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Regular Meeting

Held in the Board of Education Office February 19, 2009

The Clermont Northeastern Board of Education met in Regular Session on February 19, 2009 at the Board Office. The meeting was called to order by Board President Mrs. Huxel at 7:00 p.m. All in attendance said the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Mummert, Mrs. Huxel, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Hoerth.

Absent: None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Board Member Mr. Freeman moved and Board Member Mrs. Spencer seconded that the Board adopt the agenda as presented and approve the financial statements..

44.09 VOTE: All yeas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None tonight.

MOMENT OF EXCELLENCE

Acting Superintendent Mr. Wayne Johnson introduced Wayne Helton. Wayne is a Vietnam Veteran who will be receiving his High School Diploma this year. Wayne left high school in 1968 and served in the army until 1971. The Board shook Mr. Helton's hand, thanked him for serving for his country and presented him with a diploma.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Member Mrs. Spencer moved and Board Member Mr. Freeman seconded that the Board recess to Executive Session for a personnel hearing. Time 7:05 p.m.

45.09 VOTE: All yeas.

The Board reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

The issues list was reviewed. Treasurer Mr. Switzer stated he would be contacting ODOT and the Townships in March after snow season about the signs. Mr. Switzer stated he had a catalogue for the Board to review for the plague for Moment of Excellence. The principal's are presenting their mid-year CIP update tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Acting Superintendent Mr. Wayne Johnson stated he talks with Superintendent Leist once or twice daily. The staples were taken out of his leg Tuesday. He is still bedfast with his foot elevated. He will be seeing the doctor again next week. His foot is in a contained velcro boot now. He is anticipating an April return to work. Tonight is the scheduled CIP update from the Principals.

High School Principal Mr. Chapin stated staying ahead of the game is becoming more and more difficult. He stated his building is working on common units, lesson plans, assessments, and having discussion on testing calculators for the OGT. Scheduling has started for next year. We are revamping our AG classes; starting a "BUG" Bringing Up Grades program; having 20 minutes extra help for needy students next year during the 50 minute lunch for 3 days per week. The High School Staff met with Tata. They will be bringing people in to work on technology, having seminars for students and staff. They will hold a three day session this summer with incentives provided by Tata. ITI gave John Pittinger a \$5,000 scholarship for the UC School of Engineering. He is eligible for another \$5,000 next year. Tata and ITI both want student interns from CNE.

Board President Mrs. Huxel asked about the AG program changes. Mr. Chapin stated we may have a plant fund raiser from a small greenhouse set up in the parking lot.

Board Member Mrs. Spencer said this is the second year of Trimesters, how are we doing? Do we have a survey of staff input? Mr. Chapin said he will find out in the next 2-3 weeks

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when the trimester ends. Board President Mrs Huxel asked if we had a survey or anything beyond grades? Mr. Chapin stated he has a survey to send out tomorrow if the Board wants one. He has talked with the teachers about their likes and dislikes of the system. He stated the test practice results indicated a good performance. Board Member Mrs. Spencer asked about trimesters at the Middle School. Middle School Principal Mrs. Powell stated they started the same time as the High School due to shared staff issues and the teachers are doing well. Board Member Mr. Freeman said the Oaks has a satellite system that will place teachers and pay their salary and provide the equipment to put programs into our high school. Treasurer Mr. Switzer stated we looked at this issue a few years ago and the loss in funding to install the programs was too great for us to incur. Board Member Mr. Freeman stated we need to re-look at this program and weigh out the gains and losses. Middle School Principal Mrs. Powell stated when we looked at it two years ago, we did not have the classroom space to accommodate their needs.

Middle School Principal Mrs. Powell stated she met with the staff on the CIP, discussed curriculum alignment across the grade levels, worked on curriculum mapping, and lesson plans. She stated we need to fill in the gaps. She stated all staff are required to turn in a pacing guide for grade level and content level alignment. She will take these to the County ESC for their review. She stated we have had some technology additions. Andy Seals has been working on technology lessons. The computers have been replaced in the labs. She stated next year's focus will be on assessments. She stated we have been working with a Coach for Making Middle Grades Work. They have spent some time on goals and accomplishments. The question is are we doing enough? We have sent staff to the Collins writing seminar with Dr. Durbin. We have brought in a psychologist coordinator from Bethel to learn about scores and activities with Special Education students. The AYP focus will be on teams of teachers, their concerns, what works/does not work. They came to a consensus on things to work on, data, discipline, and have high expectations, school pride, and will report back to the staff and plan for next year. The MMGW/HSTW principals all met today at Western Brown to discuss common professional development, pooling resources, and getting the bang for the buck. We are trying to decide what CNE has to offer that other districts do not have. What is our corner market?

Board Member Mr. Freeman stated he will ask at the next Oaks meeting if they will present their program at a future Board Meeting. Mr. Chapin stated pre-engineering programs are available for the High School. Mr. Freeman stated they have programs that span the Middle School and the High School. Board President Mrs. Huxel said with our involvement with Tata, ITI, UGS, this would be an opportunity to marry the, to an Oaks program. Mr. Chapin said we could offer a school within a school program and use it as an open enrollment lure. Mr. Freeman stated Batavia uses it, he thinks we are the only school not involved. Mrs. Huxel asked Mrs. Powell what she thought? Mrs. Powell said she thought the community would buy into it. Mr. Chapin said our focus should be on math and science and developing our students as a potential source of employment. Mr. Freeman stated come back next month and let us know if it can be set up. Board President Mrs. Huxel asked if it would be a pull out program and would involve Melink and other businesses? Mr. Freeman said we cannot offer college credit with the Oaks. Mr. Chapin said we won't bring in a program unless it has merit. Mrs. Powell stated the future goals of the Middle School include communication with parental groups, OAT parent nights, explaining the report cards to parents, new fund raising opportunities, business career days, assessment for learning, and investment in professional development.

Board Member Mr. Hoerth stated he has been the biggest critic of the Middle School over the past few years and he appreciates their progress and setting of goals and involvement with the County ESC. Mr. Freeman asked how parent teacher conferences were going? Mrs. Powell stated they have been well attended. Mr. Chapin said fall turnout is always better than spring, and attendance diminishes by grade level. Mrs. Powell stated the PTO provided food for staff. Board Member Mrs. Spencer said Chris Yaggi is going to the spelling bee to represent CNE. Mrs. Powell stated the spelling bee took place this last

weekend. It is sponsored by WCPO television. Chris was eliminated with only 27 students left.

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Elementary School Principal Mrs. Greene said the change from the high school to the elementary school has been good. The staff is great. They have a good work ethic. They arrive early and leave late. She stated they are a neat team to work with. Grade level meetings are held once a week. They are working on curricular alignment and unit development with common assessments. A pacing guide has been developed. She has worked with the kindergarten, elementary school, and 5th grade on math vertical alignment. The finished product for staff will be next month. Language Arts will be done by the end of the year. She said staff was sent for a refresher in the Collins Writing Program. She stated we are using graphic organizers and have started the reading dog program. This helps lower achieving readers. Right to Read Week will be rescheduled after the OAT testing. Parent Teacher Conferences were last week with overwhelming turnout.

High School Principal Mr. Chapin stated the 50 minute lunch was an issue earlier this year. He stated it has had a tremendous effect on discipline. In the 06/07 School Year, we had 5,290 issues of discipline. For the 07/08 school year we had 3,734 issues of discipline, this is a 29% reduction. So far, for the 08/09 school year, we are on track for an additional 33% reduction in issues of discipline.

Board Member Mrs. Spencer stated she liked that the Building Principal reports now mirror the CIP report. Board President Mrs. Huxel stated we have a fabulous team and are proud to have them all. The Board thanked the Principals for attending and presenting the update tonight.

Board President Mrs. Huxel stated she would like to have Moment of Excellence suggestions submitted by the Principals in their monthly reports. Board Member Mrs. Spencer stated Mrs. Benjamin collected and organized food and toys for 70 families at Christmas. Acting Superintendent Mr. Johnson stated we have people in every building doing these same type of items at Christmas. Board Member Mr. Freeman said to bring them all in.

Board Member Mr. Hoerth stated the point of sale program is up and running. People can prepay for lunches, school fees, pay to play fees, and it is located on the school web site.

Board President Mrs. Huxel stated she was disappointed to hear about this first at a Board Meeting. She has missed the CNE E-news blast from Andy Seals. She said it appears communication is different in each building. She feels we need to have a communication tool that can work among all buildings and departments and some one to run it. Andy Seals says he does not have time to run this and keep up on our network issues and technology repairs. Mr. Hoerth stated each building administrator can handle their own. Mrs. Huxel said then no one has real responsibility. Mr. Johnson stated he would address this in the Administrators Meeting tomorrow. Mrs. Huxel stated Goshen Schools has Community Service in their curriculum, do we want to visit this? Mrs. Spencer said we should have asked Mr. Chapin while the principals were still here. Mrs. Huxel stated we can address this in a goals workshop.

Mrs. Huxel moved and Mr. Hoerth seconded that the Board reschedule the April Board of Education Meeting from April 16 to April 20 at 7:00 here at the ECEC.

46.09

VOTE: All yeas.

The Board had general discussion and decided to have a goals workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday March 19, 2009 prior to the Regular Board Meeting. Mrs. Spencer stated she would see if Dr. Leo Bradley would facilitate the workshop.

Board President Mrs. Huxel asked for an update on the Citizens for CNE Committee. Gina Galvin was present and stated the next meeting is 7:00 p.m. on February 26. They are trying to figure out how to get people involved and raise funds. They are working on a flyer. Ten people attended the last meeting.

Board President Mrs. Huxel stated she had talked with Neil, Wayne and Brian about pictures

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or a mock up on what our new building could look like. Mr. Switzer stated he had talked with the architect firm and they would be sending out pictures shortly. Mrs. Huxel asked when the next newsletters was going out? One went out at Christmas, the next will be in the spring. General discussion on the levy took place. Mrs. Huxel asked that we look at all the communication methods being used. Mr. Johnson read an e-mail from Jan Kessler.

TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Treasurer had no items for action tonight so he reviewed the year to date finances and the variances in revenues and expenditures year to date and the impact from the economic down turn.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS-PERSONNEL

Board Member Mr. Freeman moved and Board Member Mr. Hoerth seconded that the Board bundle and approve the Superintendent’s Recommendations-Personnel tonight.

47.09 VOTE: All yeas.

The Board approved the following substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year to be used in the District on an as needed basis:

Jason Hudson	Phillip Barnard	Marlene Hines	Mark Amann
Shannon Alter	Howard Jinkinson	Anne Ell	Adam Howes
Lindsey Camm	Amanda Koehler	Lisa Smith	

48.09 Approved by consent.

The Board approved the following supplemental positions for the 2008-2009 school year:

Varsity Softball	Bill Goldfuss	\$3,749.00	
Reserve Softball	Tina Rumsey	\$2,343.00	
Varsity Baseball	Mike Kirk	\$3,749.00	
Reserve Baseball	Steve Blake	\$2,343.00	
Varsity Track	Brian Knowles		\$3,749.00
Asst. Varsity Track	Jason Conley	\$2,343.00	
Spring Tennis	Chris Schultz		\$1,874.50
MS Boys Track	Zach Ison	\$2,343.00	
Ms Girls Track	Emily Desgrange	\$2,343.00	

49.09 Approved by consent.

The Board approved the following volunteer coaches for the 2008-2009 school year:

Softball	Jimmy Spencer
Baseball	Geoff Carter, Jeremy Cockerham, Kyle Shepherd

50.09 Approved by consent.

The Board approved the following teachers as after school tutors to be paid \$20.00 per hour from the Elementary principal’s 108 account.

Kendra Siefert	Michelle Lemmon	Trina Farrell	Margie
	Simon		

Megan Timmers Jacob George

51.09 Approved by consent.

The Board approved Jackie Shelton as an aide to assist in after school tutoring to be paid \$13.51/hour from the Elementary principal’s 108 account.

52.09 Approved by consent.

The Board accepted the resignation of Fred Spangler, custodian, effective March 20, 2009 for purposes of retirement.

53.09 Approved by consent.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS-OTHER

Board Member Mr. Freeman moved and Board Member Mr. Hoerth seconded that the Board bundle and approve the Superintendent's Recommendations-Other tonight.

54.09 VOTE: All yeas.

The Board accepted a donation of \$10.00 from Mr. Jim Young for use by the Elementary School.

55.09 Approved by consent.

The Board accepted a donation of a book titled *The Book of the World* valued at \$450.00 from Mr. Mike Mantel for use by the high school library.

56.09 Approved by consent.

The Board accepted a donation in the amount of \$2,158.95 from the Band Boosters to be used for the purchase of new band uniforms.

57.09 Approved by consent.

The Board accepted a donation of \$118.50 from the Box Tops for Education program for use by the ECEC.

58.09 Approved by consent.

The Board accepted a donation of a "Be a Buddy!....not a Bully!" Banner from Lifetouch School Studios for use by the ECEC.

59.09 Approved by consent.

The Board accepted a donation of \$400.00 from the CNE PTO to be used by the Middle School for parent OAT night.

60.09 Approved by consent.

The Board approved the 2009-2010 school calendar as presented.

61.09 Approved by consent.

The Board adopted as a first reading the new and/or revised NEOLA policies as presented.

62.09 Approved by consent.

Mr. Johnson said the Clermont 20/20 Salute to Leaders Dinner would be March 5, 2009 from 5-8 pm. at the Holiday Inn Eastgate. We have a number of members of the CNE Community being honored. Mrs. Huxel moved and Mrs. Spencer seconded that the Board sponsor a table for ten guests at a cost of \$250.

63.09 VOTE: All yeas.

General discussion took place of the school calendar and waiver days. Mrs. Spencer said she had several questions on the new NEOLA policies she would like answered before the next Board Meeting and the second vote. She said she would give her list to Mr. Johnson. The Board set May 12, 2009 as the Retired Board Member/Administrator Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Mrs. Mummert moved and Board Member Mr. Freeman seconded that the Regular Meeting of the Clermont Northeastern Board of Education be adjourned. Time 8:58 p.m.

64.09 VOTE: All yeas.

Attest: _____
Treasurer Board President