

Conemaugh Valley School District
Board of School Directors
Committee and Regular Meeting
September 9, 2021

Committee
Meeting

The regular monthly Committee Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, September 9, 2021, in the Auditorium of the Conemaugh Valley High School. The meeting was called to order by President, Todd Roberts at 6:36 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., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Michelle LaRose, Attorney Brian Litzinger, Mandy Livai, Eric Miller, and Jeffrey Miller. Absent: Rebecca Castiglione.

Speakers

1. Melissa Uzelac (district parent) – Spoke about the following:
 - a. The testing program and COVID testing on-site from the Department of Health. - Need parental concern - Ginkgo Bioworks.
 - b. Article in the Tribune Democrat on 9/8/2021 quoting the need for mask and for 3 feet separation.
2. Fontana Ross, representing the Senior Class of 2022, urging the school district to continue using the masks so that the class can have in-school learning.
3. Kelly Weimer (district parent) – Spoke about the quarantine of healthy students, presented a petition of citizen’s signatures that want parental choice of using masks or not.
4. Kathleen Weimer (district parent and small business owner) – Spoke about her concern for her child and masking.
5. Crystal Burkhart (district parent) – Spoke about her support of masking of students and keeping children in school.
6. Christine Baughman (Executive Director of Cambria County Child Development Corp.) – Spoke about the new Pre-K Program. Board members visited the new location in East Conemaugh.
7. Mandy Livai (CV’s Director of Student Services) – Spoke about the Special Education Program at the District and the PA state review in November.

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8. Jeffrey Miller (High School Principal) – Spoke about the District 6 Committee meeting and upcoming sports.

Communications None

Executive Session Motion by Miss Ribblett, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Issues at 7:37 P.M.

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

Executive
Session End

Motion by Mr. Rykala, second by Mr. Truscello, Sr., to end Executive Session at 8:45 P.M.

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ross, second by Mr. Markiewicz to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 8:46 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, September 9, 2021, in the Auditorium of the Conemaugh Valley High School. The meeting was called to order by President, Todd Roberts at 8:46 P.M. Roll call of members present: Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, Melissa Ross, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Michelle LaRose, Mandy Livai, Attorney Brian Litzinger, Eric Miller, and Jeffrey Miller. Absent: Rebecca Castiglione.

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Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Ross, second by Mr. Markiewicz to accept and place on file the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting from August 12, 2021.

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

Motion Carried.

Bills

Motion by Mr. Rykala, second by Mr. Truscello, Sr. to accept and place on file the Payment of Bills Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$1,402,995.52.

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.

Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to approve the following:

Resignation/
Professional
Employee

1. The resignation of Kaylee Moyer, Elementary Teacher, effective immediately, with permission to post this position.

(Attachment A)

Resignation/
Professional
Employee

2. The resignation of Katie Torres, Elementary Teacher, effective immediately, with permission to post this position.

(Attachment B)

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Resignation/
Professional
Employee

3. The resignation of Whitney Warmus, High School Physical Education/Health Teacher, Asst. Golf Coach, and Head Jr. High Girls' Basketball Coach, effective immediately, with permission to post this position.

(Attachment C)

Resignation/
Support Staff
Employee

4. The resignation of Louis Vigna, Custodian, effective September 17, 2021, with permission to post this position.

(Attachment D)

Resignation/
Extra-Curricular –
Jr. High Asst.
Girls' Basketball
Coach

5. The resignation of Leigh Ann Dunn, Asst. Jr. High Girls' Basketball Coach, effective immediately, with permission to post this position.

(Attachment E)

Resignation/
Extra-Curricular –
Jr. High Asst.
Girls' Volleyball
Coach

6. The resignation of Jodi Reynolds, Assistant Jr. High Girls' Volleyball Coach, effective immediately, with permission to post this position.

(Attachment F)

Resignation/
Support Staff
Employee

7. The resignation of Stephanie Biss, Cleaner, effective immediately, with permission to post this position.

(Handout)

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Volunteer Coaches-
Jr. High Volleyball

8. The following as volunteer coaches for the Girls' Jr. High Volleyball team:

Cam Ferguson and Jodi Reynolds

Note: These approvals are pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

Acting Principal
Placement

9. The placement of Michelle LaRose as Acting Elementary Principal pending certification. Note: Certification is expected on or before September 30, 2021.

Hire – Long-Term
Substitute

10. The hiring of Cassidie Shultz as a Long-Term Professional Substitute – Elementary Learning Support, at a salary of \$28,000.00 with benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. Note: This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

Hire – Professional
Employee

11. The hiring of Tiffany Glass as a Professional Employee – Elementary Teacher, at a salary of \$28,000.00 with benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. Note: This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

Hire – Extra-Curricular
Jr. High Assistant
Boys Basketball
Coach

12. The hiring of John Tullis as the Jr. High Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at a salary of \$1,500.00. This hire will be for the 2021-2022 school year only as this is the last year of the 3-year extra-curricular contract. Note: This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

(Attachment G)

Professional
Substitutes
Through Ignite
Education Solutions

13. The attached slate of professional substitutes as provided by Ignite Education Solutions.

(Attachment H)

Board Policy
Manual Revisions-
Section 200-
Pupils

14. The attached Policy Manual Revisions for the following Board Policies, with the exception of Policies 216 & 218, in which the revisions were provided by PSBA and reviewed by the School Board Policy Committee:

Policy Number & Name	Policy Number & Name
212 – Reporting Student Progress Reporting Pupil Progress	219 – Student Complaint Process
213 – Assessment of Student Progress – DELETE	220 – Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
214 – Class Rank	221 – Dress and Grooming
215 – Promotion and Retention	222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products
216 – Student Records ON HOLD	223 – Use of Bicycles/Motor Vehicles Use of Skateboards, Bicycles and Motor Vehicles
216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records – ON HOLD	223.1 – Student Driving & Parking Lot Privileges DELETE
217 – Graduation Requirements	224 – Care of School Property
218 – Student Discipline ON HOLD	225 – Students and the Police DELETE
218.1 – Weapons Firearms/Weapons	226 - Searches
218.2 – Terroristic Threats	227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia Drug Awareness
218.3 – Discipline of Student Convicted/ Adjudicated of Sexual Assault	228 – Student Government

(Attachment I)

SECOND READING
WAIVE READING

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

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Agreement with
ACRP –
Adolescent PHP

15. The agreement with ACRP to provide partial hospitalization services at a cost of \$100.00 per day, to district students. Note: This cost remains the same as last year.

(Attachment J)

Agreement with
ACRP – Autistic
Services

16. The agreement with ACRP to provide academic and counseling services to district students in Kindergarten through grade 5 who are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders. This service will be utilized on an as-needed basis. The cost of student enrollment will be \$160.00 per day per student.

(Attachment K)

Agreement with
ACRP – Mental
Health Therapy

17. The agreement with ACRP to provide on-site Mental Health Therapists for students referred by the school district. This service will be utilized on an as-needed basis.

(Attachment L)

MOA with Cambria
County Drug &
Alcohol Program

18. The agreement with the Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Program to provide us with the Student Assistance Program for the 2021-2022 school year.

(Handout)

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Resignation/
Professional
Employee

19. The resignation of Heather Bortz, Elementary Teacher, effective September 22, 2021, with permission to post this position.

(Attachment AA)

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Richards, second by Mr. Markiewicz, to adjourn meeting at 8:54 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donell Jacoby

Donell Jacoby
Board Secretary

DJ/cm