

Conemaugh Valley School District  
Board of School Directors  
Committee and Regular Meeting  
June 14, 2018

Committee Meeting

The regular monthly Committee Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, June 14, 2018, in the Art/ Music room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman, Dr. David Lehman at 6:34 P.M. A moment of silence was observed. A flag salute was led by Shane Hazenstab. Roll call of members present: Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, Melissa Ross, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Attorney John Kuzmiak, David Lehman, and Eric Miller. Absent: Todd Roberts, Mark Vibostok, and Rebecca Castiglione.

Speakers

1. Ms. Katrina Perkosky and Mr. Michael Kane of the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies spoke about Scholarship Guidelines PATH (Partnerships for Access to Higher Education Program).
2. Gittings Protective Security spoke about the proposal for the School Resource Officer. Several members of Gittings Security spoke about Gittings Information on training and equipment.
3. Travis Miller, East Taylor Township Supervisor, spoke about the bid package that was presented for security.

Communications

Letter from Galliker's Dairy expressing their thanks for our milk business with them during the 2017-2018 school year.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Rykala to enter into Executive Session for Legal and Personnel Issues at 7:41 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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Executive  
Session End

Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Ross to end Executive Session at 8:33 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Ross to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 8:33 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried

Regular Board  
Meeting

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Temporary  
Board  
President

1. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Jacoby to appoint David Rykala as temporary Board President for the June 2018 meeting of the Board of School Directors.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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Minutes &  
Reports

Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to accept and place on file the Payment of Bills Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$390,253.84; Cafeteria Bills for Payment in the amount of \$25,086.81; Cafeteria Revenue Report for April 2018; the Treasurer's Report for May 2018 in the amount of \$3,158,067.23; Condensed Expenditure Summary Report for May 2018; Condensed Revenue Summary Report for May 2018; PLGIT Investment Holdings Account for May 2018.

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Melissa Ross, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Two (2) absent, Todd Roberts and Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Jacoby, second by Mr. Truscello, Sr. to approve the following:

Elementary  
Orientations

2. The following dates and times for Elementary Orientations for the 2018-2019 school year:

Kindergarten	August 16, 2018	9:00 a.m.
Pre-K	August 16, 2018	11:00 a.m.

Grade 7 and  
New Student  
Orientation

3. The Grade 7 and new student orientation at the Conemaugh Valley Jr./Sr. High School for August 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Melissa Ross, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Two (2) absent, Todd Roberts and Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

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Hire – Special  
Education  
Coordinator

4. Motion by Mrs. Jacoby, second by Mrs. Richards to approve the hiring of Michael Chappie as the contracted Special Education Coordinator at a salary of \$325.00 per day for the 2018-2019 school year.

Note: The number of days will be established at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Melissa Ross, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Two (2) absent, Todd Roberts and Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

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

Conferences

5. For members of the Board of Education and Administration to attend related workshops, conferences, and conventions during the 2018-2019 school year.

IU08 Teacher  
Induction Program

6. The new and second year teachers to take part in the IU08 Teacher Induction Program for the 2018-2019 school year. The cost will be \$150.00 for new teachers and \$50 for second year teachers.

Resignation –  
Frontline  
Co-Advisor

7. The resignation of Annette Rigby as Frontline Co-Advisor effective immediately.

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Resignation --  
Varsity Cheer  
Coach

8. The resignation of Wendy Stahl as Varsity Cheer Coach effective immediately.  
  
(Attachment B)

Resignation --  
Varsity Cheer  
Coach

9. The resignation of Brooke Buchan as Varsity Cheer Coach effective immediately.  
  
(Attachment C)

Hire -- ESY  
Teacher

10. The hiring of Kara Matthews as an Extended School Year teacher for the summer of 2018. Note: This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.  
  
(Attachment D)

Letter of  
Agreement-  
Goodwill  
Industries

11. The attached Letter of Agreement between CVSD and Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley, Inc. to provide School to Work Transition Services for the 2018-2019 school year.  
  
(Attachment E)

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School Psychologist  
Agreement with  
Ignite Education  
Solutions

12. The School Psychologist Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$1,811.70 per week.

(Attachment F)

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Melissa Ross, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Two (2) absent, Todd Roberts and Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

Social Worker  
Agreement with  
Ignite Education  
Solutions

13. Motion by Mrs. Jacoby, second by Mr. Truscello, Sr. to approve the Social Worker Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide a Social Worker for the district 2 days a week for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$26,974.20 for the year.

(Attachment G)

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Melissa Ross, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Two (2) absent, Todd Roberts and Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

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

Student and Athletic  
Insurance Renewal

14. The renewal of the Student and Athletic Insurance coverage for the 2018-2019 school year as proposed by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. with a premium of \$18,731.00 for the year.

(Attachment H)

2018-2019 General  
Fund Budget

15. The 2018-2019 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, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 be adopted as herein specified.
  1. Anticipated Revenue to be **\$12,141,252**
  2. Anticipated Opening Balance to be **\$5,475,314**
  3. Anticipated Expenditures and Budgetary Reserve to be **\$17,616,566**
- B. Resolved that real estate taxes in the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 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 2018-2019 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.

2018 CVSD  
Homestead and  
Farmstead  
Exclusion  
Resolution

16. Conemaugh Valley School District 2018 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, 2018 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, 2018.
  - 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 **\$272,070**.
  - b. **Aggregate amount available.** The aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is **\$272,070**.
  
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 **1980**.
  - b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is **3**.
  - c. **Homestead/Farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and farmsteads is **1983**.



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 **\$272,070** by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of **1983** the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is **\$137.21**.
4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of **\$137.21** 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 **\$2,295** and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is **\$2,295**.
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 **\$2,295**. 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 **\$2,295**.

Athletic Budget -  
2018-2019 SY

17. The Athletic Budget, as submitted, for the 2018-2019 school year.  
  
(Attachment I)

2018-2019 Athletic  
Bid Results

18. The Athletic Bid Results for the 2018-2019 school year.  
  
(Attachment I)

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Volunteer  
Coaches

19. The following as volunteer coaches for the 2018-2019 school year pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork:

Varsity Volleyball – Jeanette Heider  
Junior High Volleyball – Jennifer Kohler

(Attachment J)

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Melissa Ross, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Two (2) absent, Todd Roberts and Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

Security Company  
Hiring

20. Motion by Mrs. Jacoby, second by Mr. Truscello, Sr. to approve the hiring of Gittings Security, Inc. as the security provider for the CVSD with the following terms as per the contract proposal:

Length of Contract: 3 years

Contracted Pay Rate: \$25.09/hour – includes Marked Company Car  
- \$1.00/hour increase for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> years of contract

Extra-Curricular Pay Rate: \$23.21/hour (4 hours or more)

Extra-Curricular Pay Rate: \$33.21/hour (4 hours or less)

Number of Officers: 1

(Attachment K)

Roll call vote: Six (6) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, Melissa Ross, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. One (1) no, David Rykala. Two (2) absent, Todd Roberts and Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

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

Resolution –  
Amend PIAA  
Classifications  
To Level the  
Competitive  
Arena

21. The attached resolution to amend PIAA Classifications to level the competitive arena.

(Attachment L)

Suspend July  
Board Meeting

22. The suspension of the Thursday, July 12, 2018, Board of School Directors meeting.

Resignation  
Approval

23. The Superintendent to post open positions prior to the August Board of School Directors meeting. Note: The Board of School Directors will officially approve all resignations at the August Board of School Directors meeting.

Student Activity  
Account Report  
for May 2018

24. The Student Activity Account Report for May 2018.

(Attachment M)

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Community Eligibility  
Provision Pilot  
Program

25. The District's participation in the Community Eligibility Provision Pilot Program for the 2018-2019 school year. Note: This is a continuation of a pilot program and may not be available beyond the 2018-2019 school year.

(Attachment N)

Adult Meal  
Costs

26. The raising of the price of an adult lunch .10 to \$3.60. The cost of an adult breakfast will remain at \$1.85 with no increase.

(Attachment O)

Penn Highlands  
ACE Program

27. The attached School Partnership Agreement between Penn Highlands Community College and the Conemaugh Valley SD.

(Attachment P)

Agreement between  
CVSD and Vantage  
PTR for Athletic  
Training Services

28. The attached agreement between CVSD and Vantage PTR for Athletic Training Services for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$6,000.00. Note: There has not been an increase for this item for the past several years.

(Attachment Q)

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Melissa Ross, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Two (2) absent, Todd Roberts and Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

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School Dental  
Service Provider

29. Motion by Mrs. Jacoby, second by Mrs. Richards to approve Timothy Ondrejik, D.M.D. as provider of dental services to the Conemaugh Valley School District at a rate not to exceed \$1,000.00 per year. This agreement will go into effect with the 2018-2019 school year and continue each year after.

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Melissa Ross, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Two (2) absent, Todd Roberts and Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

Audio Equipment  
Purchase for the  
High School  
Gymnasium

30. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Ross to approve the attached quote from Feight-Audio Electronics for the purchase and installation of the upgraded sound system in the CV High School Gymnasium. This cost is not to exceed \$4,758.87.

(Attachment R)

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Melissa Ross, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Two (2) absent, Todd Roberts and Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

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CVHS Gymnasium  
Entrance Bid Award-  
General Contractor

31. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to award the General Contract for the Conemaugh Valley JS/HS Gymnasium Entrance Project to Fred L. Burns for the Base Bid and Alternate Bid Number Option 5 at an amount not to exceed \$102,380.00.

(Handout)

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Melissa Ross, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Two (2) absent, Todd Roberts and Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

CVHS Gymnasium  
Entrance Bid Award-  
Electrical Contractor

32. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Richards to award the Electrical Contract for the Conemaugh Valley JS/HS Gymnasium Entrance Project to Bob Biter Electric at an amount not to exceed \$13,700.00.

(Handout)

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Melissa Ross, James Stiffler, Jr., and Francis Truscello, Sr. Two (2) absent, Todd Roberts and Mark Vibostok.

Motion Carried.

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Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Ross to approve the following:

Resignation-  
Extra-Curricular –  
SciPi Club Advisor

33. The resignation of Amy Beiter as SciPi Club Advisor effective June 7, 2018.

(Attachment A-A)

Resignation –  
Professional  
Staff

34. The resignation of Derrick Hershberger as Secondary Social Studies Teacher, Assistant Forensics Coach, and Head Jr. High Softball Coach at the Conemaugh Valley High School, effective June 8, 2018.

(Attachment A-B)

Resignation –  
Food Service  
Director

35. The resignation of Jesslyn Anslinger as Food Service Director for the District effective June 30, 2018.

(Attachment A-C)

Extra-Curricular  
Hire – Schoolwide  
Positive Behavior  
Support TEAM

36. The hiring of the following 2 additional staff members, bringing the total to 7, to the Elementary Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support TEAM at a salary of \$300.00 per year per position:

Heather Charlton and Mark Roberts

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Salary Increase for  
WestPAC Officials

37. The increase in salary of WestPAC officials by \$10.00 per official per event.

(Attachment A-D)

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Richards, second by Mrs. Ross to adjourn meeting at 8:53 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Donell Jacoby*

Donell Jacoby  
Board Secretary

DJ/cm