

*Regular Board Meeting
June 13, 2024*

Regular Board Meeting The Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, June 13, 2024, in the Board Room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President, Todd Roberts at 8:27 P.M. Roll call of members present: Donell Jacoby, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Michelle LaRose, Eric Miller, Brian Randall and Attorney Brian Litzinger. Absent: Daniel Markiewicz and Jeffrey Miller.

Communications None

Minutes and Reports Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Richards to accept and place on file the minutes from the Committee and Regular Board Meeting of May 9, 2024; Special Board Meeting of May 31, 2024; Bills paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$1,301,037.50; Cafeteria Bills Paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$132,088.40; Cafeteria Receipt Ledger for April 2024 in the amount of \$70,022.56; the Treasurer's Report for May 2024 with a balance of \$3,278,993.38; the Budget Summary Report for May 2024; and the PLGIT Investment Holdings Account for May 2024.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

1. New Business – General Administration

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

Healthcare
Consortium By-Law
Amendment

- A. The resolution to amend the by-laws of the Greater Johnstown Schools Healthcare Consortium as presented by the consortium. (Attachment A)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) no, Donell Jacoby, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson and Francis Truscello, Sr. Absent: Daniel Markiewicz

Motion Failed

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

Support Staff

Contract Extension B. A one-year extension to the Support Staff Contract. (Handout)

Policy 915 –
Boosters & Parent
Organization

C. Second Reading of Policy 915 – Booster and Parent Organization.
(Attachment B)

2024-2025 Elementary
Student Handbook

D. The Elementary Student Handbook for the 2024-2025 SY year.
(Attachment C)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Donell Jacoby, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson and Francis Truscello, Sr. Absent: Daniel Markiewicz

Motion Carried

2. New Business – Business and Finance

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

2024-2025 General
Fund Budget

A. The 2024-2025 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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 be adopted as herein specified.
 - a. Anticipated Revenue to be **\$14,897,900**
 - b. Anticipated Opening Balance to be **\$5,960,038**
 - c. Anticipated Expenditures and Budgetary Reserve to be **\$20,857,938**

2. Resolved that real estate taxes in the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 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 2024-2025 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 2024 Homestead
and Farmstead
Resolution

B. CONEMAUGH VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024
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, 2024 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, 2024.
 - 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 **\$412,518**.
 - b. **Aggregate amount available.** The aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is **\$412,518**.

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 **1841**.
 - 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 **1845**.
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 **\$412,518** by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of **1845** the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is **\$223.59**.
4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of **\$223.59** 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 **\$3,471.90** and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is **\$3,471.90**.
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 **\$3,471.90**. 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 **\$3,471.90**.

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East Conemaugh
Borough Real Estate
Tax Forgiveness

- C. The forgiveness of the 2023 School Real Estate Taxes for the properties that are now owned by East Conemaugh Borough. (Attachment D)

Appalachian Youth
Services Agreement

- D. The agreement between Appalachian Youth Services and the Conemaugh Valley School District for the 2024-2025 school year. (Attachment E)

School-To-Work
Transition Program
through CCABH

- E. The agreement with Cambria County Association for the Blind and Handicapped to provide School to Work Transitional opportunities for special needs students within the district. The cost of this program is per student: \$65.00 for Vocational Assessment Testing and \$45.00 per student for ½ day training. (Attachment F)

School Age Agreement
through Appalachia
Intermediate Unit 8

- F. The School-Age Educations Services Agreement between Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 and the Conemaugh Valley School District for the 2024-2025 school year. (Attachment G)

Student and Athletic
Insurance Renewal

- G. The renewal of the Student Athletic Insurance Coverage for the 2024-2025 school year as proposed by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. with a premium of \$17,794.00. (Attachment H)

Student Activity
Account Report H. The Student Activity Account Report for May 2024. (Attachment I)

CV Athletic
Account Report I. The CV Athletic Account Report for May 2024. (Handout)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Donell Jacoby, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson and Francis Truscello, Sr. Absent: Daniel Markiewicz

Motion Carried

3. New Business – Personnel

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

Employee
Termination A. The termination of Conemaugh Valley School District Employee #1010 effective immediately.

Extra-Curricular
Resignation B. Rhonda Thomas' resignation from the position of High School Special Education Facilitator effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment J)

Hire – Professional
Employee
Science Teacher C. To hire Julianna Klein as a Secondary Science Teacher at a salary of \$34,000.00 and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

Hire – Head Jr. High
Football Coach D. The hiring of Bruce Siwy as Head Junior High Football Coach at a salary of \$2,625.00.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Donell Jacoby, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson and Francis Truscello, Sr. Absent: Daniel Markiewicz

Motion Carried

4. Addendum Items

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

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

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Donell Jacoby, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson and Francis Truscello, Sr. Absent: Daniel Markiewicz

Motion Carried

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

CV Board of
Directors Workshop B. The minutes of June 6, 2024 Board of Directors Workshop Meeting. (Handout)

Healthcare Broker
of Record C. Gallagher Benefit Services as the Healthcare Broker of Record for Conemaugh Valley School District effective July 1, 2024.

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High School
Secretary Support

- D. To continue the contracted services with Ignite Education Solutions to provide high school secretarial support for 12 months per year.

Extra-Curricular
Position List

- E. The revised list of extra-curricular positions effective July 1, 2024. (Attachment A-A)
Note: All positions will be advertised internally.

Support Staff
Resignation

- F. David Grove's resignation from the position of School Custodian effective June 20, 2024, with permission to post the position. (Attachment A-B)

Grievance with CV
Education Assoc.

- G. To deny Grievance dated October 27, 2023, with the CV Education Association.

Support Staff Position
Supervisor of
Buildings
and Grounds

- H. To post the position of Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Donell Jacoby, Hannah Ribblett, Heather Richards, Todd Roberts, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson and Francis Truscello, Sr. Absent: Daniel Markiewicz

Motion Carried

5. Adjournment

Motion to
Adjourn Meeting

- A. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Richards to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donell Jacoby

Mrs. Donell Jacoby
Board Secretary

DJ/wjs