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MINUTES OF THE: Connetquot Teachers Association Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, November 9, 2021

PRESENT: Tony Felicio, Jr., Brad Lindell, Chris Dolce, Ellen Perz, Rob Bachisin, Diane Boyle, Beth Caiola, Carolyn Paul, Leslie Sewell, Paul Rondinella, Jeff Vitale, Christine Dassler, Frank Saladino, Stefanie Litchult, Nichole Johnson, Shannon Lehnert, Rob Lehnert, Jennifer Ronayne, Laura Getman-Vaca, Kevin Keane, Rob Burger, Diane Boccio, Charlie Hafner, Joanna Zalewski, John Zambriski

ABSENT: Peter Leis, Lisa Manzo, Christine Constantine

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report 4:36 pm

- Motion made by Nicole Johnson and seconded by Frank Saladino to approve October '21 Treasurer's Report: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Gifts for CO Secretaries 4:42 pm

- Motion made by Ellen Perz and seconded by Leslie Sewell for spending up to \$300 for secretary gifts at Central Office: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Donation to Addie's Army 4:45 pm

- Motion made by Leslie Sewell and seconded by Frank Saladino to donate \$250 to Addie's Army toy donation for Ronald McDonald house: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Donation to Helping Hands 4:47 pm

- Motion made by Chris Dolce and seconded by Frank Saladino to donate \$250 to CHS Helping Hands for Thanksgiving donations to feed community members: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Secret Santa/Adopt Family 4:49 pm

- Motion made by Leslie Sewell and seconded by Frank Saladino to donate \$75/child up to \$250 a school for donations during the holidays: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

COMMITTEES:

- 4:36 pm: District Health & Safety Committee
 - Nothing new to report other than meeting times changed from after school to during school hours
- 4:38 pm: Political Action
 - NYSUT hopes to have all meetings in-person this year
- 4:39 pm: Public Relations
 - Coat drive being held at the high school
- 4:42 pm: Emergency Fund
 - Nothing to report.
- 4:55 pm: Technology
 - New elementary passwords in effect (after Election Day), easier logins
 - Passwords need to be changed every 90 days
 - If using quick cards, please collect back

- There will be secondary school password changes (presentation will be given during homeroom).
- Smartboard installations need to be performed by company, not our techs. Awaiting shipments.
- A district committee is in the works
- Touch screen chromebooks are being investigated
- 5:03 pm: Other
 - Duffield training during prep period (grades 2 thru 5) started at 8:30 am, their day contractually starts at 8:35 am
 - Mental health advisory committee originally scheduled for 7 pm. Mental Health personnel stuck together and district changed the time to school hours. Think twice about participating in any committees outside of school hours.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 5:13 pm: Arbitration & Grievances
 - Academic freedom grievance – Thought an agreement was reached, but awaiting Board of Education Response
 - Nurses not being given contractual prep period. Contractual language regarding the term “teacher”, sometimes refers to teachers only, sometimes refers to everyone. Set for arbitration.
- 5:19 pm: Negotiations
 - No new updates
 - Next meeting set after Thanksgiving
- 5:21 pm: Bus Driver Recognition
 - Thank you Nicole Johnson. Drivers were surprised and thankful.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5:45 pm: Other
 - Discussed the possibility of utilizing social media to highlight issues in the district (ex: mental health issues, staff shortage)
 - Elementary schools: No uniform system in place with regard to discipline. Need consistency within schools. There was a committee pre-COVID, would like it to pick up again
 - Weekly COVID Testing: If absent during testing day, can either get tested at another building or go to outside agency. Can be docked pay for not getting tested.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:57 PM

Respectfully submitted by Rob Bachisin, CTA Secretary