

Pending Approval

The regular meeting of the Conestoga Board of Education was held Tuesday, April 14, 2020 virtually through a video conferencing platform. Scott Moore, President, called the meeting to order at 6:59 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., 14 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 David Duzik, second by Allison Welch to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, March 10, 2020, regular meeting; March 16, 2020, special meeting minutes and March 31, 2020, special meeting minutes of the Board of Education. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

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

Clarification on transportation bills, hot lunch account and JEO consulting group claims.

The agenda was set as presented.

SCHEDULED AUDIENCE:

None

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Building project committee presented March 31, 2020 in a special board meeting. All Q&A from the meeting are now posted to the district website. A link is also provided to view the recorded meeting. At this time, no additional live updates will occur unless requested by the public. Additional questions the community has for the board, can still be to asked/submitted to the website.

REPORTS:

Eric Dennis:

1. E learning going well, learning experience for teachers, students and parents. Included Elementary remote learning plan and instructional routines.

Rob Geise:

1. Jr. / Sr. High teachers and students doing amazing. Tentative rescheduled date for graduation set for June 7 for seniors; tentative rescheduled date for prom set for June 5.
2. ACT Prep sessions will be available to Juniors when dates for testing are released.
3. Working to develop safe check in procedures for student devices.
4. Committee of teachers gathered to discuss grading and E learning philosophy for Conestoga students. Teachers providing opportunity/support to students to limit gaps heading into next year's school year.

Robin Frost:

1. Evidence based analysis not happening this year.
2. NDE has provided 3 options for Junior students to take ACT test, due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 we will continue to monitor the situation.
3. NDE asking schools for continuity of learning plans; Conestoga administrators and instructional coaches were able to access those plans with ease due to the school districts quick response and training amidst the school closings.
4. Perkins federal funding reports due this summer.

Amanda Wright:

1. SPED teachers and service providers providing support to students.
2. Teachers had to amend annual IEP's and contact parents with prior written notices of all changes.
3. Maintenance of Effort report due May 15.
4. Mr. Dennis and Mrs. Wright to meet with principal of St. Johns to discuss Title I funding for next school year on April 16.
5. Special Education Non-Public Meeting to be rescheduled in June when COVID-19 restrictions are lessened.

Jason Ahrens:

1. Student participation for 2019-2020 have been compiled.
2. Beacon of lights ceremony with Capitol Conference on April 15th at 8:20 p.m.
3. Looking into creative ways to recognize student's in activities and athletics to end our season.

Beth Johnsen:

1. Technology pre-planning for 7 year old iPads; Mr. Myrtue will request bids on these items.
2. Safe ways to bring classified staff back into the buildings when requested.
3. Looking forward to next school year 2020-2021; once students are back in the building and closing the gap.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. NASB sent out checklist of items school districts may want to discuss
2. Voter registration information sent out to everyone in Cass County; noting if bond passed the districts total levy would be less in the upcoming years than it is now.
3. Transportation committee will schedule a meeting to work through the Mid States contract and make a Board proposal next month.
4. Hot lunch program servicing 238 students last week; federal funding to reimburse school through the No Kid Hungry program. Looking forward to the possibility of the program carrying over into June. Board of Education thanked the cooks for all their hard work.
5. School daycare is to remain closed; further discussion will include guidelines and restrictions put into a written plan.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Dean Nickels, second by Allison Welch to approve the resignations of Ryan Walker, Jane Nincehelter and new teaching contracts for ReAnn Schreiner, Katherine Coffeen-Spencer, Jessica McCain, and Brooke Iverson. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Tabled adjustment to the 2019-2020 District Calendar.

Motion by Dean Nickels, second by Tracey Priefert to approve paying classified staff full wages, noting all classified staff is readily available and working as needed from the school district. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by Allison Welch, second by Dean Nickels to approve/adopt the Emergency Response resolution regarding the coronavirus. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by Allison Welch, second by David Duzik to approve the proclamation of Emergency management act to support FEMA funding. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by Allison Welch, second by Tracey Priefert to approve the graduation resolution as recommended by our school attorneys. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by Jason Nolting, second by David Duzik to approve 2020-2021 administrative contracts be extended an additional contract year pursuant to salaries stated at last meeting. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

FUTURE DATES:

May 12, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

Motion by David Duzik, 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 8:58 p.m.