Conemaugh Valley School District

Board of School Directors

Committee and Regular Meeting

January 12, 2023

Committee The regular monthly Committee Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board

Meeting of School Directors was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, in the Music Room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President, Todd Roberts at 6:31 P.M. A moment of silence was observed. A flag salute was led by Dawn Thompson. Roll call of members present: Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Michelle LaRose, Attorney Brian Litzinger, Eric Miller, Jeffrey Miller, and Brian Randall. Absent: Mandy Livai

Speakers 1. Mr. Hazenstab, Superintendent, introduced the Advisory Committee

for the “Better Together” Co-Op with Ferndale Area S.D. Those

present were:

Matt Kent – CV Head Football Coach

Kevin Heinlein – CV Asst Football Coach

Joe Antal – CV Asst Football Coach

Dr. Brian Randall – CV Athletic Director

Jeff Boyer – Ferndale Superintendent

Steve Clawson – Ferndale Athletic Director

Travis Robison – Ferndale Principal

Katie Rutledge – CV Homecoming Advisor

Allen Bixel – CV Band Director

Dr. Jessica Masser – CV Alumni Representative

Attached are the recommendations made by the CV/Ferndale

Advisory Committee (see attachment K).

2. Mr. Eric Miller, CV Business Manager, spoke about the available

ESSER Funds in the amount of $2,670,700.00. Brian Rouser & Rod Wolfe, CJL Engineering, spoke about using the ESSER funds for the HVAC upgrades at the HS. Low bids were presented. The bids we

received were approximately $1 million over the projected amount.

CV will own the documents if the bidding is rejected.

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3. Dr. Jessica Masser, volunteer basketball coach, asked why the

Jr. High Basketball games can’t be played at the high school gym.

As the doctor in attendance, she has a difficult time covering both

schools. Security has to cover both buildings as well. Referees

have a problem as well.

4. Louann Gustkey-Patterson, concerned parent, wanted to speak to

the board about her child.

Executive Session Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to enter into Executive Session for Legal & Personnel Issues at 8:06 P.M.

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

Executive

Session End Motion by Mr. Markiewicz, second by Mrs. Thompson to end Executive Session at 9:27 P.M.

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

Adjournment Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 9:32 P.M.

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

Regular Board The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board

Meeting of School Directors was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, in the Music Room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President, Todd Roberts at 9:34 P.M. Roll call of members present: Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Michelle LaRose, Attorney Brian Litzinger, Eric Miller, Jeffrey Miller, and Brian Randall. Absent: Mandy Livai

Communications Letter from the IU08 notifying us that it will be Conemaugh Valley’s turn to

appoint someone from our Board to sit on the IU08 Board for the term of

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

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Minutes and

Reports Motion by Mr. Stiffler, Jr., second by Miss Ribblett to accept and place on file the minutes from the Reorganization and Regular Board Meetings of December 1, 2022.; Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2022; Payment of Bills Prior to Board approval in the amount of $1,627,358.20; Cafeteria Bills Paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of $23,638.68; Cafeteria Receipt Ledger for November 2022; Athletic Reconciliation Summary for December 2022; the Treasurer’s Report for November with a balance of $3,052,985.41; the Treasurer’s Report for December with a balance of $3,356,956.00; the Budget Summary Reports for November and December 2022; and the PLGIT Investment Holdings Accounts for November and December 2022.

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Miss Ribblett to approve the following:

Resolution –

School Director

Recognition

Month 1. The attached Resolution acknowledging January as School Director

Recognition Month.

(Attachment A)

Principles for

Governance &

Leadership 2. The adoption of the PSBA Principles for Governance &

Leadership.

(Attachment B)

Tax Index

Resolution 3. A resolution not to raise taxes above the Act 1 of 2006 Index for

the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

(Attachment C)

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2022 School Tax

Exemption 4. The request, from East Taylor Township Supervisors, to waive

the 2022 school taxes on the property at 173 Dormer St. in the

Township.

(Attachment D)

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah

Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

Professional

Substitutes thru

Ignite Education 5. Motion by Mr. Rykala, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to approve the slate

of professional substitutes as provided by Ignite Education Solutions.

(Attachment E)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, and Francis Truscello, Sr. One (1) abstention, Hannah Ribblett.

Motion Carried

Motion by Miss Ribblett, second by Mrs. Richards to approve the following:

Student Activity

Account Report 6. The Student Activity Account Report for December 2022.

(Attachment F)

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Support Staff

Resignation 7. The resignation of Susan Frank as a full-time custodian effective

January 12, 2023.

(Attachment G)

Hire – Support Staff

Substitute 8. The hiring of Susan Frank as a Support Staff Substitute at a rate of

$12.05 per hour.

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah

Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

Hire – Full-Time

Custodian 9. Motion by Miss Ribblett, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to approve the

hiring of Caleb Freedline as a full-time custodian at a salary of

$12.05 per hour with benefits as per the collective bargaining agree-

ment. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and

paperwork.

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah

Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

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Hire – Full-Time

Custodian 10. Motion by Mrs. Richards, second by Miss Ribblett to approve the

hiring of Willie Bedell, III as a full-time custodian at a salary of

$12.05 per hour with benefits as per the collective bargaining agree-

ment. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and

paperwork.

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah

Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Miss Ribblett to approve the following:

Extra-Curricular

Hire - 8th Grade

Class Advisor 11. The hiring of Renee Lee as Extra-Curricular position of 8th Grade

Class Advisor at a salary of $788, which will be pro-rated for this

school year.

Volunteer Coach 12. Patrick Himes as a volunteer coach with the Varsity Boys Baseball

team for the 2023 season, pending receipt of all necessary clearances

and paperwork.

Teachers Pay

Teachers Program 13. The purchase of the Teachers Pay Teachers platform which allows

teachers to access products and materials that have been created by

other teachers/creators that are ready to use. The cost of this one-year

membership will not exceed $3,450.00 and will run from January 4, 2023 through January 3, 2024.

(Attachment H)

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Board Policy

Manual Revisions-

Section 900 –

Community 14. The attached Policy Manual Revisions for the following Board

Policies with the revisions provided by PSBA and reviewed by

the School Board Policy Committee:

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| Policy Number and Name | Policy Number and Name |
| 805 – Emergency Preparedness & Response | 908 – Relations with Parents/Guardians |
| 805.2 – School Security Personnel | 909 – Municipal Government Relations |
| 901 – Public Relations Objectives | 910 – Community Engagement |
| 902 – Publications Program | 911 – News Media Relations |
| 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings | 912 – Relations with Educational Institutions |
| 904 – Public Attendance at School Events | 913 – Non-school Organizations/Groups/Individuals |
| 905 – Citizen Advisory Committees | 914 – Relations with Intermediate Unit |
| 906 – Public Complaint Procedures | 916 – Volunteers NOTE-merged Policies 916 & 916.1 |
| 907 – School Visitors NOTE-merged policies 907 & 907.1 | 919 – ~~District/School Report Cards –~~ Recommend Removing from Policy Manual |

(Attachment I) SECOND READING

WAIVE READING

Contract for

Superintendent

of Schools 15. A 5-year contract extension for Shane Hazenstab as Superintendent

of Schools. The contract extension will run from July 1, 2023

through June 30, 2028 and is pending final review for the school

solicitor and all required signatures.

(Handout)

Act 93 Update 16. The updated Act 93 to include the new position of High School

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director.

(Handout)

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Bleacher Purchase 17. The purchase of 3 sets of aluminum bleachers for use at the

district baseball and softball fields as quoted by Recreation

Resources at a cost not to exceed $5,562.00.

NOTE: This pricing is per COSTARS Contract #014-E22-249.

(Attachment J)

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah

Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

Ferndale Co-op

Update 18. Motion by Mr. Markiewicz, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to table the

*“Better Together”* Co-Op with Ferndale Area S.D. update.

(Attachment K)

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah

Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

Keystone Community

Grant Application 19. Motion by Miss Ribblett, second by Mrs. Thompson to approve the

Superintendent, or Business Manager, to apply for a Keystone

Community Grant, in the amount of $100,000.00, and to execute

necessary documents to help acquire the needed funds to install

lighting at the district football field.

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah

Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

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Accept Bids – CVHS

HVAC Project 20. Motion by Mr. Rykala, second by Miss Ribblett to table the bid

selection of the Conemaugh Valley High School HVAC project,

as presented by CJL Engineering.

(Handout)

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah

Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

Resignation –

Professional Staff 21. Motion by Miss Ribblett, second by Mr. Markiewicz to approve the

Resignation of Professional Staff/High School Guidance Counselor,

Stephanie Bergman, with permission to post the position.

(Attachment A-A)

Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah

Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

Adjournment Motion by Mr. Markiewicz, second by Miss Ribblett to adjourn the meeting at

9:56 P.M.

All “Ayes”. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donell Jacoby

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Board Secretary

DJ/cm