

Conemaugh Valley School District
Board of School Directors
Committee and Regular Meeting
June 13, 2013

Committee
Meeting

The regular monthly Committee Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, June 13, 2013, in the library of the Conemaugh Valley Jr./Sr. High School. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Vibostok at 6:35 P.M. A prayer was offered by Donell Jacoby, followed by a flag salute lead by Francis Truscello. Roll call of members present: Larry Gossard, Jim Grove, Donell Jacoby, Peter J. Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. Also present: David Lehman, Eric Miller, Shane Hazenstab, Lawra Stuart and Attorney John Kuzmiak. Absent: Todd Roberts, Vice-President and William Kanich, Assistant HS Principal.

Note: David Rykala arrived at 6:54 P.M.

Speakers:

1. B.K. Horner, Foreman Construction, spoke about the elementary building project. Several change orders were presented.
2. Robert Wright, STANTEC, spoke about the project as well.
3. Scott Sorchilla, CV Youth Football League, requested the use of facilities at the high school and CVES on August 24, September 15, 29, and October 5, 2013, for football home game days.
4. Luanne Gutskey spoke about her daughter and her school class.
5. Wendy Konicky, Alumni Association, spoke about the alumni football game preparation.,
6. Missy Ross, CV-PTO, spoke about the elementary carnival.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Knaze, second by Mr. Grove to enter into Executive Session for Negotiations & Personnel Issues at 7:47 P.M.

All "Ayes" Motion Carried.

Executive
Session End

Motion by Mr. Truscello, second by Mr. Gossard to end Executive Session at 8:30 P.M.

All "Ayes" Motion Carried.

Adjournment Motion by Mr. Grove, second by Mr. Truscello to adjourn Committee Meeting at 8:31 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, June 13, 2013, in the library of the Conemaugh Valley Jr./Sr. High School. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Vibostok at 8:32 P.M. Roll call of members present: Larry Gossard, Jim Grove, Donell Jacoby, Peter J. Knaze, Jennifer Reese, David Rykala, Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. Also present: David Lehman, Eric Miller, Shane Hazenstab, Lawra Stuart and Attorney John Kuzmiak. Absent: Todd Roberts, Vice-President and William Kanich, Assistant HS Principal.

Minutes

Motion by Mr. Truscello, second by Mr. Gossard to accept and place on file minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 9, 2013; Treasurer's Report; Payment of Bills Prior to Board Approval in the amount of \$262,937.52; Bills for Payment in the amount of \$99,760.85; Budgetary Report; PLGIT ARM Account of Bills Paid Prior to Board Approval in the amount of \$584,445.17, PLGIT Treasurer's Report Series 2011 and Series 2013, and the minutes of the Special Meeting for General Purposes of May 22, 2013.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Grove and second by Mrs. Reese to approve the following:

Insurance Renewal

1. The renewal of the Workers' Compensation, General Liability Package, Auto, Umbrella, and Errors and Omissions insurance coverage for the 2012-2013 fiscal year as proposed by the Gleason Agency with a premium of \$109,448.

(Attachment A)

Student / Athletic Insurance coverage

2. The renewal of the student and athletic insurance coverage for the 2013-2014 school year as proposed by the Gleason Insurance Group with a premium of \$17,557.00

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Truscello and second by Mr. Grove to approve the following:

2013-2014 General
Fund Budget

3. Adoption of the 2013-2014 General Fund Budget for the Conemaugh Valley School District
 - A. Resolved that a budget for the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 be adopted as herein specified.
 1. Anticipated Revenue to be **\$10,727,808.00**
 2. Anticipated Opening Balance to be **\$2,100,000.00**
 3. Anticipated Expenditures and Budgetary Reserve to be **\$12,827,808.00**
 - B. Resolved that real estate taxes in the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 be set at **57.7** mills per one dollar of assessed valuation on **.0577** 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 2013-2014 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.

CVSD 2013 Homestead
and Farmstead
Resolution

4. Conemaugh Valley School District 2013 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, 2013, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program 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, 2013.
 - 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 **\$272,085.**

- b. **Aggregate amount available.** The aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is **\$272,085**.

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 **2,089**.
 - b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is **4**.
 - c. **Homestead/Farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and farmsteads is **2,093**.

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 **\$272,085** by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of **2,093** the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is **\$130.00**.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of **\$130.00** School District real estate tax rate of **57.7** mills **.0577** be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is **\$2,253** and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is **\$2,253**.

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 **\$2,253**. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional 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 **\$2,253**.

For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Grove and second by Mr. Gossard to approve the following:

Professional
Resignation

5. Resignation of Jessica Daubert, science teacher, effective June 4, 2013.

(Attachment B)

Frontline
Volunteers

6. Annette Rigby and Wendy Konicky as volunteers for Frontline for the 2013-2014 school year pending all clearances and health reports.

(Attachment C)

New Math Text
Book Series

7. New math text book series by Publisher- McGraw Hill / Series- Math Triumph as follows:

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|-------------------|-----|-------------|
| Grades: | K-5 | \$30,120.58 |
| Grade: | 6 | \$ 4,481.37 |
| Learning Support: | | \$ 2,546.30 |

Extra-Curricular
Hire

8. Mike Thompson as Assistant Varsity Boys’ Basketball coach as requested by head coach, Brandon Studer, at a salary of \$3,000. All clearances and health report are on file.

(Attachment D)

Special Education
Consulting Services

9. John Lizik as the Special Education Coordinator at a rate of \$300 per day for the 2013-2014 school year.

(Attachment E)

- Extended School Year
10. Extended school year with staffing as follows:
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|----------------|----------------|--------|
| Kelsey Rice | Teacher | 24 Hrs |
| Brianna Gillin | Teacher | 32 Hrs |
| Dawn Lybarger | Teacher | 36 Hrs |
| Tammy Smith | Teacher's Aide | 45 Hrs |
- (Attachment F)
- Conemaugh Valley Elementary School – School Level Plan
11. School Level Plan from 7-1-13 to 6-30-14 for the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School as presented by Mrs. Stuart.
- Grade 7 and New Student Orientation
12. August 14, 2013 @ 9:00 A.M. as the date and time for Grade 7 and New Student Orientation.
- Elementary Orientations
13. Elementary Orientations as follows:
- Pre-K Counts: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 @ 9:00 A.M.
Kindergarten: Thursday, August 15, 2013 @ 9:00 A.M.
- Conferences
14. Members of the Board of Education and Administration to attend related workshops, conferences, and conventions during the 2013-2014 school year.
- AmeriCorp Application
15. The superintendent or designee to apply for two (2) AmeriCorp positions for the 2013-2014 school year. Monies will be allotted through Title I.
- (Attachment G)
- IU-08 Teacher Induction Program 2013-2014
16. New and second year teachers to participate in the IU-08 Teacher Induction Program for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Athletic Schedules
17. The athletic schedule for the 2013-2014 school year.
- (Attachment I)

ACRP - Alternative
Education Programs

18. Private provider contract with ACRP for Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth.

(Attachment J)

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

Motion carried.

Change Order -
Masonry

19. Motion made by Mr. Rykala and second by Mr. Grove to approve the Change Order regarding PR-07 – masonry veneer revision for a cost of \$2,667.00.

(Attachment K)

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

Motion carried.

Change Order -
Door Frames /
Panels

20. Motion made by Mr. Rykala and second by Mr. Grove to approve the Change Order regarding GC-006 – revision of door frames / panels for a cost of \$5,171.75.

(Attachment L)

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

Motion carried.

Change Order –
Concrete
Foundations

21. Motion made by Mr. Grove and second by Mr. Gossard to approve the Change Order regarding GC-012 removal of concrete foundations at a cost of \$4,793.40.

(Attachment L)

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

Motion carried.

Change Order -
Existing Manhole

22. Motion made by Mr. Grove and second by Mr. Rykala to approve the Change Order regarding PC-004 – replacing the existing manhole at a cost of \$4,915.50.

(Attachment L)

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

Motion carried.

Professional
Resignation

23. Motion made by Mr. Truscello and second by Mr. Grove to approve the resignation of Megan Bodie, elementary teacher, effective June 4, 2013.

(Attachment A-A)

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

Motion carried.

Athletic Transfers

24. Motion made by Mr. Gossard and second by Mr. Rykala to approve the following students transfer to varsity athletics:

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|-------------------|---|--------------|
| Kara Piszczek | - | Cheerleading |
| Cassidie Shultz | - | Cheerleading |
| Cara Cekada | - | Cheerleading |
| Brooke McCleester | - | Cheerleading |
| Mikayla Peruso | - | Cheerleading |
| Melanie Lint | - | Volleyball |
| Lana Lee | - | Volleyball |

(Attachment A-B)

Roll call vote: Four (4) yes, Larry Gossard, Peter J. Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Francis Truscello, Sr. Four (4) no, Jim Grove, Donell Jacoby, David Rykala, Mark Vibostok. One (1) absent, Todd Roberts.

Motion failed

Conemaugh Valley Youth
Football League

25. Motion made by Mr. Gossard and second by Mr. Grove to approve the use of the Jr./Sr. High School and CVES facilities and fields by the Conemaugh Valley Youth Football League and cheerleaders. Dates of the 2013 home games are August 24, September 15, September 29, and October 5, 2013.

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

Motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding

26. Motion made by Mr. Truscello and second by Mr. Grove to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conemaugh Valley School District, the Conemaugh Valley Education Association, and Laurie Stahl.

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

Motion carried.

Cancellation of July 11, 2013 School Board Meeting

27. Motion made by Mr. Grove and second by Mr. Gossard to approve the cancellation of the July 11, 2013, Committee and Regular School Board Monthly Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Truscello, second by Mr. Knaze to adjourn at 8:57 P.M. All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donell Jacoby

Donell Jacoby
Secretary

DJ/ts

Motion made by Mr. Knaze and second by Mr. Grove to approve the following:

- New Text Book 31. New Text Book request of Mrs. Keli Williams and Mr. Shane Hazenstab for Honors English 12 to be in compliance with college-credit courses through Penn Highlands College.
- Title: 75 Readings: An Anthony, 12 Edition Publisher: McGraw-Hill
Cost: \$1,110.81 (includes shipping)
- (Attachment A-E)
- Energy Project Bank
Loan Signatures 32. The Board President and Board Secretary to sign paperwork with First National Bank to obtain a loan to fund the High School Energy Project for a total amount of \$368,000 at a rate of 2.4% for the first 5 years and 3% for years 6 – 10.
- Assistant Jr. High School
Football Coach 33. Brian Bair as Assistant Jr. High Football Coach starting in the 2013-2014 school year pending all clearances and paperwork as per the extra-curricular contract with a starting pay of \$1,500.
- (Attachment A-F)
- St. Francis Co-Op
Agreement 34. Cooperative Agreement between St. Francis University and the Conemaugh Valley School District for the College in High Schooll Program for the 2013-2014 academic year.
- Roll call vote: Nine (9) yes, Larry Gossard, Jim Grove, Donell Jacoby, Peter J. Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, Francis Truscello, Sr., Mark Vibostok.
- Motion carried.