

Conemaugh Valley School District
Board of School Directors
Committee and Regular Meeting
August 8, 2024

Committee Meeting

The Regular Monthly Committee Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board of School Directors was held on Thursday, August 8, 2024, in the Board Room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President, David Rykala at 6:30 P.M. A moment of silence was observed. A flag salute was led by Jody Gustkey. Roll call of members present: Jody Gustkey, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, 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: Heather Richards.

Speakers

1. Ken Zimmerman, High School Hockey Boosters, spoke about the hockey program. He also added the fundraising programs they had this year. If the board would consider any support amount, it would be appreciated.
2. Mr. Jerry Wall, AJ Gallagher Company, spoke to the Board about health care costs.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr. second by Mrs. Thompson to enter into Executive Session for Legal, Personnel Issues & Safety at 7:10 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Executive Session End

Motion by Mrs. Gustkey, second by Mr. Markiewicz to end Executive Session at 9:39 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

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Adjournment Motion by Mr. Truscello, Sr., second by Mrs. Thompson to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 9:46 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, August 8, 2024, in the Board Room of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President, David Rykala at 9:47 P.M. Roll call of members present: Jody Gustkey, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, 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: Heather Richards.

Communications None

Minutes and Reports Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mr. Truscello, Sr. to accept and place on file the minutes from the Committee and Regular Board Meeting of July 11, 2024; Bills paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$953,684.19; Cafeteria Bills Paid Prior to Board approval in the amount of \$35,168.27; Cafeteria Receipt Ledger for June 2024 in the amount of \$135,023.45; the Treasurer's Report for July 2024 with a balance of \$1,819,471.60; the Budget Summary Report for July 2024; and the PLGIT Investment Holdings Account for July 2024.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

1. New Business – General Administration

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

Policy Manual Revisions A. The attached Policy Manual Revisions provided by PSBA. (Attachment A)

Policy Number and Name	Policy Number and Name
103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities	336 – Personal Necessity Leave
234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students	339 – Uncompensated Leave
247 – Hazing	807 – Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays
249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying	824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
317.1 – Educator Misconduct	

FIRST READING
 WAIVE READING

Transportation/
 Bus Schedules

- B. The student transportation/bus schedules for the 2024-2025 school year as submitted. (Handout)

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

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

Transportation/
 Contracted/Drivers/
 Transportation Aides

- C. The transportation drivers and aides for the 2024-2025 SY as submitted. (Handout)

Roll call vote: Seven (7) Yes: Jody Gustkey, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., and Dawn Thompson. One (1) Absent: Heather Richards. One (1) Abstain: Francis Truscello, Sr.

Motion Carried

Motion by Miss Ribblett, second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to approve the following:

Conemaugh Valley
School District
Mission Statement

- D. The updated Mission Statement. *Conemaugh Valley School District – A Culture of Growth, Learning and Success.*

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

2. New Business – Business and Finance

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

Agreement with ACRP
Adolescent Partial
Hospitalization
Program

- A. The agreement between CVSD and ACRP to provide partial hospitalization services @ a cost of \$100.00 per day. These services will run through the 2024-2025 SY. (Attachment B)
Note: The cost of this much-needed program remains the same as last year.

Agreement with
ACRP Center for
Achievement School

- B. The agreement between ACRP and the Conemaugh Valley SD to provide academic and counseling services to district students in Kindergarten through grade 6 diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders. This service will be utilized on an as-needed basis. The cost of student enrollment will be \$200.00 per day per student and will run through the 2024-2025 SY. (Attachment C)
Note: This is a \$10.00 increase from last school year.

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Agreement with ACRP
for Mental Health
Therapy

- C. The agreement with ACRP to provide, on an as-needed basis, on-site Licensed Mental Health Therapists for students referred by the school district. The cost of this service is \$75/hour or group therapy for \$90/hour, and will run through the 2024-2025 SY. (Attachment D)
Note: This is a \$15.00 increase from last school year.

Agreement with
Cambria County Child
Development Corp.

- D. 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 for the 2024-2025 SY. 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 E)

Agreement with
Adagio Health Inc.
Teen Outreach
Program

- E. The agreement with Adagio Health Inc. to provide a facilitator to implement the Wyman Teen Outreach Program. The TOP Grant will support the services of this program. (Attachment F)

Valley Network
Agreement

- F. The Valley Network proposal for the 2024-2025 SY, as presented, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. This agreement also includes the IU08 New Teacher Induction Program. There are no additional fees for the program. (Attachment G)
Note: Monies to fund this opportunity will come from Title Funds.

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- Fee Agreement with
Leventry, Haschak
& Rodkey, LLC G. The Fee Agreement with Leventry, Haschak & Rodkey, LLC for
Solicitor services at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.
Note: This is a \$10.00 increase from the previous rate. (Attachment
H)
- Security H. Two security guards per day to be on campus during school hours.
Note: One guard per day was approved at the July Meeting.
Adding a 2nd guard would cost approximately \$47,000.00.
- CV Hockey
Donation I. The donation of \$3,500.00 to the CV Hockey Program.
- Student Activity
Account Report J. The Student Activity Account Report for July 2024. (Attachment I)
- CV Athletic
Account Report K. The CV Athletic Account Report for July 2024. (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. Jacoby second by Mr. Stiffler, Jr. to approve the following:

- Food Service
Director Salary A. To change the Food Service Director's classification to twelve
months effective 8/8/2024, with benefits per the support staff
contract.

Roll call vote: Eight (8) Yes: Jody Gustkey, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, David Rykala, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson and Francis Truscello, Sr. One (1) Absent: Heather Richards.

Motion Carried

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

Hiring – Assistant
Supervisor of Building
& Grounds

- B. The hiring of Daniel Sturm as Assistant Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds at a salary of \$24.00 per hour and benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Extra-Curricular
Hires

- C. The hiring for the following Extra-Curricular positions:
 - Devin Vickroy - Scholastic Quiz Advisor
 - Shannon Richards - Asst. Forensics Advisor
 - Quenna Polonkey - Jr/Sr High Student Council Advisor
 - Kathie McBreen - Web Master
 - Jenna Russell - Safety Committee Member
 - Quenna Polonkey - Safety Committee Member
 - Tanya Lauer - Elementary SWPBS Member
 - Devin Vickroy - Heritage Conf. Current Events Advisor
 - Joseph Rhoades - esports Club Advisor

Professional Substitutes
through Ignite
Education Solutions

- D. The slate of professional substitutes as provided by Ignite Education Solutions. (Attachment J)

Volunteer Coach –
Jr. High Football

- E. Michael Torok as a volunteer coach for the Jr. High Football Program for the 2024-2025 season.

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Professional Employee
Resignation F. The resignation of Averie Krug as an Elementary Special
Education Teacher and a SWPBIS Team Member effective August
8, 2024. (Attachment K)

Extra-Curriculum
Resignation G. Quenna Polonkey’s resignation from the position of Junior High
Assistant Softball Coach effective immediately, with permission to
post the position. (Attachment J)

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

4. Addendum Items

Motion by Mrs. Jacoby, second by Mr. Markiewicz to approve the following:

Addendum
Approval H. The amendment of the August Board Agenda by adding an
addendum.

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

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

Support Staff
Substitute I. To add Jessica Urban to the Support Staff Substitute List.

All “Ayes”. Motion Carried.

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5. Adjournment

Motion to
Adjourn Meeting A. Motion by Miss Ribblett, second by Mr. Markiewicz to
adjourn the meeting at 9:55 P.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donell Jacoby

Mrs. Donell Jacoby
Board Secretary

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Special Board
Meeting

A Special Board Meeting of the Conemaugh Valley Board Meeting of School Directors was held on Thursday, August 15, 2024, in the Library of the Conemaugh Valley Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President, David Rykala at 7:02 A.M. Roll call of members present: Jody Gustkey, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, David Rykala and Francis Truscello, Sr. Also present: Shane Hazenstab, Eric Miller and Brian Randall. Absent: Heather Richards, James Stiffler, Jr., Dawn Thompson, Michelle LaRose, and Atty. Brian Litzinger.

1. **New Business – Personal**

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

Hire –
Professional
Educator

- A. The hiring of Lacey Greathouse as a professional educator at an annual salary of \$34,000.00 and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

Roll call vote: Six (6) Yes: Jody Gustkey, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, David Rykala, and Francis Truscello, Sr. Three (3) Absent: Heather Richards, James Stiffler, Jr., and Dawn Thompson.

Motion Carried

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

Hire –
Professional
Educator

- B. The hiring of Mya Arnold as a professional educator at an annual salary of \$40,000.00 and benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This hire is pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

Roll call vote: Six (6) Yes: Jody Gustkey, Donell Jacoby, Daniel Markiewicz, Hannah Ribblett, David Rykala, and Francis Truscello, Sr. Three (3) Absent: Heather Richards, James Stiffler, Jr., and Dawn Thompson.

Motion Carried

2. Adjournment

Motion to
Adjourn Meeting

- A. Motion by Mrs. Gustkey, second by Miss Ribblett to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 A.M.

All "Ayes". Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donell Jacoby

Mrs. Donell Jacoby
Board Secretary