

The Conotton Valley Union Local School District Board of Education met in Regular session on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the Conotton Valley High School Board of Education office.

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

Also present were Superintendent Jerry T. Herman, Bill Booth, and Matt Edie. Treasurer Denise Ketchum was absent.

Public Participation

Mr. Booth spoke on transportation.

Superintendent and Buckeye Career Center and BAC Reports

Mr. Herman gave an update on talks with Mr. Buen.

20-016

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Higgenbotham moved and Mr. Putnam seconded to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019, regular Board of Education meeting.

Financial Report

The December 2019 financial report, with expenditures totaling \$1,153,151.69, is requested. Mutual fund balances at December 31, 2019 were \$1,121,164.78 in Unified Bank and \$1,647,520.96, in Star Ohio, earning an average annual yield of 1.86 %. The balance in the Star Construction Fund at December 31, 2019 was \$ 5,055,007.19 also earning an average annual yield of 1.86% and the balance in the US Bank Account at December 31, 2019 was \$ 17,115,135.01, earning an average yield of 1.95 %.

Payment of Bills

The payment of bills and any expenditures with “then and now” certificates, including those with amounts exceeding \$3,000.

Donations

The following gifts and donations totaling \$482.71.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Anonymous	Share a X-Mas	\$ 30.00
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Goodings Nursery	Prod & Services	\$ 102.71
B & B Carryout	Cafe Lunch fees	\$ 150.00

At roll call

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion Carried.

20-017

New Business

Mr. Willoughby moved and Mrs. Carrothers seconded to approve Jacob White as a volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year pending completion of all state and local requirements.

The addition of Tayla Barker to the classified substitute list as an aide for the 2019-2020 school year pending completion of all state and local requirements.

A field trip to the Performing Arts Center of Kent State-Tusc for students in grades 6-8 on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 to attend a Class Act Series Program, Teaching Students to Act with Dignity and Respect.

The following resolution to continue membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, for the 2020-2021 school year:

WHEREAS, CONOTTON VALLEY UNION LOCAL SCHOOLS, District IRN number: **047548** of **7205 CUMBERLAND RD SW, BOWERSTON, 44695 Harrison County, Ohio**

Has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for-profit; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education/Governing Board ("Board") and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION/GOVERNING BOARD that all schools listed on the reverse side of this card do hereby voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum student-athlete eligibility requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise student-athlete eligibility standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletic programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and to cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director's office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board's jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director's office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

The use of the CVHS cafeteria on Monday, February 3, 2020 and Monday, February 10, 2020 for Youth League Softball Sign-ups (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U) from 4:45 pm - 7:15 p.m.

At roll call

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion Carried.

20-018

Rocket Center Site Coordinator

Mr. Putnam moved and Mr. Higgenbotham seconded to approve the contract of Kelly Ricklic as a Site Coordinator for the Rocket Center with a salary of \$2,000 per week as presented.

At roll call

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion Carried.

20-019

New Business - Addendum

Mr. Putnam moved and Mrs. Carrothers seconded to approve a field trip to Kent State - Tusc for (6) students in 5th grade and (6) students in 9th grade on Friday, February 21, 2020 to attend Young Author's & Illustrator's final competition.

A field trip to Progressive Field in Cleveland on Thursday, May 7, 2020 for students in 5th grade to attend Weather Education Day.

The first reading of the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented.

At roll call

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

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion Carried.

20-020

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO EdCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP (VOUCHER) PROGRAM

Mr.Putnam moved and Mr. Willoughby seconded to approve the following resolution as presented:

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public tax expense, and

WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended Conotton Valley or any other public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to Conotton Valley or any other public schools, and

WHEREAS, Conotton Valley's state funding will be unjustly decreased by the amount of the vouchers provided to such families and students who have not and will not attend public schools and others who transfer to private/parochial schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial school students are not subject to the testing standards required of public school students so that the actual performance of private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known, relative to equivalent public school evaluation standards, and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

WHEREAS, the EdChoice voucher program will have exactly the opposite effect by providing funding to private/parochial schools at the expense and to the detriment of public schools and their students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Conotton Valley Union Local School District Board of Education that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for ALL children and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the ill-conceived EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

At roll call

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

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion Carried.

20-021

Executive Session

Mr. Higgenbotham moved and Mr. Willoughby seconded to approve to enter into executive at 7:48 p.m. to consider the employment of a public official.

At roll call

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

Nayes: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried.

Entered back to regular meeting at 8:46 P.M.

20-022

Adjournment

Mr. Willoughby moved and Mr. Bower seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M.

At roll call

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried.