

Regular Board Meeting
June 8, 2023

Adjournment Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Miss Ribblett to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 8:03 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 8, 2023, in the Music Room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Secretary, Donell Jacoby at 8:04 P.M. Roll call of members present: Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, James Stiffler, Jr., and Dawn Thompson. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Michelle LaRose, Attorney Brian Litzinger, Mandy Livai, Eric Miller, Jeffrey Miller, and Brian Randall. Absent: Todd Roberts, David Rykala, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Communications None

Minutes and Reports Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mrs. Richards, to accept and place on file the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2023; the Minutes from the Athletic Committee Meeting of May 8, 2023, and the Minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting of May 30, 2023; Bills paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$1,402,924.85; Cafeteria Bills Paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$35,963.81; Cafeteria Receipt Ledger for April 2023; Athletic Reconciliation Summary for May 2023; the Treasurer's Report for May with a balance of \$1,558,145.23; the Budget Summary Report for May 2023; and the PLGIT Investment Holdings Accounts for May 2023.

Roll call vote: Six (6) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, James Stiffler, Jr., and Dawn Thompson. Three (3) Absent: Todd Roberts, David Rykala, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

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2023-2024
General Fund
Budget

1. Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mr. Markiewicz to approve the the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget for the Conemaugh Valley School District.

Adoption of General Fund Budget

- A. Resolved that a budget for the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 be adopted as herein specified.
 1. Anticipated Revenue to be **\$14,559,000**
 2. Anticipated Opening Balance to be **\$7,368,911**
 3. Anticipated Expenditures and Budgetary Reserve to be **\$21,927,911**
- B. Resolved that real estate taxes in the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 be set at **59.7772** mills per one dollar of assessed Valuation on **.0597772** 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 2023-2024 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.

Roll call vote: Six (6) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, James Stiffler, Jr., and Dawn Thompson.
Three (3) Absent: Todd Roberts, David Rykala, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

2023 Homestead
Farmstead
Resolution

2. Motion by Mr. Stiffler, Jr., second by Miss Ribblett to approve the 2023 Homestead/Farmstead Resolution for the Conemaugh Valley School District.

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, 2023 under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), 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, 2023.
 - 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 **\$342,944.52**.
 - b. **Aggregate amount available.** The aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is **\$342,944.52**.

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 **1873**.
 - 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 **1877**.

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 **\$342,944.52** by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of **1877** the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is **\$182.71**.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of **\$182.71** School District real estate tax rate of **59.7772** mills **.0597772** be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is **\$3,057** and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is **\$3,057**.

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 **\$3,057**. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved 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 **\$3,057**.

Roll call vote: Six (6) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, James Stiffler, Jr., and Dawn Thompson.
Three (3) Absent: Todd Roberts, David Rykala, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Stiffler, Jr., second by Miss Ribblett to approve the following:

Insurance
Renewal

3. The renewal of the Worker’s Compensation, General Liability, Package, Auto, Umbrella, Errors and Omissions, Boiler, and Cyber coverage for the 2023-2024 school year as proposed by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. with a premium of \$89,716.00.

(Attachment A)

East Conemaugh
Borough Tax
Collector

4. The appointment of Victoria Hritz as Tax Collector for East Conemaugh Borough effective June 8, 2023.

Student Activity
Account Report

5. The monthly report for the Student Activity Account for the month of May 2023.

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Conferences 6. Members of the Board of Education and Administration to attend related workshops, conferences, and conventions during the 2023-2024 school year.

Grant Application 7. The Superintendent and/or Business Manager to apply for grants including: state, federal, and private foundations for the 2023-2024 school year.

Community Eligibility Provision Program 8. The District's participation in the Community Eligibility Provision Program for the 2023-2024 school year. This program offers free breakfast and lunch to all District students.

School Meal & Milk Price Increases 9. The following price increases for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Adult lunch\$4.75 (increase of .70)
- Adult breakfast.....\$2.40 (increase .30)
- Milk..... .50 (no increase)
- 2nd Student Lunch.....\$3.50 (increase .50)
- 2nd Student Breakfast \$2.00 (no increase)

Asphalt Repairs 10. SMP Asphalt Maintenance to perform asphalt repairs to the District Access Road and the High School Football Track, as quoted at a price not to exceed \$9,800.00.

(Attachment B)

Roll call vote: Six (6) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, James Stiffler, Jr., and Dawn Thompson.
Three (3) Absent: Todd Roberts, David Rykala, and Francis Truscello, Sr.

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Sale of Unused
Property

11. Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mr. Markiewicz to accept the bid from Nathan Grush, in the amount of \$15,050.00, for the purchase of district property with the parcel #23-024.-506.000 in Echo, East Taylor Township.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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

Extra-Curricular Hire/
Safety Committee
Member

12. The hiring of Quenna (Kist) Polonkey as a safety committee member, beginning with the 2022-2023 SY, at a salary of \$111.00.

Master Agreement
w/Ignite Education
Solutions

13. The Master Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide long-term, contracted, and substitute staff to Conemaugh Valley on an as-needed basis for the 2023-2024 school year.

(Attachment C)

Support Staff
Substitute Agreement
w/Ignite Education
Solutions

14. The Support Staff Substitute Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for the 2023-2024 school year to provide Support Staff Substitutes on an as-needed basis at a rate of \$12.10 per hour plus administrative costs.

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Agreement with
Impact Counseling
Services, LLC

15. The agreement with Impact Counseling Services, LLC to provide out-patient Drug & Alcohol Treatment services to CV students, at no cost to the district, for the 2023-2024 SY.

(Attachment E)

Resignation-
Professional Staff

16. The resignation of Marlynn Goodrich, HS Spanish Teacher, along with the position of HS Social Media Coordinator, effective May 30, 2023, with permission to post these positions.

(Attachment G)

Resignation –
Support Staff

17. The resignation of Brooke Buchan, Teacher’s Aide, effective June 30, 2023, with permission to post the position.

(Attachment H)

Extra-Curricular
Resignation – HS
SWPBIS Team

18. The resignation of Leigh Ann Dunn from the extra-curricular position of HS SWPBIS Team member, effective May 30, 2023, with permission to post the position.

(Attachment I)

Extra-Curricular
Resignation – HS
SWPBIS Team

19. The resignation of Renee Lee from the extra-curricular position of HS SWPBIS Team member, effective May 30, 2023, with permission to post the position.

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Extra-Curricular
Resignation – HS
SWPBIS Team

20. The resignation of Beth Moore from the extra-curricular position of HS SWPBIS Team member, effective May 30, 2023, with permission to post the position.

(Attachment K)

Extra-Curricular
Resignation – HS
SWPBIS Team

21. The resignation of Keli Koop Williams from the extra-curricular position of HS SWPBIS Team member, effective May 30, 2023, with permission to post the position.

(Attachment L)

Retirement-
Support Staff

22. The retirement of Christina Coleman – PIMS Coordinator/Child Accounting/Confidential Secretary, effective June 30, 2023, with permission to post this position.

(Attachment M)

Retirement-
Support Staff

23. The retirement of Adelheid Bozic –Cook’s Helper, effective May 31, 2023, with permission to post this position.

(Attachment N)

Volunteer Coaches

24. The following as volunteer coaches for the 2023-2024 season pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork:

Varsity Volleyball – Anna Gunby
Varsity Football - Anthony Damiano
- Bobby McNulty

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Hire-Support Staff –
Head Cook

25. The hiring of Shawn McGough as a Head Cook at a salary of \$16.00 per hour with benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. Note: This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

Extra-Curricular
Hire – Asst. Coach/
Varsity Boys
Basketball

26. The hiring of Tyrell Williams as the Assistant Coach for Varsity Boys Basketball Team at a salary of \$3,150.00. Note: This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

Extra-Curricular
Hire – Head Coach/
Junior High
Boys Basketball

27. The hiring of Roland Toth as the Head Coach for the Junior High Boys Basketball Team at a salary of \$2,625.00. Note: This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

Consultation
Services

28. Motion by Mr. Stiffler, Jr., second by Mrs. Richards to approve the Superintendent to seek consultation services for staffing and program review at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00.

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

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Motion by Mr. Markiewicz, second by Mrs. Thompson to approve the following:

New High
School Text
Book Adoption

29. The adoption of the new High School Science series, Conservation Science Curriculum, by publisher Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation, at a cost of \$1,255.00. This cost includes a \$100.00 license fee for on-line access.

(Attachment P)

Resignation-
Professional Staff

30. The resignation of Laura Troy, Elementary Art Teacher, along with the positions of Student Council Co-Advisor and Elementary Art Club Advisor, effective May 30, 2023, with permission to post these positions.

(Attachment Q)

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mrs. Richards to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donell Jacoby
Board Secretary

DJ/cm