

Conemaugh Valley School District  
Board of School Directors  
Committee and Regular Meeting  
April 10, 2025

Committee  
Meeting

The Regular Monthly Committee Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, April 10, 2025, in the Board Room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President, David Rykala at 6:35 P.M. A moment of silence was observed for Mr. Truscello as he is in the hospital. A flag salute was led by Heather Richards. Roll call of members present: Jody Gustkey, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, 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: Francis Truscello, Sr.

Speakers

1. Vickie Markiewicz, Asst. Varsity Softball Coach, asked if the board had considered her question about coaches' salaries. We have not discussed this as of yet. Also, one of the bills states water cooler costs. She was inquiring about the bills.
2. Mrs. Mary Watson, parent of a band member, asked the board about Mr. Bixel's replacement as band director.
3. Mrs. LaRose, Elementary Principal, spoke about the article in the Spring Math by Sourcewell Magazine that recognizes Conemaugh Valley's 100% growth in math achievement.
4. Mr. Karl Reighard, great-grandson of a former resident, would like to buy this property on Beech Hill. More information to come.
5. Mrs. Keli Williams, Forensics Coach, introduced Riley Richards who is a Sophomore. She presented her speech that she will present at Nationals.
6. Dr. Brian Randall, High School Principal, spoke about the Senior Banquet to be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the high school. Dr. Randall also spoke about the summer school program.

Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Gustkey, second by Mr. Markiewicz to enter into Executive Session for Legal and Personnel Issues at 7:31 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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Executive  
Session End

Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Miss Ribblett to end Executive Session at 8:57 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Miss Ribblett, second by Mrs. Thompson to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 9:00 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, April 10, 2025, in the Board Room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President, David Rykala at 9:01 P.M. Roll call of members present: Jody Gustkey, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, 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: Francis Truscello, Sr.

Communications

None

Minutes and  
Reports

Motion by Mr. Stiffler, Jr., second by Miss Ribblett to accept and place on file the minutes from the Committee and Regular Board Meeting of March 6, 2025; March Bills Paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$1,738,656.19; March Cafeteria Bills Paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$31,212.30; Cafeteria Receipt Ledger for February 2025 in the amount of \$98,510.27; the Treasurer's Report for March with a balance of \$1,394,236.09; Period & YTD Revenues/Expenses Report for March 2025 and the PLGIT Investment Holdings Account for March 2025.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

**1. New Business – General Administration**

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

Pre-K

Registration

- A. Pre-K Registration dates for May 13 & 14, 2025. (Attachment A)

Agreement with  
Extended Family  
Programs, Inc.

- B. The agreement with Extended Family Programs, Inc. to provide social/life skills support, counseling and education services for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment B)

Mt. Aloysius  
Cooperative  
Agreement

- C. The attached agreement with Mount Aloysius College for College in High School courses provided to students at the Conemaugh Valley High School, at the expense of the student, for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment C)

Dual Credit Agrmt -  
Pennsylvania  
Highlands  
Community College

- D. The attached agreement with Pennsylvania Highlands Community College to make available college-level courses to students at Conemaugh Valley High School, at the expense of the student, for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment D)

Support Staff School  
Aides Agrmt with  
Ignite Education  
Solutions

- E. The Support Staff School Aides Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for the 2024-2025 SY to provide school aides on an as-needed basis at a rate of \$12.10 per hour plus administrative costs. (Attachment F)

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Idlewild and  
Soak Zone  
School Picnic

- F. The date of Saturday, May 24, 2025 as the CV School Picnic date at Idlewild and Soak Zone. (Attachment G)

Living Treasures –  
Fun & Field Day

- G. Living Treasures to participate in Fun & Field Day through the CVES PTO. (Attachment H)

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

**2. New Business – Business and Finance**

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

Asphalt Seal  
Coating

- A. SMP Asphalt Maintenance to perform asphalt seal coating of the High School Driveway, Bus Loop, and Teacher Parking Lot at a total cost not to exceed \$10,550.00. (Handout)

Student Activity  
Account Report

- B. The Student Activity Account Report for March 2025. (Attachment J)

CV Athletic  
Account Report

- C. The CV Athletic Account Report for March 2025. (Handout)

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 Miss Ribblett to approve the following:

Permanent Professional  
through Ignite

Education Solutions    A.    The slate of professional substitutes as provided by Ignite Education Solutions. (Attachment K)

Hire – Support Staff

Part-Time Cleaner    B.    The hiring of Marla Grove as a part-time Cleaner at a salary of \$12.10 per hour effective April 14, 2025.

Hire – Support Staff

Cook's Helper    C.    The hiring of Angela Kovach as a Cook's Helper at a salary of \$12.10 per hour effective April 14, 2025.

Hire – Support Staff  
School Aide through  
Ignite Education  
Solutions

D.    The hiring of Nicholas Boslet as a School Aide at a salary of \$12.10 per hour per the agreement with Ignite Education Solutions.

Support Staff  
Resignation

E.    The resignation of Mary Watson as a School Aide effective March 24, 2025, with permission to post the position. (Attachment L)

JH Softball  
Volunteer

F.    Lauren Cordwell as a volunteer for the 2024-2025 Jr. High Softball Season.

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Extra-Curricular  
Resignation

- G. The resignation of Roland Toth as the Junior High Head Boys Basketball Coach effective April 10, 2025, with permission to post the position. (Handout)

CVESP Contract  
Agreement

- H. The labor agreement between the Conemaugh Valley School District and the Conemaugh Valley Education Support Professionals subject to the attached changes to the existing contract. (Handout)

2025-2026 Furlough  
Approval

- I. The attached resolution approving Conemaugh Valley School District to implement furloughs for the 2025-2026 school year. (Handout)

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

**4. Addendum Items**

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

Addendum  
Approval

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

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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

National Forensics  
Competition

- B. The Revised Proposal for the National Forensics Competition to be held in Chicago, IL May 23 thru May 26, 2025. This would include three students and two advisors with a cost to be up to \$3,776.63. (Attachment A-A)

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Professional Staff  
Retirement

- C. Allen Bixel's retirement as a music teacher effective May 30, 2025. (Attachment A-B)

Extra-Curricular  
Resignation

- D. Allen Bixel's resignation from the following extra-curricular positions: JH/SH Band Director, JH/SH Chorus Director, Drama Advisor, Senior Class Co-Advisor, School Safety Committee Chair, High School Fine Arts Department Chair and his position on the High School Student Assistance Program Team effective May 30, 2025. (Attachment A-B)

Extra-Curricular  
Resignation

- E. Wuanyai Mayo's resignation as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Varsity Football Coach effective immediately. (Handout)

Extra-Curricular  
Resignation

- F. Jackie Korhut's resignation as the Strength & Conditioning Coach effective immediately. (Handout)

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

**5. Adjournment**

Motion to  
Adjourn Meeting

- A. Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mrs. Gustkey to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Donell Jacoby*

Mrs. Donell Jacoby  
Board Secretary

DJ/wjs