

Pending Approval

The regular meeting of the Conestoga Board of Education was held Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at the Conestoga High School, 8404 42nd Street, Murray, NE. Scott Moore, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Board Members Jason Nolting, Allison Welch, Scott Moore, David Duzik Tracey Priefert and Dean Nickels; Present Administrators Eric Dennis, Amanda Wright, Rob Geise, Robin Frost and Superintendent Beth Johnsen. Present Activities Director Jason Ahrens, 19 visitors in attendance.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting were given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. A current copy of the agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice.

At the beginning of this meeting, Scott Moore, President, announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available in pamphlet form and on the hall wall at the District Office.

Motion by Tracey Priefert, second by Allison Welch to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, October 8, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by Tracey Priefert, second by Allison Welch to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

The agenda was set as presented.

SCHEDULED AUDIENCE:

1. Ag teacher Ms. Taylor and FFA students presented what they had learned and experienced on their recent trip to the FFA convention in Indianapolis, IN. Also traveling to Louisville, KY and touring Churchill Downs and Louisville Slugger Museum. FFA students thanked the Board for funding the trip and appreciated their experiences.
2. Jay Spearman with Piper Jaffray reviewed procedures/options regarding the issuance of a bond and/or lease to purchase agreement for the school district.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

REPORTS:

Eric Dennis:

1. Instructional coach position is a valuable piece for teachers and school district.
2. In the process of completing formal evaluations and walk thrus.

3. DARE graduation was held last week with Mr. Friedli as guest speaker.
4. Enrollment numbers for K-6 this month is 320.

Rob Geise:

1. Hosting a career day February 12th for K-12 students, exposing elementary students to different careers.
2. Veterans day program was well received. Student Council, FFA, and Speech student's all played a big role in the success of the program.
3. KSB Law, Karen Haase visited with 7-12 students regarding digital citizenship.
4. To drive our culture in a positive way, we will start a new Student Leadership team to enable a student driven culture.
5. Senior Skip Day(s) will have new proactive steps/policy in place to discourage students from participating.

Robin Frost:

1. New Social Studies standards to adopt, with added new changes in verbiage.
2. New Civics bill will require schools to select off a list of requirements, Conestoga chose to do the US Citizenship test, the test will be taken by 8th graders and Juniors.
3. NSCAS data to be discussed at next month's meeting.

Amanda Wright:

1. Submitted list of reports, completed all State financial request for reimbursements for 18-19 school year. Put in reimbursement request for federal dollars for 18-19 school year.
2. Will submit 1% Alternate Assessment Waiver, report applies to the special education students training program.
3. Special Education Proportionate Share report due, providing services to student's that live in our district but don't attend Conestoga.

Jason Ahrens:

1. Boys basketball-15, Girls basketball-23, Wrestling-22, HS winter sports start Monday.
2. New Winter Sports Kick-Off, sponsored by Hy Vee is scheduled for Sunday, November 24th at 5 p.m.
3. Activity fund currently contains accounts the district doesn't use, Activities closed some of these accounts and moved money to newly created accounts better serve our students.

Beth Johnsen:

1. Scheduled policy review committee meeting and Superintendents evaluation.
2. NDE changed the upload procedure this year, we are currently trying to fix errors and get a final submission with the AFR.
3. School district to sell old machinery that we no longer use.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. The school district would recommend changing the NSAA classification to 8-man football. Due to the number of students participating, the players would have a better chance for success in an 8-man game. The change would only affect 9-12 for two years.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Dean Nickels, second by David Duzik to approve the new Social Studies standards. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by Jason Nolting, second by Allison Welch to approve 8-man football for the next two years. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by Dean Nickels, second by Allison Welch to approve the transfer of \$30,000 from the general account to the activity account. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by Allison Welch, second by David Duzik to approve the Conestoga Education Association for the 2021-2022 as the exclusive bargaining agent for the districts certificated staff. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by Allison Welch, second by David Duzik to approve a 10-minute recess to review claims. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by Tracey Priefert, second by Jason Nolting to reconvene from recess at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

FUTURE DATES:

November 24, 2019	Winter Sports Kick-Off
December 10, 2019	Board Meeting

Motion by Jason Nolting, second by Tracey Priefert to adjourn as there was no further business to be brought before the Board of Education. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. President Scott Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.