

Conemaugh Valley School District
Board of School Directors
Committee and Regular Meeting
June 18, 2025

Committee
Meeting

The Regular Monthly Committee Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, in the Board Room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President, David Rykala at 6:38 P.M. A moment of silence was observed. A flag salute was led by Michelle LaRose. Roll call of members present: Jody Gustkey (arrived at 6:45PM), Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Heather Richards, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., and Dawn Thompson. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Michelle LaRose, Eric Miller, Brian Randall and Attorney Brian Litzinger. Absent: Hannah Ribblett and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Speakers

1. Melissa Uzelac, concerned parent, spoke about the security of the schools after the public incident at the high school.
2. Mr. Stiffler, Chair of the Finance Committee, spoke about the budget being approved tonight. CV is within approximately \$70 - \$80 of balancing the budget. A \$30,000.00 check was given by a private donor to the school district to be used by the REACH Program.
3. Mr. Markiewicz, Chair of the Athletic Committee: He discussed the upcoming budget for Athletics. Raises for coaches were discussed and are scheduled to be approved. Coaches that qualified for district and state playoffs will be paid stipends and retro-active for this year. We will upgrade and purchase banners for the gym for district level achievements. Also, he recommended all students be able to attend volleyball games with no cost.
4. Mr. Hazenstab, Superintendent, spoke about Cyber/Charter reform bill at the state level. More information to come. He also talked about a CV Cyber system through the IU8. More information as available.
5. Mr. Eric Miller, Business Manager, spoke about the summer feeding program. We had 600 people attend with a possibility of 1,000 people attending. Very well run.
6. Dr. Brian Randall, High School Principal, spoke to Ferndale's Athletic Director about a co-oping cheerleaders. We are not interested in doing this.

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Executive Session Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mrs. Gustkey to enter into Executive Session for Legal and Personnel Issues at 8:15 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Executive Session End Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mrs. Gustkey to end Executive Session at 9:40 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Adjournment Motion by Mrs. Richards, second by Mr. Markiewicz to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 9:41 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 Wednesday, June 18, 2025, in the Board Room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President, David Rykala at 9:43 P.M. Roll call of members present: Jody Gustkey, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Heather Richards, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., and Dawn Thompson. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Michelle LaRose, Eric Miller, Brian Randall and Attorney Brian Litzinger. Absent: Hannah Ribblett and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Communications PSBA Thank You for renewing Conemaugh Valley's Membership

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Minutes and
Reports

Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to accept and place on file the minutes from the Committee and Regular Board Meeting of May 7, 2025; Special Board Meeting of May 28, 2025; May Bills Paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$1,371,241.99, HRA Account in the amount of \$140,000.00; May Cafeteria Bills Paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$31,026.76; Cafeteria Receipt Ledger for April 2025 in the amount of \$4,779.21; the Treasurer's Report for May with a balance of \$2,762,241.80; Period & YTD Revenues/Expenses Report for May 2025 and the PLGIT Investment Holdings Account for May 2025.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

1. New Business – General Administration

Motion by Mrs. Richards, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to approve the following:

CVSD

Comprehensive
Plan 2025-2026

- A. The attached District Comprehensive Plan for the school years of 2025-2028. (Attachment A)

Kindergarten & Pre-K
Orientation Date

- B. The date for Kindergarten and Pre-K Orientation as Wednesday, August 13, 2025. Kindergarten will be a 9:00AM and Pre-K will be at 11:00AM.

Elementary Student
Handbook for
2025-2026

- C. The Elementary Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 School Year. (Attachment B)

High School
Student Handbook
for 2025-2026

- D. The High School Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 School Year. (Attachment C)

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

2. New Business – Business and Finance

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

School Age Agmt
through Appalachia
Intermediate Unit 8

- A. The School-Age Educations Services Agreement between Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 and the Conemaugh Valley School District for the 2025-2026 School Year. (Attachment D)

Agreement with
Ignite Educational
Solutions

- B. The agreement with Ignite Educational Solutions to staff the Transition Classroom for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment E)

Agreement with
Ignite Educational
Solutions

- C. The agreement with Ignite Educational Solutions to staff the Elementary Behavior Intervention Classroom for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment F)

Contract
Addendum with
Pressley Ridge

- D. The addendum to the original contract of July 1, 2017 with Pressley Ridge. This contract runs through the 2025-2026 SY with a semester rate (per student) of \$18,900.00. And any student enrolled in ESY 2026 at an annual rate of \$1,500.00. (Attachment G)

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Agreement with
Adagio Health —
SNAP-Education
Program

- E. The agreement with Adagio Health to implement the SNAP-Education Program for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment H)

Student and Athletic
Insurance Renewal

- F. The renewal of the Student Athletic Insurance Coverage for the 2025-2026 school year as proposed by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. with a premium of \$17,794.00. (Attachment I)

Insurance Renewal

- G. The renewal of the Worker's Compensation, General Liability, Package, Auto, Umbrella, and Errors and Omissions, Boiler, and Cyber Coverage for the 2025-2026 school year as proposed by Arthur J. Gallagher & Company with a premium of \$97,836. (Attachment J)

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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

2025-2026 General
Fund Budget

- H. The 2025-2026 General Fund Budget for the Conemaugh Valley School District.

Adoption of General Fund Budget

1. Resolved that a budget for the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 be adopted as herein specified.
 - a. Anticipated Revenue to be **\$14,697,700**
 - b. Anticipated Opening Balance to be **\$3,674,529**
 - c. Anticipated Expenditures and Budgetary Reserve to be **\$18,440,329**
2. Resolved that real estate taxes in the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 be set at **64.4** mills per one dollar of assessed Valuation on **.0644** per \$100 of assessed valuation.

3. Resolved that taxes under the local Tax Enabling Act (Act 511) for the Conemaugh Valley School District be enacted for the 2025-2026 fiscal year as follows:
 - a. Earned Income Tax at one-half of one percent.
 - b. Occupational Privilege Tax of \$5.00 per taxable.
 - c. Real Estate Transfer Tax at one percent.

CVSD 2025 Homestead
and Farmstead
Resolution

I. CONEMAUGH VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025
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, 2025 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, 2025.
 - 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 **\$462,594**.
 - b. **Aggregate amount available.** The aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is **\$462,594**.
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 **1828**.
 - 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 **1832**.
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 **\$462,594** by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of **1832** the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is **\$252.51**.
4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of **\$252.51** School District real estate tax rate of **64.4** mills **.0644** be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved home-stead is **\$3,920.97** and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is **\$3,920.97**.
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 **\$3,920.97**. 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 **\$3,920.97**.

Roll call vote: Seven (7) Yes: Jody Gustkey, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Heather Richards, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr. and Dawn Thompson. Two (2) Absent: Hannah Ribblett and Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Thompson second by Mrs. Gustkey to approve the following:

2025-2026
Bid Results

J. To accept the following Bid Results for the 2025-2026 school year.

2025-2026 BIDS	COMPANY	BID AMOUNT
CUSTODIAL	Clearfield Wholesale	\$ 1,148.00
	Colker Company	\$ 2,622.83
	Fagan Sanitary Supply	\$ 4,334.05
	Interboro Packaging	\$ 29.80
	Metco Supply	\$ 257.34
	Sunseri Wholesale	\$ 4,273.20
	UniPak Corp	\$ 1,917.50
	TOTAL	\$ 14,582.72
MEDICAL	Gray Physicians Supply	\$ 1,136.04
	School Health	\$ 807.12
	TOTAL	\$ 1,943.16

Athletic Budget
for 2025-2026

K. The Athletic Budget, as submitted for the 2025-2026 SY. (Handout)

Student Activity
Account Report

L. The Student Activity Account Report for April 2025. (Attachment K)

Student Activity
Account Report

M. The Student Activity Account Report for May 2025. (Attachment L)

CV Athletic
Account Report

N. The CV Athletic Account Report for May 2025. (Attachment M)

- Salary Adjustments O. The following salary adjustments for non-instructional employees not covered under the collective bargaining agreement. Adjustments are listed below and effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>2027-2028</u>
Supervisors: Buildings & Grounds	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Food Service Director	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Superintendent Secretary	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Accts Rec/Payable/ Benefits Clerk	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Child Accounting/PIMS Coordinator	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Payroll/Retirement Clerk	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Head Cooks	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
LPNs	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

3. New Business – Personnel

Note: All Personnel action items approved by the Board below including new paid hires, approvals of non-paid or volunteer positions, or otherwise shall be dependent upon the District's receipt of all required clearances and paperwork.

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

Professional Staff
Retirement

- A. Rhonda Thomas' retirement as a Special Education Teacher effective May 30, 2025. (Attachment N)

Professional Staff
Retirement

- B. Kathie McBreen's retirement as a Business Teacher effective May 30, 2025. (Attachment O)

Professional Staff
Retirement

- C. Thomas Moran's retirement as a Secondary Math Teacher effective May 30, 2025. (Attachment P)

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| Professional Staff Retirement | D. | John Rok's retirement as a Secondary Math Teacher effective May 30, 2025. (Attachment Q) |
| Professional Staff Resignation | E. | Liliann Romero's resignation as a Foreign Language Teacher effective June 6, 2025. (Attachment R) |
| Professional Staff Resignation | F. | Jenna Danchanko's resignation as an Elementary Teacher effective June 18, 2025. (Attachment S) |
| Professional Staff Resignation | G. | Megan Hamilton's resignation as an Elementary Teacher effective July 31, 2025. (Handout) |
| Hire – Support Staff
Part-time Cleaner | H. | The hiring of James Ladebue as a part-time Cleaner at a salary of \$12.10 per hour. |
| Hire – Support Staff
Part-time Cleaner | I. | The hiring of Jacob Hollingworth as a part-time Cleaner at a salary of \$12.10 per hour. |
| Hire – Support Staff
Cook's Helper | J. | The hiring of Kayla Rager as a Cook's Helper at a salary of \$12.10 per hour. |
| Extracurricular Hire | K. | The hiring of Tyrieke Taylor as the Junior High Head Boys Basketball Coach at a salary of \$2,625.00. |

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Extracurricular
Hire

- L. The hiring of Nicholas Boslet as the Strength and Conditioning Coach at a salary of \$2,100.00.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Richards, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to approve the following:

Playoff
Bonus Pay

- M. Bonus pay for paid coaches who qualify for district and/or state playoffs based on the following:
- \$100.00 bonus stipend for each paid varsity coach when their team qualifies for PIAA District 6 Playoffs.
 - \$100.00 bonus stipend for each paid varsity coach when their team qualifies for PIAA State Playoffs.
- Note: This bonus is effective retroactivity for the 2024-2025 school year and moving forward.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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

Extracurricular
Salary Increases

- N. To increase all Athletic Coaches salaries by 3% for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Note: This applies to all coaches who are in at least their second year.

Student Attendance
Volleyball Games

- O. To permit students to attend all CV home Volleyball games free of charge for the fall 2025 season.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

4. Addendum Items

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

Addendum
Approval

- A. The amendment of the June Board Agenda by adding an addendum.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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

Position Postings

- B. To advertise for the following positions:
- High School Special Education Teacher (2 positions)
 - High School Math Teacher
 - 8th Grade English Teacher
 - K-6 Elementary Teacher (2 positions)
 - K-6 Elementary School Special Education Teacher
 - Foreign Language Teacher

Hire – Professional
Employee
Music Teacher

- C. To hire Erin Rute as a Music Teacher at a salary of \$36,500.00 and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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

Use of Facilities
CV Youth Football
League

- D. To allow the CVYFL the use of the CV Football Field for their league home games on August 30, September 13, & 27, 2025. (Attachment A-A)

All "Ayes". Motion Carried. (D. Thompson Abstain)

5. Adjournment

Motion to

Adjourn Meeting

- A. Motion by Mr. Markiewicz, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Donell Jacoby

Mrs. Donell Jacoby
Board Secretary