Ohio, release time and nominal expenses.
Jennifer Mullins, February 26-27, 2009, GEAR Up, monthly meeting, Columbus, Ohio, release time and nominal expenses.
Jennifer Mullins, April 2-3, 2009, Title I Spring Conference, Columbus, Ohio, release time and nominal expenses.
Kevin Warren, June 9 and 10, 2009, OSHA Compliance Course, Columbus, Ohio, release time and nominal expenses.
Dawn Eaton and Sandy Spees, March 2 and 30, April 15 and May 6, 2009, District Leadership Committee meeting for the Ohio Improvement Plan, Southeast Building, release time only.

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Steve Wahonick, Doug Hedrick, Mary Holdson, and Linda Bernay, Mar 2, 2009, District Leadership Committee meeting for the Ohio Improvement Plan, Southeast Building, release time only.

Mike Trinko, March 4-7, 2009, State Wrestling Tournament, Columbus, Ohio, release time only.

Dawn Zappitelli, March 11, 2009, Entry Year Principals program, Columbus, Ohio, release time and nominal expenses.

Judy Jones, March 13, 2009, Math Day 2009, Kent State University, Ashtabula, Ohio, release time only.

Denise Alexander, Marsha Howell and Ruth Farr, and Katie Laugen, March 13, 2009, Literacy meetings, Columbus, Ohio, release time and nominal expenses.

Diana DiPofi, Rachel Miller and Jodie Pape, March 20, 2009, Ashtabula County English Festival, Kent State Ashtabula Campus, Ashtabula, Ohio, release time only.

Wendy Tisch, Jodie Parise, Courtney Case and Katie Laugen, April 2-3, 2009, Title I Spring Conference, Columbus, Ohio, release time and nominal expenses.

Stephen Rodgers, April 22-25, 2009, PMEA State Music Conference, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, release time and nominal expenses.

Jennifer Mullins, March 26-27, 2009, GEAR UP Monthly meeting, Columbus, Ohio, release time and nominal expenses.

03-2009-13 Moved by Nick Iarocci, seconded by Rob Eager that the Board approve the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies to the County Auditor as presented. (ENCLOSURE)
 Ayes: Iarocci, Heinonen, Eager, Kennedy and Jury
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

03-2009-14 Moved by Rob Eager, seconded by Connie Jury that the CRA agreement between the Conneaut Area City Schools and the City of Conneaut for the property known as the Cleveland Hotel be null and void effective March 19, 2009.
 Ayes: Heinonen, Eager, Kennedy, Jury and Iarocci
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

03-2009-15 Moved by Connie Jury, seconded by Rob Eager that the Board appoint Nick Iarocci to be Board liaison to Conneaut City Council for the remainder of 2009 and that such position shall in the future be appointed as part of the January Organizational meeting.
 Ayes: Eager, Kennedy, Jury and Heinonen
 Nays:
 Abstain: Iarocci
 Motion Carried

03-2009-16 Moved by Nick Iarocci, seconded by Rob Eager that the members of the Board of Education, agree to serve as Audit Committee liaisons to the district's audit team: Auditor of State Local Government Services Division and James Zupka, CPA, Inc.
 Ayes: Kennedy, Jury, Iarocci, Heinonen and Eager
 Nays:
 Abstain:
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03-2009-17 Moved by Rob Eager, seconded by Connie Jury that the following funds be established with all the

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Drew Hinkle G-20, Level 3 - \$76,316
 Gordon Hitchcock F-13, Level 3 - \$65,494
 Rita Maslovsky F-20, Level 3 - \$72,713

Ayes: Iarocci, Heinonen, Eager, Kennedy and Jury

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

03-2009-24 Moved by Rob Eager, seconded by Connie Jury that the following administrative personnel on a 2 year contract receive a salary notice for the 2008-2009 school year as presented.

Dawn Zappitelli F-13, Level 2 - \$61,494

Ayes: Heinonen, Eager, Kennedy, Jury and Iarocci

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

03-2009-25 Moved by Nick Iarocci, seconded by Mike Kennedy to accept with regret the following certificated resignations due to retirement as presented.

Kathleen Plats GES, Grade 3, Effective May 31, 2009
 David Simpson CHS, Social Studies, Effective June 4, 2009

Ayes: Eager, Kennedy, Jury, Iarocci and Heinonen

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

03-2009-26 Moved by Rob Eager, seconded by Mike Kennedy that the following certified personnel be moved on the salary schedule as presented.

Karen Kehoe from E-7, \$43,274.00 to F-7, \$44,877.00, effective with the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year

Mike Trinko from F-16 \$59,302.00 to E-16, \$57,699.00, effective March 9, 2009

Ayes: Kennedy, Jury, Iarocci, Heinonen and Eager

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

03-2009-27 Moved by Rob Eager, seconded by Connie Jury that the Board accept the following supplemental contract resignations for the 2009-2010 school year.

Katie Kowalsick Teen Institute Advisor

Ayes: Jury, Iarocci, Heinonen, Eager and Kennedy

Nays:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

03-2009-28 Moved by Rob Eager, seconded by Mike Kennedy that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence for certified personnel as presented.

Amanda Sanford Beginning on or about May 11, 2009 for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year

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Stephanie Chase To continue previously approved leave up to June 3, 2009
 Ayes: Iarocci, Heinonen, Eager, Kennedy and Jury
 Nays:
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03-2009-29 Moved by Rob Eager, seconded by Nick Iarocci that the following be accepted as a volunteers in the CHS Athletic program for the 2008-2009 school year, pending proper certification and successful completion of pre-employment testing and personnel paperwork.

Jim Tuttle
 Ayes: Heinonen, Eager, Kennedy, Jury and Iarocci
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

03-2009-30 Moved by Nick Iarocci, seconded by Connie Jury that the Board approve the following service contracts as presented. (ENCLOSURES)

Jane Mallory – Home Instructor, \$20.00/hour, not to exceed \$60.00/week or \$1000.00/school year
 Margaret Searles – In-service programs for six days at a total of \$19,287.00
 Beech Brook Vendor Transportation - \$51.00/day starting 3/4/09 and ending 6/8/09
 Ayes: Eager, Kennedy, Jury, Iarocci and Heinonen
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

03-2009-31 Moved by Rob Eager, seconded by Mike Kennedy that the Board approve the following changes in classified contracts as presented.

Lisa Poff from 3.5 Satellite School Helper, LPS, at \$/11.93hr
 to 3.75 Driver, at \$12.48/hr, effective 3/2/2009
 Ayes: Kennedy, Jury, Iarocci, Heinonen and Eager
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

03-2009-32 Moved by Connie Jury, seconded by Rob Eager that the following classified personnel be hired as substitutes for the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year pending proper certification and successful completion of pre-employment testing and personnel paperwork with scale as adopted by the Board.

Lisa Poff Cafeteria @\$7.30/hr
 Ayes: Jury, Iarocci, Heinonen, Eager and Kennedy
 Nays:
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03-2009-33 Moved by Rob Eager, seconded by Mike Kennedy that unpaid leave be approved for the following classified personnel as presented.

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Gloria Babb, Educational Leave 2.5 hours one day per week for the following days: February 4, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, April 7, 21 and 28

Beth Briestensky, Personal Leave for one year effective March 20, 2009 through March 1, 2010
 Ayes: Iarocci, Heinonen, Eager, Kennedy and Jury
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

03-2009-34 Moved by Rob Eager, seconded by Mike Kennedy that the Board accept the following donations as presented.

Lake Erie Investors, R Naylor	\$200
Anthony Kubichek	\$50
Richard Gleason	\$100
Glenn Kobernik	\$150
Drusilla Bartone	\$100
Cash Donation	\$20
Varsha Patel	\$100
Fred Bennett Surveying	\$805

Ayes: Heinonen, Eager, Kennedy, Jury and Iarocci
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

03-2009-35 Moved by Connie Jury, seconded by Mike Kennedy that the Board approve the following handbooks as presented.

SE – Family/Parent Guide	SE – Staff	LSP – Student/Parent	LSP – Staff
CHS (8 handbooks)			

Ayes: Eager, Kennedy, Jury, Iarocci and Heinonen
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

03-2009-36 Moved by Nick Iarocci, seconded by Mike Kennedy that the Board accept resignation due to retirement for the following classified personnel.

Glenda Kantola 4/30/09 (SE Aide)

Ayes: Kennedy, Jury, Iarocci, Heinonen and Eager
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

03-2009-37 Moved by Connie Jury, seconded by Rob Eager that the Board adjourn to executive session at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations and not to return for further business.

Ayes: Eager, Kennedy, Jury, Iarocci and Heinonen
 Nays:
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Superintendent's Report:

- Thank you to everyone who made donations to CACS
- 3/24/09 New system for cafeteria payment will begin at LPS
- Negotiations are happening for school photography contract
- Three Methodist churches are merging and need temporary worship site and are looking at school cafeterias as a possibility
- 8 school buses are up and running for new routing system
- RIF notices were hand delivered last Friday
- Conneaut Digital Academy plans are going forward as well as the Little Spartan Daycare program
- Library equipment can be kept as long as libraries are open

Meeting Adjourned 9:10 p.m.