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MINUTES OF THE: Connetquot Teachers Association Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, June 13, 2023

PRESENT:

Tony Felicio, Jr., Brad Lindell, Chris Dolce, Ellen Perz, Rob Bachisin, Jeff Vitale, Lisa Manzo, Joanna Zalewski, Kevin Keane, Christine Dassler, Rob Lehnert, Leslie Sewell, Christine Constantine, Shannon Lehnert, Diane Boyle, Nichole Johnson, Charlie Hafner, Beth Caiola, Gina Cerulli, Diane Boccio, John Zambriski, Jennifer Ronayne, Paul Rondinella

ABSENT:

Anita Ekstem, Rob Burger, Frank Saladino, Stefanie Litchult

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report 4:08 pm

- Motion made by Chris Dolce and seconded by Charlie Hafner to approve the May '23 Treasurer's Report:
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Approve Donation to Cohalan Complex 4:14 pm

- Motion was made by Lisa Manzo and seconded by Kevin Keane to approve up to \$250 to support the Cohalan Complex during the summer: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Donation to local family 4:55 pm

- Motion was made by Joanna Zalewski and seconded by Lisa Manzo to approve \$250 for Drapala family whose home was destroyed in a fire: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

COMMITTEES:

- 4:08 pm: District Health and Safety Committee
 - Nothing to report
- 4:08 pm: Political Action
 - Nothing to report
- 4:12 pm: Public Relations
 - Retirement Party June 20, 2023
 - Approximately 95 attending so far
 - Email Lisa Manzo if you plan to attend but didn't respond yet
 - Next year date June 18, 2024?
- 4:17 pm: Emergency Fund
 - Drapala family's home destroyed in fire
- 4:17 pm: Technology
 - Met with Christina Poppe:
 - District is currently replacing some older smart boards districtwide
 - District is considering a new brand of smartboards which are cheaper and larger (still compatible with current software). May pilot a couple units in fall
 - 4th through 7th grade received new chromebooks, 8th through 12th and faculty will receive them some time next year
 - District is moving towards a new digital PA system
 - Question: What will happen to old chromebooks?

OLD BUSINESS:

- 4:22 pm: Arbitration & Grievances
 - Nothing to report
- 4:23 pm: Other
 - Tony spoke to Christina Poppe
 - Elementary: Teacher College – received negative feedback from committees
 - Looking to hire 2 teachers on special assignment
 - Professional development will be internal
 - Interventionalists were a success
 - Community brochure was rushed so put aside until next year

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4:28 pm: Parent Communication – Index Cards
 - Thought of CTA sponsoring index cards teachers can send to parents regarding good news about their child
 - Start small as a pilot program
 - Chris Dolce will look into costs
- 4:08 pm: BOD Election Procedures
 - High School, Oakdale-Bohemia, and Slocum have contested building representative elections so retirees will help man ballot boxes
 - Elections start a half hour before the start of the school day and end a half hour after (unless all in building have voted)
- 4:33 pm: Building Rep Alternates
 - Starting next year, all building representatives should have an alternate attend meetings when they cannot be there
 - \$35 per meeting
- 4:46 pm: Recognition
 - Thank you to the following board members who will not be with us next year: Nichole Johnson, Charlie Hafner, Diane Boyle, Diane Boccio, Leslie Sewell, Brad Lindell
- 4:35 pm: Other
 - Thank you to the CTA for sponsoring Scholar/Athletic scholarships during the Sports Awards night
 - Robo-calls: teachers should not receive every message sent out to parents
 - District implemented “No Harm” policy this year for secondary. Applies only to Regents and FLACS exams.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:55 PM

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Connetquot Teachers Association General Membership meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm

PRESENT:

- Board of Directors listed above plus one general member

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve CTA 2023-24 Budget 5:04 pm: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Rob Bachisin, CTA Secretary