

Pending Approval

The regular meeting of the Conestoga Board of Education was held Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at the Conestoga High School, 8404 42nd Street, Murray, NE. Scott Moore, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, and Lisa Bergmeyer. Present Activities Director, Jason Ahrens; Absent Administrator Superintendent Beth Johnsen. 1 visitor 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 Allison Welch, second by Tracey Priefert to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, July 14, 2020, regular meeting 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.

The agenda was set as presented.

SCHEDULED AUDIENCE:

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Building Project Committee created a survey that was emailed to all staff to gather input in regards to their work environment. Staff is integral part of the project scope definition. They were provided a link from DLR group to provide input for the pre bond process. Meeting with the DLR group soon to establish our building goals.

REPORTS:

Eric Dennis:

1. Enrollment sizes; 35 new students as of today. Added a 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Howorth. Mrs. Keene will be teaching kindergarten; Mrs. Zahn will teach 5th grade. The art room is now a classroom and art will be moved to "art on a cart". All space is being utilized as a classroom, no more space.
2. Creative movements are currently being put into our lessons. Students will have rotations to individualize student's levels. Focusing on Reading Law and Assessment scores.

3. 35 students currently on remote learning in the Elementary.

Rob Geise:

1. 15 new students at the Jr./Sr. High.
2. COVID procedures and protocols introduced to all staff today.
3. 7th grade orientation this Thursday, will divide into rotating groups to maintain social distancing.
4. Scheduled 2 days for students to check out masks and devices.
5. Shout out to Mrs. Kreifels for re doing all students schedules to accommodate the new block scheduling.
6. 14 hotspots available district wide; remote learners will hold responsibility of logging into classes. Zoom videos will concentrate on teachers in the classroom, 11% of students will be remote.
7. All classrooms differ slightly; most rooms can maintain social distance. Masks will be worn in most classrooms at all times. Teachers will utilize outdoor space to give students a break with their masks during the day.
8. Student schedules will be available soon; teachers/staff have really stepped up to the new circumstances.

Lisa Bergmeyer:

1. Professional Development started up for teachers. Some teachers received training on new clear touch boards and new iPads. Training for new Class link platform, it will make it easier for students to access software login credentials for remote learning. New platform SeeSaw for pk-3 students, and google classroom training.
2. Virtual open house options were shared with staff. Teachers will link videos to the website for students to view.
3. Seniors will take ACT, September 22, 2020; Juniors can take Pre-ACT at this time as well. Anticipating fall benchmark testing to start the second week of school.

Amanda Wright:

1. Met with SPED teachers and contract service providers to stay updated on IEP paperwork and evaluations.
2. 68 remote learners registered as of 8-11-2020. Students with underlying health conditions are to wear a mask at all times.

Jason Ahrens:

1. Fall practices started 8-10-2020; Jr High practice starts 8-22-2020.
2. Meeting held with area Activities Directors to see how fall sports will look; following DHM (Directive Health Measures) while hosting events. Fans will be required to socially distance and wear a mask at this point.

Beth Johnsen:

1. As Submitted

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Allison Welch, second by David Duzik to approve Title IX policy with 4 provisions; Amanda Wright as coordinator, Principals as investigators and Superintendent as appeals. Section 5.7.2 to adopt “preponderance of the evidence” language, Section 3 keep recommended 10 days for appeal process, adopt Code of Conduct violation, to knowingly make a false statement. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by Dean Nickels, second by David Duzik to approve the transfer of funds (1,200,000.00) from the General Fund into the Employee Benefit Fund. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

FUTURE DATES:

August 18, 2020	First day of School
September 8, 2020	Board Meeting.

Motion by Tracey Priefert, second by Allison Welch 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 8:00 p.m.