

Conemaugh Valley School District  
Board of School Directors  
Committee and Regular Meeting  
May 14, 2015

Committee Meeting

The regular monthly Committee Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in the music room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mark Vibostok at 6:35 P.M. A moment of silence was observed for victims of the Amtrak train derailment in Philadelphia. A flag salute was led by Eric Miller. Roll call of members present: Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze (arrived at 6:50 P.M.), Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. Also present: Rebecca Castiglione, Shane Hazenstab, William Kanich, John Kuzmiak, Esq., David Lehman, and Eric Miller. Absent: Todd Roberts.

Speakers

1. Mr. Ken Robinson, CVHS TSA Advisor, spoke about the PA State TSA Competition. The following were winners:  
Beth Barbis – 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Photography  
Jacob Edwards \ - 4<sup>th</sup> Place-Manufacturing  
Dalton Geisel \        Prototype – Children’s  
Katie Freidhoff /        Pull Toy  
Megan Paonessa /  
Megan Paonessa – 8<sup>th</sup> Place-Medical Research  
Team Competition – 9<sup>th</sup> Place – Legos Robotics
2. Megan Paonessa – Student Representative to the Board, spoke about the Student Council’s Activities.
3. Mrs. Karen Corson, concerned parent, spoke about getting some help for her son.
4. Mrs. Karen McGowan, concerned citizen’s group, spoke about the CVES property on Frankstown Road.
5. Mrs. Melissa Ross, concerned citizen, asked if there could be a deed restriction on the CVES property.

Communications

1. Letter from Mr. George Cveykus, Secretary of the Cover Hill Auto Club, requesting use of the former CVES facilities on Frankstown Road to host the “Last Blast O’ Summer” Cruise-In on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of September 27, 2015.
2. Letter from the Nutrition Group announcing their Golf Outing on Tuesday, June 16, 2015.
3. Letter from Frank Burns, State Representative-72<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District, announcing the Comcast Internet Essentials Program.

Executive Session      Motion by Mr. Rykala, second by Mr. Gossard to enter into Executive Session for Legal, Personnel, and Real Estate Issues at 7:55 P.M.

All “Ayes” Motion Carried.

Executive Session End      Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Rykala, to end Executive Session at 8:51 P.M.

All “Ayes” Motion Carried.

Adjournment      Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Stiffler to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 9:06 P.M.

All “Ayes” Motion Carried.

Regular Board Meeting      The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in the music room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mark Vibostok at 9:07 P.M. Roll call of members present: Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. Also present: Rebecca Castiglione, Shane Hazenstab, William Kanich, John Kuzmiak, Esq., David Lehman, and Eric Miller. Absent: Todd Roberts.

Minutes      Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Stiffler to accept and place on file the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 9, 2015.

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts. One (1) abstention, Jennifer Reese.

Motion Carried.

Reports

Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Gossard to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for April 2015; Payment of Bills Paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$324,801.78; Bills for Payment in the amount of \$157,313.05; Budgetary Report; Bills Paid Prior to Board Approval for PLGIT ARM ACCT – Series 2013 in the amount of \$2,336.50; Treasurer's Report for PLGIT Series 2013 for month of May.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Auditor General's  
Performance Audit  
Report-Corrective  
Action Plan

1. Motion made by Mr. Rykala, second by Mr. Truscello, Sr. to approve the attached Corrective Action Plan responding to the Auditor General's Performance Audit Report findings.

(Attachment A)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Appointment of  
Board Treasurer

2. Motion made by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Jacoby to approve the appointment of Dave Rykala as Board Treasurer from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The stipend for this position is \$1,800.00.

Roll call vote: Six (6) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) no, Jennifer Reese. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts. One (1) abstention, Dave Rykala.

Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Knaze to approve the following:

Bank Depositor            3.     First National Bank of Pennsylvania as Bank Depositor for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

2015-2016  
Bid Results

4.     The bid results for the 2015-2016 school year.

(Handout)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Band Uniform  
Bid Results

5.     Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Rykala to reject any and all bids for the purchase of band uniforms.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Summer Driver  
Education

6.     Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Reese to approve the attached Driver Education proposal between the CVSD and TDS Driving Academy, LLC. The cost per student is \$270 - \$220.00 will be paid by the district with \$50.00 being paid by each student.

(Attachment B)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

End of Skills  
Driver's Exam  
Letter

7. Motion by Mr. Rykala, second by Mrs. Reese to approve the Superintendent to submit the End of Skills Driver's Exam letter to the PA Department of Transportation.

(Attachment C)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

School Security  
Provider

8. Motion by Mrs. Reese, second by Mr. Stiffler to approve Gittings as the security provider for the district buildings at a cost of \$22.54 per hour per officer.

(Attachment D)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Gossard to approve the following:

School Meal  
Increase – Adult  
Lunch & Breakfast

9. To increase the price of the regular adult school lunch by .05 for the 2015-2016 school year, resulting in a total cost of \$2.75; and the regular adult school breakfast by .05 for the 2015-2016 school year; resulting in a total cost of \$1.75.

(Attachment E)

Athletic  
Budget

10. The Athletic Budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

(Handout)

Athletic  
Schedules

11. The Athletic Schedules for the 2015-2016 school year.  
  
(Handout)

Grant  
Application

12. The Superintendent to apply for grants, for the district.  
This will include state, federal, and private foundations for the  
2015-2016 school year.

Extended  
School Year

13. The following as Extended School Year teachers, along with their  
Total number of hours to be worked, for the summer of 2015:
- Katlyn Kmetz – 40 hours  
Jessica Musselman-Speech – 16 hours  
Elise Thomas – 40 hours  
Emily Tittle – 24 hours

Learning Lamp  
Substitutes

14. The Learning Lamp substitute candidates, provided all necessary  
clearances and paperwork are received:
- |                   |                |              |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Elizabeth Helmick | Matthew Helman | Scott Beegle |
| Chelsey Novak     | Crystal Bowser | Dylan Cramer |
| Timothy Oravec    | Martin Leap    | Kyra Miller  |

(Attachment F)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze,  
Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and  
Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Gossard to approve the following:

Elementary Summer  
Library Program

15. The proposed pilot Elementary Summer Library Program at a cost  
not to exceed \$1,800.00.

(Attachment G)

Monthly Student  
Activity Account  
Report

16. The Monthly Student Activity Account Report.

(Attachment H)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Special Board  
Meeting Minutes  
From May 4, 2015

17. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Knaze to accept and place on file the minutes from the May 4, 2015, Special Board Mtg.

(Attachment A-A)

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts. One (1) abstention, Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Reese, second by Mr. Stiffler to approve the following:

Learning Lamp  
Substitutes

18. The additional Learning Lamp Substitutes candidates, provided all necessary clearances and paperwork are received:

Jennifer Rager

Susie Myers

Lisa Vasas

(Attachment A-B)

Resignation/Retirement  
Support Staff

19. The resignation/retirement of Sharon Johnson effective June 8, 2015.

(Attachment A-C)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Support Staff  
Hire – Buildings &  
Grounds-Supervisor

20. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Reese to approve the hiring of Ron Garman as Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds at a rate of \$ 21.55 per hour and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Support Staff  
Hire – Buildings &  
Grounds-Assistant  
Supervisor

21. Motion by Mr. Knaze, second by Mr. Truscello, Sr. to approve the hiring of Michael Sokach as Assistant Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds at a rate of \$ 16.00 per hour and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Support Staff  
Hire – Buildings &  
Grounds-Assistant  
Supervisor

22. Motion by Mr. Gossard, second by Mrs. Reese to approve the hiring of Walter Strank as Assistant Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds at a rate of \$ 13.00 per hour and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.



Resolution for Sale  
Of Frankstown Road  
Building

23. Motion by Mrs. Reese, second by Mr. Gossard to approve the attached Resolution accepting the proposed offer for the Frankstown Road property as defined in the resolution. The wording on number 9, last sentence should read “Seller will pay for application, legal representation, and any other costs associated with application and approval process.”

(Attachment A-D)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Extended Summer  
Hours – School  
Psychologist

24. Motion by Mrs. Jacoby, second by Mr. Gossard to approve the School Psychologist, Ms. Maryssa McGuire, to extend her services for an additional nine (9) days to complete summer evaluations (1 Evaluation & 8 Reevaluations).

Note: Psychologist will be paid as per the contract agreement.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Last Blast ‘O  
Summer – Use of  
Facilities Request

25. Motion by Mr. Gossard, second by Mrs. Reese to approve the Cover Hill Auto Club’s use of the former Conemaugh Valley Elementary School facilities on Frankstown Road to host the “Last Blast ‘O Summer” cruise-in on September 20, 2015, with a rain date of September 27, 2015. This approval is tentative based upon the fact that CVSD still owns the property on the date of the event.

(Attachment A-E)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Contingency Fund  
Usage

26. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Gossard to approve the use of the remaining contingency fund for the High School Roofing project.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

National Association  
of Student Councils-  
Request For Funds

27. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Reese to approve a loan of \$ 900.00 for Megan Paonessa and a loan of \$ 1,400.00 to Marina Sumrada to attend the NASC Conference in Albuquerque, NM, from June 26 through June 29, 2015.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Knaze, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to adjourn at 9:39 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donell Jacoby  
Secretary