

The Conotton Valley Union Local School District Board of Education met in Regular session on Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at the Conotton Valley Administrative Office.

Present at roll call were Chris Bower, Debbie Carrothers, Rob Higgenbotham, Logan Putnam and Kevin Willoughby.

Also present was Superintendent Jerry T. Herman, Treasurer Denise Ketchum and Derrick Warner.

Public Participation

None

B.O.E. Member Reports

None

Superintendent and Buckeye Career Center Reports

Superintendent Herman gave an update of the Encino Gas proposal for the 11.3 acres of property owned by the school district. Mr. Herman also noted that the District should be able to take temporary ownership of the Rocket Center on 9/20/21.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ketchum gave a report of the amount of excess cost the district would be receiving along with a report of how open enrollment numbers are improving. She also spoke of the fact that the Property and Fleet insurance renewal is approaching and gave the Board information on two companies that gave quotes.

21- 019

Mr. Higgenbotham motioned and Mr. Putnam seconded to approve the following:

Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021, organizational and regular Board of Education meetings.

January Financial Report

The January 2021 financial report, with expenditures totaling \$ 738,113.39, is requested. General Fund balance in Unified Bank on January 31, 2021 was \$ 250,000. Mutual fund balances on January 31, 2021, were \$ 2,287,756.67 in Unified Bank earning an average annual yield of .12 %. \$ 4,559,675.18, in Star Ohio, earning an average annual yield of .09 %. The balance in the Star Construction Fund at January 31, 2021, was \$ 2,690,837.28 also earning an average annual yield of .09% and the balance in the US Bank Account at January 31, 2021, was \$ 14,639,117.93, earning an average yield of .80 %.

Payment of Bills

The payment of bills.

At roll call

Ayes: Mr. Higgenbotham, Mr. Putnam, Mr. Bower, Mrs. Carrothers, and Mr. Willoughby

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

21-020

New Business/Consent Agenda

Mr. Higgenbotham motioned and Mrs. Carrothers seconded to approve the following:

The resignation of Chelsey Stitt as a classroom monitor effective January 12, 2021.

The resignation of Kristen Kortz as a classroom monitor effective February 4, 2021.

The addition of Joshua Carlisle to the certified substitute list, pending completion of all state and local requirements. (Need FBI/BCI background checks.)

The addition of Markie Tarleton to the classified substitute list, pending completion of all state and local requirements. (She has completed all state and local requirements.)

The employment of Diana Flickinger as a home instruction tutor for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year for up to five (5) hours per week at \$25 per hour.

A continuing contract status to Michelle Watkins. The office of the Superintendent has confirmed that Michelle Watkins meets all of the requirements of O.R.C. §3319.11 and is eligible for continuing contract status.

The resignation of Jen Hiles as High School Girls Track Coach for the 2020-2021 school year due to health reasons.

The employment of Alyssa Dillon as Varsity Girls Track Coach for the 2020-2021 school year per the negotiated agreement, pending completion of all state and local requirements.

The employment of Jacob White as a Volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year, pending completion of all state and local requirements. (He has completed background checks, but not his Pupil Activity Permit.)

The proposal from Smart Way Communications, LLC for the installation of wireless hot spots in Sherrodsville and Leavittsville at a total cost of \$60,000.

A field trip to Claymont High School for the Scholar Challenge Competition on February 20, 2021.

The MOU for 2021-2022 College Credit Plus with Stark State College, as presented.

Approve a facilities rental agreement with the Indian Valley Board of Education for the Midvale Track from Feb. 2021- June 2023 at a total cost of \$21,000 (\$7,000 per year).

At roll call

Ayes: Mr. Higgenbotham, Mrs. Carrothers, Mr. Bower, Mr. Putnam, and Mr. Willoughby

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

21-021

Mr. Putnam motioned and Mr. Bower seconded to approve to go to bid for the Conotton Valley Rocket Center pool.

At roll call

Ayes: Mr. Putnam, Mr. Bower, Mrs. Carrothers, Mr. Higgenbotham, and Mr. Willoughby

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

21-022

Mr. Willoughby motioned and Mr. Putnam seconded to approve to go to bid for CV Rocket Center 2nd Story Medical Facility/Entranceway.

At roll call

Ayes: Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Putnam, Mr. Bower, Mr. Higgenbotham, and Mrs. Carrothers

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

21-023

Mrs. Carrothers motioned and Mr. Higgenbotham seconded to approve the following resolution, as presented:

SELECTING THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE ROCKET CENTER BOWLING ALLEY PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CONTRACTOR

The Superintendent recommends Brunswick Bowling Products, LLC (“Brunswick”) as the contractor who is in the best interest for the Rocket Center Bowling Alley Project (the “Project”) and requests authority to negotiate an agreement with Brunswick based upon its proposal and to execute the agreement at the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations.

Rationale:

1. The Superintendent, working with other administrators, legal counsel, and Holabird + Root, the design professional for the Project (“A/E”), prepared documents to solicit proposals for the Project.

2. The Project is not subject to the bidding statute, R.C. 3313.46, because the scope of the Project falls outside the parameters of that statute, as it is not an "improvement." Rather, the Work for this Project qualifies as furniture, fixtures, and equipment ("FF&E").
3. Two (2) firms submitted proposals for the Project.
4. The Superintendent, working with other administrators, legal counsel and the A/E, reviewed and evaluated the submitted proposals and determined that Brunswick's proposal was in the best interest of the Board.
5. The Superintendent recommends that the Board select Brunswick as the contractor who is in the best interest of the Board for the Project.
6. The Superintendent requests authority to negotiate an agreement with Brunswick for the Project and to execute the agreement at the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations in the amount of \$545,361.00.

The Conotton Valley Union Local School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board selects Brunswick as the contractor who is in the best interest of the Board for the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to work with legal counsel to negotiate an agreement with Brunswick for the Project, based upon Brunswick's proposal, and execute the agreement at the satisfactory conclusion of the negotiations in the amount of \$545,361.00.

At roll call

Ayes: Mrs. Carrothers, Mr. Higgenbotham, Mr. Bower, Mr. Putnam, and Mr. Willoughby

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

21-024

Mr. Putnam motioned and Mr. Willoughby seconded to approve the following:

Approve the employment of Michele Higgenbotham as Special Services Coordinator for two years, effective August 1, 2019 - July 31, 2021 at 238 days per year.

The employment of Michele Higgenbotham as Special Services Coordinator for two years, effective August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2023 at 238 days per year.

A field trip to Buckeye Career Center for the sophomores for career exploration on February 24, 2021.

At roll call

Ayes: Mr. Putnam, Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Bower, and Mrs. Carrothers

Nays: None

Abstain: Mr. Higgenbotham

Motion Carries

21-025

Mr. Putnam motioned and Mr. Bower seconded to approve the resignation of Tyler Carrothers as a teacher at the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.

At roll call

Ayes: Mr. Putnam, Mr. Bower, Mr. Higgenbotham, and Mr. Willoughby

Nayes: None

Abstain: Mrs. Carrothers

Motion Carries

21-026

Executive Session

Mrs. Carrothers motioned and Mr. Bower seconded enter into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to prepare for, conduct or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

At roll call

Ayes: Mrs. Carrothers, Mr. Bower, Mr. Higgenbotham, Mr. Putnam, and Mr. Willoughby

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Entered back to regular meeting at 9:04 p.m.

21-027

Adjournment

Mr. Higgenbotham moved and Mr. Putnam seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

At roll call

Ayes: Mr. Higgenbotham, Mr. Putnam, Mr. Bower, Mrs. Carrothers and Mr. Willoughby

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried