

Conemaugh Valley School District  
Board of School Directors  
Committee and Regular Meeting  
September 14, 2023

Committee Meeting

The Regular Monthly Committee Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, in the Board Room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by David Rykala at 6:34 P.M. A moment of silence was observed. A flag salute was led by Dawn Thompson. Roll call of members present: Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Dawn Thompson and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Michelle LaRose, Mandy Livai, Eric Miller, Jeffrey Miller, Brian Randall and Attorney Brian Litzinger. Absent: Todd Roberts and James Stiffler, Jr.

Speakers

1. Mr. Eric Miller -- Business Manager -- Spoke about the additional information regarding the request by Christina DeSalvo to provide meals to the Pre-K School. We will revisit this in the future.
2. Mr. Jeff Miller -- High School Principal -- Gave the board information regarding the upcoming Homecoming events and activities.
3. Mr. David Rykala -- Board Vice President -- Spoke about getting additional L.E.D. lighting for the access road that leads to the football field.
4. Greg Sanford -- Reschini Group -- Spoke about Health Care Insurance Quotes.

Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Richards, second by Mr. Markiewicz to enter into Executive Session for Legal & Personnel Issues at 6:55 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Executive Session End

Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Thompson to end Executive Session at 8:58 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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Adjournment                    Motion by Mr. Markiewicz, second by Mrs. Richards to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 9:07 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 14, 2023, in the Board Room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by David Rykala at 9:08 P.M. Roll call of members present: Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Dawn Thompson and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Michelle LaRose, Mandy Livai, Eric Miller, Jeffrey Miller, Brian Randall and Attorney Brian Litzinger. Absent: Todd Roberts and James Stiffler, Jr.

Communications                    None

Minutes and Reports                    Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Markiewicz, to accept and place on file the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of August 10, 2023; Bills paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$1,882,664.48; Cafeteria Receipt Ledger for July 2023; the Treasurer's Report for August 2023 with a balance of \$4,293,721.22; the Budget Summary Report for August 2023; and the PLGIT Investment Holdings Account for August 2023.

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

Motion Carried

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

Agreement with  
CCCDC

1. The agreement with Cambria County Child Development Corporation to provide a tuition-free Pre-K Counts Service to at-risk children, age four, from the District. This will serve up to 15 students in each class. Monday through Friday, 180 days of the year through a grant of \$430,000.00

(Attachment A)

Special Education  
Facilitator Impact  
Statement

2. The Special Education Facilitator Impact Statement. Permission to post for an Elementary Special Education Facilitator and a High School Special Education Facilitator.

(Attachment B)

CV Hockey  
Donation

3. The donation of \$7,500.00 to the Conemaugh Valley Hockey Team.

Student Activity  
Account Report

4. The monthly report for the Student Activity Account for the month of August 2023.

(Attachment C)

CV Athletic  
Account Report

5. The monthly report for the CV Athletic Account for the month of August 2023.

(Attachment D)

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Resignation-  
Administrative  
Staff

6. The resignation of Mandy Livai from the position of Director of Student Services and Federal Programs Co-Coordinator effective immediately.  
  
(Attachment E)

Resignation-  
Professional  
Staff

7. The resignation of Santino Jaber from the position of Secondary Social Studies Teacher effective immediately, with permission to post for this position.  
  
(Attachment F)

Resignation-  
Professional  
Staff

8. The resignation of Cortney Tyger from the position of an Elementary Teacher effective immediately, with permission to post for this position.  
  
(Attachment G)

Retirement-  
Support  
Staff

9. The retirement of Patricia Ledwich from the position of Accounts Payable/Receivable/Benefits Clerk effective December 15, 2023.  
  
(Attachment H)

Resignation-  
Support  
Staff

10. The resignation of Nicole Kindja from the position of Cook's Helper effective immediately, with permission to post for this position.  
  
(Attachment I)

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Resignation-  
Extra-Curricular

11. The resignation of Michelle Locher-Miller from the position of Assistant Forensics Advisor effective immediately, with permission to post for this position.

(Attachment J)

Resignation-  
Support  
Staff

12. The resignation of Maggie Eisenhuth from the position of Cleaner effective immediately, with permission to post for this position.

(Attachment K)

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

Motion Carried

Hire – Professional  
Staff

13. Motion by Mrs. Richards second by Miss Ribblett, to approve the hiring of Apryle Ernest as an Elementary Teacher at a salary of \$33,000.00 and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

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

Motion Carried

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Hire – Professional  
Staff

14. Motion by Mrs. Jacoby second by Mr. Truscello, Sr., to approve the hiring of Jaime Laughard as a School Librarian at a salary of \$50,000.00 and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

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

Motion Carried

Hire – Support Staff  
Full-Time Aide

15. Motion by Miss Ribblett second by Mrs. Richards, to approve the hiring of April Vasos as a full-time School Aide at a salary of \$12.10 per hour and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

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

Motion Carried

Hire – Support Staff  
Part-Time Aide

16. Motion by Mrs. Thompson second by Mr. Truscello, Sr., to approve the hiring of Mercy George as a part-time School Aide at a salary of \$12.10 per hour and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

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

Motion Carried

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- Part-Time Aide      17.      Motion by Mrs. Richards second by Miss Ribblett to approve the hiring of Mary Beth Urban as a part-time School Aide at a salary of \$12.10 per hour and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

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

Motion Carried

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

Hire – Extra-Curricular

Elementary SWPBS

- Team Member      18.      The hiring of Ashley Plummer as an Elementary SWPBS Team Member at a salary of \$315.00.

(Attachment L)

Hire – Extra-Curricular

High Team SWPBS

- Team Member      19.      The hiring of Paula Lowery as a High School SWPBS Team Member at a salary of \$315.00.

(Attachment M)

Hire – Extra-Curricular

Fine Arts

- Dept. Chair      20.      The hiring of Allen Bixel as the Fine Arts Department Chair at a salary of \$788.00.

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Hire – Extra-Curricular  
HS English  
Dept. Chair           21.

The hiring of Ruthann Csikos as the High School English Department Chair at a salary of \$788.00.

(Attachment N)

Hire – Extra-Curricular  
Student Council  
Advisor               22.

The hiring of Quenna Polonkey as the High School Student Council Advisor Member at a salary of \$735.00.

(Attachment O)

Hire – Extra-Curricular  
Yearbook  
Co-Advisor           23.

The hiring of Ashley Fritch as the High School Yearbook Co-Advisor at a salary of \$1,260.00.

(Attachment P)

Hire – Extra-Curricular  
Heritage Conference  
FCS Advisor           24.

The hiring of Anita Neisner as the Heritage Conference Family and Consumer Science Advisor at a salary of \$500.00.

(Attachment Q)

Hire – Extra-Curricular  
Teacher Mentors    25.

The hiring of Lindsay Lewis, Michelle Locher-Miller and Sherry Ream as Teacher Mentors at a salary of \$1,500.00 each.



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Hire – Extra-Curricular  
Asst. Jr. High  
Volleyball Coach 26.

The hiring of Mercy George as the Assistant Jr. High Volleyball Coach at a salary of \$840.00. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

(Attachment R)

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

Motion Carried

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

Hire – Extra-Curricular  
Asst. Jr. High Boys  
Basketball Coach 27.

The hiring of Justin Mickens as the Assistant Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach at a salary of \$1,575.00. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

Hire – Extra-Curricular  
Asst. Jr. High Boys  
Football Coach 28.

The hiring of Brandon Perce as the Assistant Jr. High Boys Football Coach at a salary of \$1,575.00. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

Volunteer Coach-  
Jr. High Football 29.

Jim Angus as a Volunteer Coach for the Jr. High Football Team for the 2023-2024 season. This is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

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Volunteer Coach-  
Jr. High Football

30. James Blair as a Volunteer Coach for the Jr. High Football Team for the 2023-2024 season. This is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

Volunteer Coach-  
Jr. High Volleyball

31. Jessica Masser as a Volunteer Coach for the Jr. High Volleyball Team for the 2023-2024 season. This is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

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

Motion Carried

Amend September  
Board Agenda

32. Motion by Mr. Markiewicz, second by Mrs. Richards, to approve the amendment of the September Board Agenda by adding an addendum.

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

Motion Carried

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Prof. Substitutes-  
Ignite Education  
Solutions

33. Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mrs. Richards, to approve the slate of professional substitutes as provided by Ignite Education Solutions.

(Attachment A-A)

Roll call vote: Six (6) yes, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Heather Richards, David Rykala, Dawn Thompson and Francis Truscello, Sr. Two (2) Absent: Todd Roberts and James Stiffler, Jr., One (1) Abstention: Hannah Ribblett

Motion Carried

Resignation -  
Extra-Curricular -  
Special Education  
Dept. Chair

34. Motion by Mr. Markiewicz, second by Miss Ribblett, to approve the resignation of Rhonda Thomas from the position of Elementary Special Education Department Chair effective immediately, with permission to post for this position.

(Attachment A-B)

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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Adjournment            Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mr. Markiewicz to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Donell Jacoby*

Donell Jacoby  
Board Secretary

DJ/wjs