

Conemaugh Valley School District  
Board of School Directors  
Committee and Regular Meeting  
June 10, 2021

Committee Meeting

The regular monthly Committee Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, June 10, 2021, in the Art room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School and on Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Todd Roberts at 6:35 P.M. A moment of silence was observed. A flag salute was led by Daniel Markiewicz. Roll call of members present: Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, Melissa Ross, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr. (via zoom), and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Attorney Brian Litzinger, Eric Miller, and Jeffrey Miller. Absent: Rebecca Castiglione, and Mandy Livai.

Speakers

1. Shane Hazenstab, Superintendent – Administrative Updates and an update on Pre-K.
2. Paula McCleester, Athletic Director – Spoke about the Athletic Budget for the upcoming school year (21-22) and the Buildings & Grounds update.

Executive Session

This was not utilized.

Adjournment

Motion by Miss Ribblett, second by Mr. Truscello, Sr. to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 7:34 P.M.

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

Regular Board Meeting  
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Regular Board Meeting

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Communications      None

Minutes and Reports

Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Ross to approve and place on file the minutes of the May 13, 2021 Board Meeting; the minutes of the May 24, 2021 Athletic Committee Meeting; the Payment of Bills Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$540,432.56; Cafeteria Bills for Payment in the amount of \$81,695.27; the Athletic Account Reconciliation Report for May 2021; the Treasurer's Report for May 2021 in the amount of \$3,748,272.96; Condensed Expenditure Summary Reports for May 2021; Condensed Revenue Summary Reports for May 2021; PLGIT Investment Holdings Account for May 2021.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

2021-2022 General Fund Budget

1. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Miss Ribblett to approve the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget for the Conemaugh Valley School District.

Adoption of General Fund Budget

- A. Resolved that a budget for the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 be adopted as herein specified.

1. Anticipated Revenue to be **\$13,210,900**
2. Anticipated Opening Balance to be **\$7,210,838**
3. Anticipated Expenditures and Budgetary Reserve to be **\$20,421,738**

- B. Resolved that real estate taxes in the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 be set at **59.7772** mills per one dollar of assessed Valuation on **.0597772** per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- C. Resolved that taxes under the local Tax Enabling Act (Act 511) for the Conemaugh Valley School District be enacted for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as follows:
  - 1. Earned Income Tax at one-half of one percent.
  - 2. Occupational Privilege Tax of \$5.00 per taxable.
  - 3. Real Estate Transfer Tax at one percent.

(Attachment A)

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, Melissa Ross, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried.

CVSD 2021  
Homestead and  
Farmstead  
Resolution

- 2. Motion by Miss Ribblett, second by Mrs. Richards to approve the Conemaugh Valley School District 2021 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Valley School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2021 under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

- 1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2021.

- a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53, P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of **\$272,076.81**
  - b. **Aggregate amount available.** The aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is **\$272,076.81.**
2. **Homestead/Farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:
- a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is **1917.**
  - b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is **3.**
  - c. **Homestead/Farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and farmsteads is **1920.**
3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(b) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of **\$272,076.81** by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of **1920** the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is **\$141.71.**
4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of **\$141.71** School District real estate tax rate of **59.7772** mills **.0597772** be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is **\$2,371** and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is **\$2,371.**

5. **Homestead/Farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of **\$2,371**. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of **\$2,371**.

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, Melissa Ross, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried.

Pupil  
Transportation  
Contract

3. Motion by Mr. Rykala, second by Miss Ross to approve the Pupil Transportation Contract between the Conemaugh Valley School District and Ribblett Corporation.

(Attachment B)

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, Melissa Ross, David Rykala, and James Stiffler, Jr. Two (2) abstentions: Hannah Ribblett and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried.

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Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Miss Ribblett to approve the following:

IT Management  
Services Contract

4. The attached agreement with In-Shore Technologies for IT Management Services at a cost of \$72,000.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

(Attachment C)

PSBA All-Access  
Membership

5. The purchase of the PSBA All-Access membership package at a cost of \$6,497.86 for the 2021-2022 school year. Note: PSBA approved a 2-year freeze on membership dues during the 2020-2021 SY, therefore, this is the same cost as last year.

(Attachment D)

Master Agreement  
With Ignite Education  
Solutions

6. The Master Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide long-term, contracted, and substitute staff to Conemaugh Valley on an as-needed basis for the 2021-2022 school year.

(Attachment E)

Personal Care Aide  
Agreement with  
Ignite Education  
Solutions

7. The Personal Care Aide Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, for the 2021-2022 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$78.51 per day. This aide will be working with a CV student located at Blacklick Valley Elementary School.

(Attachment F)

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Personal Care Aide  
Agreement with  
Ignite Education  
Solutions

8. The Personal Care Aide Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, for the 2021-2022 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$96.62 per day. This aide will be working with a CV student located at Westmont Hilltop Jr/Sr High School.

(Attachment G)

Substitute  
Personal Care Aide  
Agreement with  
Ignite Education  
Solutions

9. The Substitute Personal Care Aide Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, for the 2021-2022 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$96.62 per day.

(Attachment H)

ESY Teacher  
Staffing Agreement  
With Ignite Education  
Solutions

10. The ESY Teacher Staffing Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide ESY teachers, as needed, for the month of July 2021 for CVSD students at a cost of \$22.50 per instructional support hour and a cost not to exceed \$3,291.26.

(Attachment I)

Threat  
Preparedness

11. The Threat Preparedness Package as quoted by Gittings Protective Security at a cost not to exceed \$7,499.00.

(Attachment J)

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Admiral-Peary  
AVTS 2021-2022  
Budget

12. The Admiral-Peary Area Vocational Technical School 2021-2022 Budget as presented.  
  
(Attachment K)

Support Staff  
Substitute Rate

13. The Support Staff Substitute rate to be equal to the starting wage for all classifications per the agreement between the Conemaugh Valley School District and the Conemaugh Valley Education Support Professionals.

Student Activity  
Account Report

14. The monthly report for the Student Activity Account for the month of May 2021.  
  
(Handout)

Elementary  
Orientation

15. The Kindergarten and New Elementary Student Orientation to be set for August 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

High School  
Orientation

16. The Grade 7 and New High School Student Orientation to be set for August 11, 2021 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.



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- Conferences                    17.    Members of the Board of Education and Administration to attend related workshops, conferences, and conventions during the 2021-2022 school year.
- IU08 Teacher  
Induction Program            18.    The New and Second Year Teachers to take part in the IU08 Teacher Induction Program for the 2021-2022 school year. The cost for new teachers will be \$150 with the second year teacher remaining at \$50.00.
- Grant Application            19.    The Superintendent to apply for grants including: state, federal, and private foundations for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 2021-2022 Athletic  
Bid Results                    20.    The Athletic Bid Results for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.  
  
(Attachment L)
- 2021-2022  
Athletic Budget                21.    The Athletic Budget for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.  
  
(Attachment M)

Board Policy  
Manual Revisions-  
Section 100-  
Programs

22. The attached Policy Manual Revisions for the following Board Policies in which the revisions were provided by PSBA and reviewed by the School Board Policy Committee:

<b>Policy Number &amp; Name</b>	<b>Policy Number &amp; Name</b>
200 – Enrollment of Students	208 – Withdrawal from School
201 – Admission of Students	209 – Health Examinations/Screenings <b>UPDATED</b>
202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students	209.1 – Food Allergy Management
203 – Immunizations & Communicable Diseases	209.2 – Diabetes Management
203.1 – HIV Infection	210 – Medications <b>ATTACHMENT UPDATED</b>
204 – Attendance <b>UPDATED</b>	210.1 – Possession/Administration of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors
205 – Postgraduate Students	<del>210.2 – Dispensing of Medication/Epi Pen</del> <b>DELETE</b>
206 – Assignment Within District	<del>211 – Student Accident Insurance</del> <b>DELETE</b>
207 – Confidential Communications of Students	

(Attachment N)

SECOND READING  
WAIVE READING

Note: The revisions were provided by the Pennsylvania School Board Association.

Community  
Eligibility

- Provision Program 23. The District’s participation in the Community Eligibility Provision Program for the 2021-2022 school year. This program offers free breakfast and lunch to all District students.

High School Interior  
Door Replacement

24. The replacement of all High School interior doors by Ridgetop Interiors at a cost not to exceed \$204,504.00. Note: This pricing is through COSTARS state purchasing program and will be funded through state and federal grant money.

(Attachment O)

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Posting for Title I/  
Intervention  
Teacher

25. The posting for a Title I/Intervention Teacher. Note: This position will be funded through ESSER/COVID funds. The focus of this position will be to address learning loss created by the COVID pandemic.

Posting for  
Secondary  
English Teacher

26. The posting for a Secondary English Teacher.

Return to In-Person  
Board Meetings

27. The return to in-person Board of Education meetings beginning with the August 12, 2021 Board of Education meeting. Note: Virtual meetings will no longer be offered upon return to in-person meetings.

Suspend July  
Board Meeting

28. The suspension of the Thursday, July 8, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education.

Resignation  
Approval

29. The Superintendent to approve resignations and post positions prior to the August Board of Education Meeting. Note: The Board of School Directors will officially approve any resignations at the August Board meeting.

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Retirement –  
Professional  
Staff

30. The retirement of Professional Staff/Elementary Teacher, Terri Lentz, effective immediately with permission to post this position.

(Attachment P)

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, Melissa Ross, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried.

Soccer Co-Op  
Agreement with  
Grtr. Johnstown  
School District

31. Motion by Mrs. Ross, second by Mrs. Richards to approve a co-op agreement with the Greater Johnstown School District for Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer for the 2021-2022 school year. Note: This co-op is pending approval from District 6 and the Greater Johnstown School District.

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, Melissa Ross, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ross, second by Miss Ribblett to adjourn meeting at 7:47 P.M.

All “Ayes”. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Donell Jacoby*

Donell Jacoby  
Board Secretary

DJ/cm