

**Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL meeting****October 1, 2008**

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The SPECIAL MEETING of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at the Administration Office, 400 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030.

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

Members Absent: Mike Kennedy

Others Present: Mike Sanford, Tammy Ledford, Joel Taylor, Stephanie Burnett, Pat Rowbotham, Trudy Hazen, Shelly Furmage, Kathy Bunnell, Debbie Distelrath, Gail Sharkey, Mike Liberatore, Linda Polchosky, Tammy Bowman, George Zahler, Carol Hively, Babs Legeza, Dino Julio, Neil LaRusch and Ron LaRusch.

Levy Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday October 1, 2008  
6:30-8:00

***We are issue # 37***

Co-Chair Mark Wheeler opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Steering Committee** met at 6:15 – Regular meeting will comprise of members breaking into work groups and then reporting out. Miss Iarocci and Holdson presented their levy commercial that they put together - Thank you girls! - Great job!!!

**Regular Levy Meeting**

**Co-chair Mark Wheeler opened the meeting at 6:30 - Levy Shirts were distributed. Work groups broke into individual groups for planning**

Present: Nick Iarocci, Rob Eager, Sonny Heinonen, Connie Jury, Mike Sanford, Tammy Ledford, Joel Taylor, Stephanie Burnett, Pat Rowbotham, Trudy Hazen, Shelly Furmage, Kathy Bunnell, Debbie Distelrath, Gail Sharkey, Mike Liberatore, Linda Polchosky, Tammy Bowman, George Zahler, Carol Hively, Babs Legeza, Dino Julio, Neil LaRusch, Ron LaRusch

**Reporting out from work groups**

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**Fundraising**

Chili cook-off is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. There are approximately 17 entries to date. Admission will be \$5.00 per person. There is a form that must be filled out for the treasurer for people that are selling tickets.

Lisa and Shelly reported everything was “under control” for the cook-off. They had their list from last year and have made improvements from last year’s suggestions. The only concern at the present time is the electric in the cafeteria. Shelly distributed “donation cans” to staff members to be placed in the school buildings for monetary donations to purchase bread and corn bread. Shelly suggested that “talking point” fliers given out for the next two weeks at football games also advertise the chili cook off. Linda reported that many people paid at the door last year.

**Voter Registration/GOTV**

Tammy Ledford reported that the high school started the phone bank today. Stephanie and Joel assisted with this. Tammy reported that 317 calls were made, with 110 “yes” answers (34%), 20 “no” – 5 people wanted absentee ballots and a lot of messages left on the answer machines. She stated that each building would have to do two rounds of calls to get all the calls made. Some negative responses were to be reported to Kent so he could follow through with them. A total of 67 new voters were registered to date. The middle school will be working the phone bank next Tuesday.

**Publicity**

Mike Libertore reported that the signs were ready to distribute to the businesses. The place mats were ready to be distributed to different restaurants in the area. Ads were ready for Suite 541 and he has been in contact with Time Warner and will have ads ready for them next week.

George is working on banners. He presented a mock-up of the yard signs - Great design!! - These should be ready by next week.

Mike stated that there will be a strong neighborhood canvas the Saturday before election. A systematic approach for letters for the Letters to the Editor was discussed. The Music Boosters will be sending a letter. Mark said we should be writing the letters from now until the election. It was noted that some letters did not get printed last year. Mark said even short letters with positive blurbs would be good to send.

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**Community Engagement**

Dino reported he was having his ward meeting at the Conneaut Community Center Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for the people in the 4<sup>th</sup> ward to ask questions about the levy. Board members and the levy-chairs were asked to attend. Dino stated he also encouraged other council members to hold similar meetings in their wards. Dino will be calling people in his ward inviting them to attend along with putting in the Courier, Star Beacon and the Pat Williams show.

Rob Eager announced he will be at the Lutheran Church Thursday, October 2, at 11:00 for lunch with the Seniors.

Mike Liberatore, Mike Sanford, Mark Wheeler volunteered to meet at the East gate at 6:00 at Friday night's football game to distribute talking points.

Mike Sanford reported he was going to the Monroe Fire Hall flue shot clinic on Friday and pass out invitations to the Monroe Board.

Mike announced that the Levy committee and Board of Education will be holding an open forum on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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