

Conemaugh Valley School District
Board of School Directors
Special Board Meeting for
General Purposes
March 18, 2020
6:30 P.M.

Special Board
Meeting

The Special Board Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held, for general purposes, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 in the gymnasium of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Todd Roberts at 6:31 PM. Roll call of members present: Donell Jacoby (via phone), Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, Melissa Ross, David Rykala (arrived at 6:33p.m.), James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Rebecca Castiglione, Shane Hazenstab, Attorney John Kuzmiak, and Eric Miller. Absent: Jeffrey Miller

Mr. Hazenstab, Superintendent, spoke about the School District's 2-week closure mandated by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the COVID-19 outbreak. He expressed his thanks to all of the staff for their cooperation. Meals for students have been distributed to at least 4 locations across the school district. A fifth location is being added. Ribblett Bus Company, transportation group for the school district, has been on point for the meal distribution. The School District has been operating on a day-to-day basis with limited information from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Governor's office. As information becomes available to the Superintendent, the board and the district will be updated. For now, the window of school closure is still 2 weeks. There has been no PIAA updates for sporting events. The Band Trip has been cancelled, and the Jr./Sr. High Musical has been postponed. On-line classes are being investigated. Other options to keep the school district up and running are being considered.

Executive Session Motion by Mr. Stiffler Jr., second by Mr. Truscello, Sr. to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Issues at 7:01 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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Executive
Session End

Motion by Mrs. Ross, second by Mrs. Richards to end Executive Session at 8:41 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Resignation –
Professional
Staff

1. Motion by Mr. Stiffler, Jr., second by Mrs. Richards to approve the resignation of Erin McDonald as a High School Teacher, effective March 27, 2020.

(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.

Paychecks
for Support
Staff

2. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Richards to approve that no Support Staff Employee will miss a regular paycheck during the 2019-2020 school year due to any mandated state closure of schools by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, provided we have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Conemaugh Valley Education Support Professionals Association.

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.

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Paychecks for
Confidential
Employees

3. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Richards to approve that no Confidential Employee will miss a regular paycheck during the 2019-2020 school year due to any mandated state closure of schools by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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.

Support and
Confidential
Employees
that are
Working

4. Motion by Mrs. Richards, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to approve that any Support Staff or Confidential Employee that are directed to work during the mandated state closure of schools by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be paid time and one-half (1-1/2). This will be in effect as of March 16, 2020.

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.

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Payment of
Long-Term
Professional
Substitute

5. Motion by Mrs. Richards, second by Mrs. Ross to approve the payments to Lindsay Lewis, Long-Term Professional substitute, of her daily rate through the end of the 2019-2020 school year during any mandated closure of schools by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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 Mr. Markiewicz to adjourn meeting at 8:51 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Miller

Eric Miller
Acting Board Secretary

Donell Jacoby

Donell Jacoby, Board Secretary
Attest to the Minutes

DJ/cm