
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Meeting

March 22, 2021
5:00 p.m.
CHS/CMS Commons Area

Members Present: Mr. Bonner, Mrs. Corzine, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hartmus, Mr. Porter

Staff Present: Ms. Swinehart, Mrs. Lawwell

Call to Order

Mrs. Corzine called the meeting to order and Mrs. Lawwell called the roll. Mrs. Corzine announced the meeting was being recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Corzine.

21-03-01 Approval of Board Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Bonner and seconded by Mr. Hartmus to adopt the agenda for the March 22, 2021 Board of Education Regular Meeting as presented. Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Porter - yes. The motion carried.

Public Participation

Mrs. Corzine welcomed all visitors to the meeting and opened the floor for public participation. There was none.

Student Liaison Report

Student Liaison Emma Barnes updated the Board and Administration on current events at Chillicothe Middle School and Chillicothe High School.

At CMS the Drama Club is preparing for their High School Musical presentation which will be streamed on April 9th, 10th, & 11th. The CMS Choir is getting ready for their Spring Concert in May and it will be held at the Obadiah Harris Family Athletic Center. The Spring Band Concert for grades 6, 7, & 8 will also be held in May on the Symphony stage behind the YMCA. Seventh Grader Jeremy Oates was chosen as an Honor Artist for the 41st Annual Youth Art Month Exhibition. Spring sports at CMS have begun with over 60 students participating in track season.

The winter sports season at CHS has ended with two high school athletes competing at the State level. Evan Siberell competed at the State swim meet and Caleb Lake competed at the State wrestling match. Spring sports have begun at the high school with LaCrosse playing their first game on Tuesday and the Boys and Girls Track meet on Saturday. Baseball and Softball have both played some scrimmages and games. Boys Volleyball and Tennis will be starting soon. This week is Celebrating Music in our schools with a Spirit Week planned by our Tri-M choir. The Junior / Senior Prom is scheduled for April 24th at the Country Club. The Grand March will be held at the Obadiah Harris Family Athletic Center from 5 to 6 p.m. Dinner at the Country Club from 7 to 8 followed by dancing. A Safe After Prom will be held in the Hatton and Cox Gyms at CHS.

In closing, Spring Break is next week and schools will be released early on Friday.

Legislative Update

Mrs. Corzine reported that on March 11th, the President passed the American Rescue Plan Act which represents Part II of the Cares Act. This legislation provides approximately seven million dollars for K-12 school to support efforts to overcome learning losses due to the pandemic. This would include funding for summer school programs which Curriculum Director Alissa Putnam has been organizing for the summer of 2021. Mrs. Corzine asked if there was any update on HB436 regarding Dyslexia which was reported on last month. Superintendent Swinehart noted schools are still waiting on the Handbook to be released from O.D.E.. She noted Alissa has already initialized contact with Wilson Foundations for re-training staff on interventions for Dyslexia.

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21-03-02 Approval of Authorization for Legal Services

It was moved by Mr. Porter and seconded by Mr. Dennis to authorize the law firm of Pepple & Waggoner to be used to provide legal services for the Chillicothe City School District. Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Porter - yes. The motion carried.

21-03-03 Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

It was moved by Mr. Bonner and seconded by Mrs. Corzine to approve the following resolutions / recommendations as a group:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the Board of Education minutes of the February 22, 2021 regular meeting as presented.as presented.

B. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

To approve the financial reports for the month of February 2021 as presented.

C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AMOUNTS AND RATES

To approve the Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor as presented. (Document on file in the Treasurer's Office)

D. APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION UPDATE

To approve the updated Job Description for Assistant to the Treasurer – Payroll as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF SALARY SCHEDULE UPDATE – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

To approve the updated salary for Accounts Payable as presented.

F. APPROVAL OF COM DOC COPIER CONTRACT

To approve the copier contract with Com Doc effective April 1, 2021 for 60 months in the amount of \$4,350 per month per .00279 copy impression per month as presented.

G. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS / DONATIONS

To accept the following gifts and donations as listed.

\$ 100.00 From Hirsch Fruit Farm, Inc. To the National Art Honor Society

\$ 25.00 From Sandra Christman to the National Art Honor Society in memory of Nancy Grey.

Roll call on above group of resolutions: Mr. Bonner - yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Porter - yes. The motions carried.

21-03-04 Superintendent's Recommendations

It was moved by Mr. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Porter to approve the following resolutions / recommendations as a group:

A. 2021 - 2022 CHS COURSE PLANNING HANDBOOK – REVIEW ONLY

The 2021 - 2022 CHS Course Planning Handbook was submitted for the Board's review before it is submitted for approval at the April 26, 2021 regular scheduled board meeting.

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B. APPROVAL OF 2021 - 2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

To approve the 2021 - 2022 School Calendar created by the Calendar Committee based on the Board of Education's requested changes to the staff's calendar choice as submitted.

C. APPROVAL OF EARLY GRADUATION FOR 2020 - 2021

To approve early acceleration for graduation for the following students who must meet all of their graduation curriculum requirements and proficiency / graduation requirements.

6-Semester Graduates
May 2021

The following 3rd year CHS students have applied to graduate in May of 2021:

- Jaylynn Detty
- Bryan Kight
- Jazmyn Mejia
- Dylan Atwood

D. APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES FOR CPS AND CIS

To approve the updated Strategic Plans for CPS and CIS as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF SPECTRUM CARE LEASE

To approve the Lease Agreement between the Chillicothe City School District and Spectrum Care, LLC as presented.

F. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS

to approve the following personnel recommendations pursuant to the terms and conditions of the new employee's individual contract and his / her job description. Said employment will be contingent upon (1) receipt of a satisfactory criminal record check, (2) receipt of licensure / certification from ODE (3) verification of experience and training, and (4) negative results on the drug testing.

1. Retirements – Certificated Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year

James R. Coffland – CMS – Physical Education Teacher – effective June 1, 2021. Mr. Coffland has 32 years of service with Chillicothe City Schools.

Lisa Bennett – CPS – Teacher – effective June 1, 2021. Mrs. Bennett has 32 years of service with Chillicothe City Schools.

Romaine Pollchik – CIS – Teacher – effective June 1, 2021. Mrs. Pollchik has 7 years of service with Chillicothe City Schools.

*Correction - Pamela Winks – CPS – Teacher – effective August 1, 2021. Mrs. Winks has 14 years of service with Chillicothe City Schools.

2. Retirement – Classified Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year

Jeanie Wingo – Custodian – Mt. Logan Learning Center – effective July 1, 2021. Ms. Wingo has been with Chillicothe City Schools for 23 years.

3. Resignation – Certificated Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year

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Tim Ryan – Bridges Academy Coordinator – effective the end of the 2020-2021 School Year.

4. Resignation – Classified Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year

Erica Barnes – CHS – Guidance Secretary – effective April 10, 2021.

5. Employments – Certificated Personnel – 2021-2022 School Year

Maisie Hurlles – Chillicothe Primary School – K-2 Teacher, 1 yr exp, Bachelors – \$43,810 – effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Dennis Bushong – CHS – Integrated Science Teacher – Retire/Rehire – effective 2021-2022 school year – Masters+15, Step 5 – \$59,486.

6. Employments – Certificated Personnel – 2021-2022 School Year

Lea Sewell – Two Year Limited Contract – 2021-2022 through the 2022-2023 school year.

Lindsay Walls – Three Year Limited Contract – 2021-2022 through the 2023-2024 school year.

7. Assignment Transfer – Classified Personnel – 2021-2022 School Year

Kim Arrowood from Aide at CPS to Preschool Aide at Mt. Logan Learning Center – effective 2021-2022 school year.

8. Employment – Summer School Program

Jessica Orr – Summer School Director – \$3,000

9. Employment – Substitute Personnel (used on an as needed basis)

Matthew Hardiesty – Substitute Teacher

10. Externships / Internships / Student Teachers 2020-2021 School Year

Kara Reisinger – CMS

11. Employments – Supplemental Contracts – 2020-2021 School Year

Lori Dana – CHS – National Art Honor Society – 11 yrs exp, \$660

Jeremy Brown – CHS – Asst Softball Coach – 1 yr exp, \$1,885

Jenna Holton – CMS – 7th Grade Girls Basketball – 0 exp, \$2,828

Lori Mathis – CMS – Asst Track Coach – 13 yrs exp, \$2,356

Cassidy Robinette – CMS – Asst Track Coach – 4 yrs exp, \$1,728

Eddie Johnson – CMS – Asst Track Coach – 4 yrs exp, \$1,728

Rachel Butler – CMS – Asst Track Coach – 2 yrs exp, \$1,571

12. Employments – Supplemental Contracts – 2021-2022 School Year

Andrew Vitatoe – CHS – Head Girls Volleyball Coach – 5 yrs exp, \$4,084

Harry Hutcheson – CHS – Head Girls Soccer Coach – 20+ yrs exp, \$4,556

Roll call on above group of resolutions: Mr. Bonner - yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Dennis-yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Porter - yes. The motions carried.

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21-03-05 Approval of Service Agreement with Ross County Transportation

It was moved by Mr. Hartmus and seconded by Mr. Bonner to approve the service agreement between Chillicothe City Schools and Ross County Transportation as presented. Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Dennis-abstain, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Porter - yes. The motion carried.

Discussion / Informational Items

Mrs. Corzine asked for an update on the Committee to discuss Year-round Schooling, Uniforms, and a cell phone policy. Superintendent Swinehart reported 25 people have expressed interest in serving on that committee with 12 of them being parents. A meeting will be scheduled after Spring break.

Mrs. Corzine suggested the Board schedule an all day work session to review board policies for possible updates and asked what other members would like to see on an agenda for that meeting. Mr. Hartmus asked for a presentation on the OTES Evaluation system and where our grades are with respect to the State Report Card. He also asked the Board to take a look at PBIS Funding for our schools. If this is a state mandated program, should there be some school district funding available instead of being funded by each building doing fundraisers. It was suggested the Principals be pulled in for discussion for the work session meeting. Superintendent Swinehart will put together an agenda for the meeting and share it with the Board for their review. After some discussion and review of their schedules, the Board set a Special Meeting for a Work Session on April 14, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. with the location to be determined.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Corzine recognized those retirees on tonight's agenda and thanked them for their years of service with the District. Mr. Hartmus thanked all staff for everything they do and especially thanked the Calendar Committee for addressing the Board's concerns with next year's calendar and the state testing times. Mrs. Corzine asked for an update on the re-opening of the Cavalier Athletic Center to the Public. Ms. Swinehart noted the opening date is April 5, 2021 and Mr. Brown reviewed the plans for which areas will be opened and available for use. In closing, Mrs. Corzine noted that Kindergarten registration started today, and will run through Friday. The second round of COVID vaccines were done last Thursday. Mr. Dennis noted there are still appointments and vaccines available through the Ross County Health District for those who haven't received the vaccine yet.

21-03-06 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Hartmus and seconded by Mr. Bonner to adjourn. Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Porter - yes. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.