

Conemaugh Valley School District  
Board of School Directors  
Committee and Regular Meeting  
June 11, 2015

Committee Meeting	<p>The regular monthly Committee Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, June 11, 2015, in the music/art room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President Todd Roberts at 6:35 P.M. A moment of silence was observed. A flag salute was led by Larry Gossard. Roll call of members present: Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Todd Roberts, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. Also present: Rebecca Castiglione, Shane Hazenstab, William Kanich, John Kuzmiak, Esq., David Lehman, and Eric Miller. Absent: David Rykala.</p>
Speakers	<p>1. Mrs. Karen McGowan, Concerned Citizen’s Group, asked several questions about the Frankstown Road Property.</p>
Communications	<p>None</p>
Executive Session	<p>Motion by Mr. Vibostok, second by Mr. Truscello, Sr. to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Issues at 7:50 PM.</p> <p>All “Ayes” Motion Carried.</p>
Executive Session End	<p>Motion by Mr. Vibostok, second by Mr. Gossard, to end Executive Session at 8:19 PM.</p> <p>All “Ayes” Motion Carried.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Motion by Mr. Gossard, second by Mrs. Reese to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 8:20 P.M.</p> <p>All “Ayes” Motion Carried.</p>

Regular Board Meeting

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, June 11, 2015, in the music/art room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President Todd Roberts at 8:21 P.M. Roll call of members present: Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Todd Roberts, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. Also present: Rebecca Castiglione, Shane Hazenstab, William Kanich, John Kuzmiak, Esq., David Lehman, and Eric Miller. Absent: David Rykala.

Minutes

Motion by Mr. Vibostok, second by Mr. Gossard to accept and place on file the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 14, 2015.

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) Abstention, Todd Roberts. One (1) Absent, David Rykala.

Motion Carried.

Reports

Motion by Mr. Vibostok, second by Mr. Gossard to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for May 2015; Payment of Bills Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$256,164.25; Bills for Payment in the amount of \$127,906.51; Budgetary Report; Treasurer's Report for PLGIT Series 2013 for month of June.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Todd Roberts, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) Absent, David Rykala.

Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Reese, second by Mr. Truscello, Sr. to approve the following:

Speech Therapy Contract with CAMCO

1. The attached Speech Therapy contract between the CVSD and CAMCO Physical & Occupational Therapy, LLC at a cost of \$23.00 per hour.

(Attachment A)

PT & OT  
Contract with  
CAMCO

2. The attached Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy contract between the CVSD and CAMCO Physical & Occupational Therapy, LLC at a cost of \$55.00 per hour.

(Attachment B)

Agreement between  
CVSD and Goodwill  
Industries

3. The attached Letter of Agreement between the CVSD and Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley, Inc.

(Attachment C)

Agreement between  
The CVSD and the  
Learning Lamp  
AEDY Program

4. The attached Letter of Agreement between the Learning Lamp and the CVSD to reserve 3 seats in the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth program housed at the Admiral Peary Vocational Technical School for the 2015-2016 school year.

(Attachment D)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Todd Roberts, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) Absent, David Rykala.

Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Gossard, second by Mr. Vibostok to approve the following:

Daily Substitute  
Rate Increase

5. To increase the daily substitute rate \$5.00 per day to \$85.00 per day for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Learning  
Lamp Substitute  
Teacher Agreement

6. The attached agreement between the CVSD and the Learning Lamp to provide substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year at \$85.00 per day.

(Attachment E)

2015-2016  
General Fund  
Budget

7. Adoption of the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for 2015-2016.

- A. Resolved that a budget for the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 be adopted as herein specified.

1. Anticipated Revenue to be **\$11,371,065**
2. Anticipated Opening Balance to be **\$3,825,700**
3. Anticipated Expenditures and Budgetary Reserve to be **\$15,196,765**

- B. Resolved that real estate taxes in the Conemaugh Valley School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 be set at **57.7** mills per one dollar of assessed valuation on **.0577** 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 2015-2016 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 2015  
Homestead  
and Farmstead  
Exclusion  
Resolution

8. Conemaugh Valley School District 2015 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, 2015 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, 2015.
  - 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 **\$272,066.**
  - b. **Aggregate amount available.** The aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is **\$272,066.**
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 **2061.**
  - 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 **2064.**
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 **\$272,066** by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of **2064** the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is **\$131.81.**
4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of **\$131.81** School District real estate tax rate of **57.7** mills **.0577** be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is **\$2,284** and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is **\$2,284.**

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 **\$2,284**. 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 **\$2,284**.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Todd Roberts, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) Absent, David Rykala.

Motion Carried.

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

High School  
Office Carpeting      9.      Bob's Custom Carpet to install new carpeting in the High School Office (including both principal's offices) at a cost of \$7,440.18.

High School  
Office Furniture      10.      The purchase of office and waiting area furniture, file shelving, and reception counter from Avail Business Systems, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$20,024.87.

Note: This product is priced through a CoStars pre-bid contract.

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Todd Roberts, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) no, Larry Gossard. One (1) Absent, David Rykala.

Motion Carried.

15 MPH Signs

11. Motion by Mr. Vibostok, second by Mr. Gossard to approve the purchase and installation of electric 15 MPH Flashing Signs from Tel-Power Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$6,258.00.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Todd Roberts, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) Absent, David Rykala.

Motion Carried.

Insurance Renewal

12. Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to approve the renewal of the Worker's Compensation, General Liability Package, Auto, Umbrella, and Errors and Omissions Package, Auto, Umbrella, and Errors and Omissions Insurance Coverage for the 2015-2016 fiscal year as proposed by Arthur J. Gallagher & Company at a premium of \$ 87,174.00.

Roll call vote: Seven (7) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Todd Roberts, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) Abstention, Jennifer Reese. One (1) Absent, David Rykala.

Motion Carried.

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

Student and Athletic  
Insurance Renewal

13. The renewal of the student and athletic insurance coverage for the 2015-2016 school year as proposed by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. at a premium of \$18,731.00.

High School  
Roof Project

14. The installation of HydroStop Premium Coat roofing system, by Energy Saving Roofing, on the roof over the high school classroom Wing and the Industrial Arts/Family & Consumer Science area at a cost of \$140,450.00

Note: This product is priced through a national co-op bid.

- Conferences
15. Members of the Board of Education and Administration to attend related workshops, conferences, and conventions during the 2015-2016 school year.
- Resignation/Retirement-Support Staff
16. The resignation/retirement of Pam Buterbaugh effective June 13, 2015.  
(Attachment G)
- Professional Staff Substitute
17. The following substitute teachers for the 2014-2015 school year to do Homebound Instruction at a rate of \$22.50 per hour:  
  
Bethany Biesinger                      and                      Leigh Ann Dunn
- Grade 7 and New Student Orientation
18. The Grade 7 and New Student Orientation for August 19, 2015 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ CVHS.
- Elementary Orientations
19. Elementary Orientation set for August 18, 2015 for the following groups and times:  
  
Kindergarten - 9:00 AM                      Pre-K – 1:00 PM
- Extended School Year – Revision
20. The addition of 12 hours to Emily Tittle’s ESY time to accommodate two additional students. This will bring her total hours to 36 for the summer.
- Note: The total number of hours for all teachers will be 132.



Purchase of New  
Textbooks

21. The purchase of the following new textbooks for the 2015-2016 school year:

Grade 7 – Grammar & Writing by Hake Publishing – Copyright 2014  
Grade 8 – Grammar & Writing by Hake Publishing – Copyright 2014  
Middle School Science, Life Science Student Edition W/Student  
Workbooks + 6 year online subscription by McGraw-Hill –  
Copyright 2012.

(Handout)

Change Order –  
CVHS Front  
Entrance Project

22. The change order for the CVHS Front Entrance Project for removal of asbestos at a cost of \$6,985.00.

(Attachment H)

Suspend July  
Board Meeting

23. The suspension of the July 2015 Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Todd Roberts, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) Absent, David Rykala.

Motion Carried.

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

Letter of Agreement-  
CVSD and The Meadows  
Psychiatric Center

24. The attached letter of Agreement between the CVSD and The Meadows Psychiatric Center for education services for the 2015-2016 school year.

(Attachment A-A)

ACRP Summer  
Therapists

25. The use of the CVSD classrooms, by ACRP Therapists during the summer months, to provide therapy to students on out-patient basis.

(Attachment A-B)

Consortium Application  
Approval for ELECT  
Program

26. The Superintendent to complete the consortium application with The Teen Parenting Program of the Greater Johnstown School District.

(Attachment A-C)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Todd Roberts, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) Absent, David Rykala.

Motion Carried.

School Social Worker-  
Learning Lamp

27. Motion made by Mr. Gossard, second by Mrs. Reese to approve the Social Worker agreement with the Learning Lamp for 2 days a week at a cost of \$27,645.20 for the 2015-2016 school year.

(Attachment A-F)

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Todd Roberts, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) Absent, David Rykala.

Motion Carried.

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

Tax Exoneration

28. The exoneration of the 2014 Real Estate Tax for the following two parcels owned by Franklin Boro:

1. Control #29-20144; Map #29-001.-209.00
2. Control #29-20046; Map #29-001.-207.00

(Attachment A-G & A-H respectively)

Additional Fees for  
CVHS Front Entrance  
Project

29. The payment of additional fees to Foreman Architect for work on the CVHS Front Entrance Project in the amount of \$6,637.20.

(Attachment A-J)

Resignation –  
Professional Staff

30. The resignation of LeeAnn Haynal, Emotional Support Teacher, effective immediately.

(Attachment A-K)

Petition to Sale  
Frankstown Road  
Property

31. The authorization of the Board President to sign a petition selling the School District property on Frankstown Road.

(Attachment A-L )

Roll call vote: Eight (8) yes, Larry Gossard, Donell Jacoby, Peter Knaze, Jennifer Reese, Todd Roberts, James Stiffler, Jr., Francis Truscello, Sr., and Mark Vibostok. One (1) Absent, David Rykala.

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

All “Ayes”. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donell Jacoby  
Secretary

DJ/cm