

Conemaugh Valley School District
Board of School Directors
Committee and Regular Meeting
June 11, 2020

Committee Meeting

The regular monthly Committee Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, June 11, 2020, in the gymnasium of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Todd Roberts at 6:37 P.M. A moment of silence was observed in support of the Nagle Family. A flag salute was led by Dan Markiewicz. Roll call of members present: Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Todd Roberts, Melissa Ross, David Rykala, and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Rebecca Castiglione, Shane Hazenstab, Attorney John Kuzmiak, Eric Miller, and Jeffrey Miller. Absent: Heather Richards and James Stiffler, Jr.

Speakers

1. Bruce Siwy – representing CV Youth Football League – was inquiring about next year’s athletic plans for fall sports.
2. Shane Hazenstab, Superintendent – spoke about the school reopening plan for fall. More info to share once the Team meets.
3. Eric Miller, Business Manager – spoke about the new gym floor at the High School.

Communications

None

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Rykala to enter into Executive Session for Legal & Personnel Issues at 7:46 P.M.

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

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Executive
Session End

Motion by Mrs. Ross, second by Mr. Markiewicz to end Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ross, second by Mr. Markiewicz to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 8:15 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 11, 2020, in the gymnasium of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Todd Roberts at 8:15 P.M. Roll call of members present: Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Todd Roberts, Melissa Ross, David Rykala, and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Rebecca Castiglione, Shane Hazenstab, Attorney John Kuzmiak, Eric Miller, and Jeffrey Miller. Absent: Heather Richards and James Stiffler, Jr.

Minutes &
Reports

Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Markiewicz to accept and place on file the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of May 14, 2020; the Payment of Bills Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$603,477.87; Cafeteria Bills for Payment for May in the amount of \$39,213.15; The Hot Lunch Receipt Ledger for April-June 2020; the Treasurer's Report for May 2020 in the amount of \$2,987,274.54; the Condensed Expenditure Summary Report for May 2020; the Condensed Revenue Summary Report for May 2020; PLGIT Investment Holdings Account for May 2020.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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Hire – Professional
Employee

1. Motion by Mrs. Ross, second by Mr. Truscello to approve the hiring of Lindsay Lewis as a professional employee, Business/Technology Teacher, at a salary of \$29,850.00 and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. The salary includes her Master’s Degree and credit for 1 year as a long-term substitute for the district. Note: This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork and will begin with the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Todd Roberts, Melissa Ross, David Rykala, and Francis Truscello, Sr.
Absent: Two (2) Heather Richards and James Stiffler, Jr.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Miss Ribblett, second by Mrs. Ross to approve the following:

Hire – Special
Education
Coordinator

2. The hiring of Michael Chappie as the contracted Special Education Coordinator at a salary of \$350.00 per day for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Chappie will work for up to 144 days of the school year.

Elementary
Orientations

3. The following dates for Elementary Orientations, with social distancing protocols in place, if needed:

August 19, 2020 – PreK
August 20, 2020 – Kindergarten

Grade 7 and New
Student Orientation

4. The Grade 7 and New Student Orientation for the HS for August 12, 2020 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm with social distancing protocols in place, if needed.

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Conferences 5. Members of the Board of Education and Administration to attend related workshops, conferences, and conventions during the 2020-2021 school year.

IU08 Teacher Induction Program 6. The new and second year teachers to take part in the IU08 Teacher Induction Program for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$150.00 for new teachers and \$50.00 for second year teachers.

Grant Application 7. The superintendent to apply for grants including: state, federal, and private foundations for the 2020-2021 school year.

2020-2021 General Fund Budget 8. The 2020-2021 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, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 be adopted as herein specified.

1. Anticipated Revenue to be **\$13,535,700**
2. Anticipated Opening Balance to be **\$6,710,688**
3. Anticipated Expenditures and Budgetary Reserve to be **\$20,246,388**

B. Resolved that real estate taxes in the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 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 2020-2021 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 2020
Homestead and
Farmstead
Resolution

9. Conemaugh Valley School District 2020 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, 2020 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, 2020.
 - 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 **\$272,093**.
 - b. **Aggregate amount available.** The aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is **\$272,093**.

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 **1946**.
 - 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 **1949**.

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 **\$272,093** by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of **1949** the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is **\$139.61**.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of **\$139.61** 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 **\$2,336** and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is **\$2,336**.

Social Worker
Agreement with
Ignite Education
Solutions

10. The Social Worker Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, for the 2020-2021 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$40,461.30 for the year.

(Attachment A)

School Psychologist
Agreement with
Ignite Education
Solutions

11. The School Psychologist Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, for the 2020-2021 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$96,624.00 for the year.

(Attachment B)

Substitute Support
Staff Agreement with
Ignite Education
Solutions

12. The Substitute Support Staff Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for the 2020-2021 school year.

(Attachment C)

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Personal Care Aide
Agreement with Ignite
Education Solutions

13. The Personal Care Aide Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, for the 2020-2021 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$78.51 per day. this aide will be working with a CV student being educated at the Forest Hills Jr./Sr. High School.

(Attachment D)

Personal Care Aide
Agreement with Ignite
Education Solutions

14. The Personal Care Aide Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, for the 2020-2021 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$99.52 per day. This aide will be working with a CV student being educated at the Westmont Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School.

(Attachment E)

Substitute Personal Care
Aide Agreement with
Ignite Education
Solutions

15. The Substitute Personal Care Aide Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, for the 2020-2021 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$78.51 per day.

(Attachment F)

ESY Teacher Staffing
Agreement with Ignite
Education Solutions

16. The Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide ESY teacher(s), as needed, for the month of July 2020 for CVSD students at a cost of \$22.50 per instructional support hour.

(Attachment G)

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PSBA All-Access
Membership

17. The purchase of the PSBA All-Access Membership package at a cost of \$ 6,497.86 for the 2020-2021 school year. Note: PSBA approved a 2-year freeze on membership dues. This price will remain the same through the 2021-2022 school year.

(Attachment H)

Agreement with
Adelphoi Education
Services

18. The agreement with Adelphoi Education Services to provide alternative education services to the district on an as-needed basis. The cost of student enrollment will be \$100.79 per day per student. This agreement will run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

(Attachment I)

Bond Resolutions
for Admiral Peary

19. To adopt the Resolutions, as prepared by bond counsel to Admiral Peary Area Vocational Technical School, authorizing a Lease and Sublease Agreement related to financing capital improvements to the APVTS on behalf of Conemaugh Valley and the APVTS Joint Board.

(Attachment K)

Impact Statement-
Elementary Dean
of Students

20. The attached Impact Statement for an Elementary Dean of Students.

(Attachment L)

Job Description –
Elementary Dean
of Students

21. The attached job description for the Elementary Dean of Students position.

(Attachment M)

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Posting – Elementary
Dean of Students

22. The posting of the Elementary Dean of Students position.

Posting – Secondary
English/Special Ed.
Teacher

23. The posting of the Secondary English/Special Education Teacher position.

Extra-Curricular
Hire – Safety
Committee

24. The hiring of Quenna Kist as a Safety Committee member at a salary of \$100.00. This hire will begin with the 2019-2020 school year and continue through the 2021-2022 school year with a 3% increase in salary each year.

Resignation –
Support Staff

25. The resignation of Janice Marion, Support Staff Cook's Helper, as of March 28, 2020.

(Attachment N)

Resignation –
Extra-Curricular -
TSA Advisor

26. The resignation of Keli Williams as Jr./Sr. High TSA Advisor, effective immediately, as well as to approve the posting of this position.

(Attachment O)

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Resignation –
Extra-Curricular –
Varsity Cheer
Advisor

27. The resignation of Jessica Johnson as Varsity Cheer Advisor effective immediately.

(Attachment P)

Resignation –
Extra-Curricular –
Jr. High Football
Coach

28. The resignation of Xavier Butts as Jr. High Assistant Football Coach and Strength & Conditioning Coach effective immediately, as well as to approve the posting of the Assistant Football Coaching position.

(Attachment Q)

Student Activity
Account Report

29. The monthly report for the Student Activity Account for the month of May 2020.

(Handout)

High School Paving
Project Financing

30. The financing proposal from First National Bank with Interest Rate Option 1, to finance paving at the Conemaugh Valley High School.

(Attachment A-A)

Retirement – David
Zajdel – Support
Staff

31. The retirement of David Zajdel, Support Staff-Custodian, effective August 7, 2020.

(Attachment A-B)

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Resignation –
Laurie Semelsberger
Professional Staff

32. The resignation of Laurie Semelsberger, Jr./Sr. High Guidance Counselor, effective June 12, 2020.

(Attachment A-C)

CVSD – Return to
Sports Plan

33. The Conemaugh Valley School District “Return to Sports Plan” as presented.

(Handout)

Posting – Assistant
Coach – Varsity
Volleyball

34. The posting of the position of Assistant Coach – Varsity Volleyball.

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Todd Roberts, Melissa Ross, David Rykala, and Francis Truscello, Sr.
Absent: Two (2) Heather Richards and James Stiffler, Jr.

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Miss Ribblett to adjourn meeting at 8:28 P.M.

All “Ayes”. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donell Jacoby

Donell Jacoby
Board Secretary