

Minutes of CONNEAUT BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL meeting**October 15, 2008**

The SPECIAL MEETING of the Conneaut Area City Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at the Administration Office, 400 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030.

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

Members Absent: Sonny Heinonen

Minutes
Levy Committee Meeting
Wednesday October 15, 2008
6:30-8:00

We are issue # 37

Steering Committee met at 6:15 – Focus of tonight’s meeting is to be on the goals and report on the budget.

Regular Levy Meeting

Co-chair Mike Sanford and Mike Kennedy opened the meeting at 6:35 - Work groups broke into individual groups for planning

Present: Kent Houston, Nick Iarocci, Rob Eager, Mike Kennedy , Connie Jury, Mike Sanford, Mark Wheeler, Shelly Furnage Tammy Ledford, Joel Taylor, Lisa Brown, Pat Rowbotham, Kathy Bunnell, Debbie Distelrath, Gail Sharkey, Mike Liberatore, Linda Polchosky, Tammy Bowman, George Zahler, Carol Hively, Doug Hedrick, Ruth Farr

Reporting out from work groups**General**

Mike Sanford reported that we had \$8,430.00 in the levy account. This does not include expenditures.

Fundraising

The chili cook-off was a great success with 20 entrants. It was truly a community event enjoyed by approximately over 150 people who attended. It was estimated that \$1,313.00 was taken in. Kathy Bunnell had \$45.26 worth of bills to be submitted. The Bus drivers received the traveling trophy this year.

Kent reported that the Red and black electric bundles were purchased and marked “levy committee” for future use.

Voter Registration/GOTV

Tammy reported that did not have a great turnout for the call bank today. Each teacher made 28 calls. They have received some good feed-back on messages.

Tammy had a list of no voters and undecided that she presented to Kent. It was decided that un-decided voters be invited personally to the open forum Town Hall meeting on October 28th. Tammy will make these calls.

Publicity

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Kent reported that he put a “celebrate Conneaut” full page ad in the Courier to be run on October 16th. Linda P. took care of having two ½ page levy ads to be run on October 23, and again on October 30 in the Courier. The rest of the yard signs were in and Mike and George have been stapling them. 100 signs were given out at the football game and an additional 100 signs were given to the committee and taken to the soccer game that night. George and committee stapled the rest of the signs after the meeting so they would be ready for distribution.

Kent announced that we hoped to have the second set of 500 signs delivered on Friday. It was his to “Blanket the City” with yard signs by the week-end.

Lisa Brown gave a report on some of her students who job shadowed at Conneaut High School. They returned to Edgewood very impressed with Conneaut High School.

The 30 second commercials are now being shown on HGTV, History Channel, Lifetime, ESPN, to name a few channels.

Pat R. has sent in one letter to the Courier and had a draft of another one. Kent had “tips” for Letters to the Editor on the back of the today’s agenda.

Kent and Dawn Zappitelli appeared on the Pat Williams show and Channel 8 was going to interview Kent.

Community Engagement

Conneaut High School won the Sportsmanship Award for the league this year.

The regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Monroe with a question and answer period from 6:30 to 7:00. Staff is making an effort to connect with Monroe residents.

Kent noted that materials were ready for the Democratic stuffing and that volunteers were needed to report to Democratic headquarters in Ashtabula to stuff literature the week of October 27.

It was decided not to have an additional literature drop.

Mark Wheeler led discussion on the open forum guidelines. George suggested we use the Town Hall format where people have to submit their names on a paper if they wish to ask a question. Rich Furrage will be the moderator. The moderator will introduce the person who wishes to speak and serve as the time keeper. It will be an open mike format with time limits set. All questions are to pertain to the levy. It was decided to have the meeting taped and shown on Channel 6.

10-2008-03 Moved by Connie Jury, seconded by Nick Iarocci that the Board adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations.
 Ayes: Eager, Iarocci, Jury and Kennedy
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Focus for October 22th meeting:

- Democratic literature stuffing
- Letter Writing Campaign
- Open Forum Night - Tuesday, October 28, 2008

Meetings: Steering Committee meetings are at 6:15 (Immediately before the regular meeting)

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October 22 nd	6:30 p.m.	Southeast Professional Development Room
October 29 th	6:30 p.m.	Southeast Professional Development Room
October 31 st		(Halloween Party? - TBA)
November 3 rd		(Monday- as needed for election day workers)
November 4 th		(Election Night Social-TBA)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.