



**CENTRAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUGUST 20, 2020 – 7:00 PM  
CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

# **Work/Voting Session Minutes**

**\*Unofficial until Board approved in September**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. ROLL CALL**

X Mr. Ambrose  
X Ms. Belcastro  
X Mr. Bloom  
X Mr. King  
X Mr. Mowad

X Mr. O'Neill  
X Mr. Ross  
X Dr. Unis  
X Mr. Zaritski

\*Also present: Dr. Perry, Mr. Halesey, Mrs. Park, Mr. Dolph, Ms. Hicks, Ms. Feragotti, Mrs. Kosanovich, Mr. Ferris, Mr. McCreary, Mr. Vukovcan, Mr. Eimiller

- Prior to beginning the Agenda, Mr. Halesey explained the comments and how they would be handled this evening.

## **ROUTINE ITEMS**

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session of the School Board was conducted on August 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and August 20, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. for personnel matters and to receive information.

**IV. MINUTES**

1. To approve the Combined Work/Voting Session Minutes from the July 30, 2020.  
**Attachment A**

**Action required on item 1:**

Motion by Mr. Ross  
Motion: 9 Yes, 0 No

Second by Mr. Mowad

## TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. King, Treasurer

### BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The following bills and reports are submitted for approval:

A. PAY BILLS --

1. Confirm the July 2020 General Fund Payments in the amount of \$3,178,558.52.

**Attachment B**

2. Confirm the July 2020 Cafeteria Fund Payments in the amount of \$9,228.29.

**Attachment C**

B. REPORT --

1. To approve the July 2020 Berkheimer Report. **Attachment D**

**Action required on item 1:**

Motion by Mr. King

Second by Mr. Bloom

Motion: Carried 9 Yes, 0 No

- Dr. Unis left the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS BOTH ON AGENDA AND GENERAL

- Mr. Halsey and Mr. Zuritski read every question submitted both before and during the meeting. All questions were addressed by various members of those present. For a full list of questions asked, see Attachment M.

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### A. BOARD/POLICY ITEMS – Mr. Zaritski, Chairperson

1. To approve a Settlement of the Amerco property tax assessment appeal/former Macys at the Beaver Valley Mall at a fair market value of \$3,000,000 and assessed value of \$654,000 as recommended by the solicitor in executive session is hereby approved and the solicitor is authorized to finalize settlement.
2. To waive the second reading of Policy 103.2 Sexual Harassment.

3. To approve Policy 103.2 Sexual Harassment as presented.
4. To approve a one (1) year Agreement with HelloSign to provide online signature collection services to the Central Valley School District at a cost of \$7,560.

**Action required on items 1 - 4:**

Motion by Mr. Bloom                      Second by Mr. King

Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No

**FYI:** First reading of Policy 103.2 Sexual Harassment

**B. NEGOTIATION ITEMS – Mr. King, Chairperson**

**C. EDUCATION ITEMS – Ms. Belcastro, Chairperson**

1. To approve the adoption of the Central Valley School District's Title I School-Parent Compacts.  
**Attachment E**
2. To approve the 2020-2021 Bus Schedule based upon approval of the Administration.
3. To approve Dr. Moka to conduct student physical exams at CV High School, CV Middle School, Todd Lane and Center Grange schools for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$10 per student exam.
4. To approve Dr. Dragonjac to conduct the student dental exams for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$4 per student exam.

**Action required on items 1-4:**

Motion by Mr. Bloom                      Second by Mr. Mowad  
Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No

**D. TECHNOLOGY – Dr. Unis, Chairperson**

**E. ATHLETICS – Mr. O’Neill, Chairperson**

1. To approve John George as a volunteer assistant football coach at a stipend of \$0 pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.

**Action required on item 1:**

Motion by Mr. O’Neill                      Second by Mr. King  
Motion Carried 8 Yes, 0 No

**FYI:** Athletic Schedules

**F. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – Mr. Ross, Chairperson**



**G. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Mr. Mowad, Chairperson**

1. To approve/confirm the following Building Usage requests pending final approval from the Superintendent regarding COVID-19 regulations.

<b>Building</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
TL Gymnasium	CARE Latchkey Program	8/31/20-6/4/21	Before and after school care
CV Baseball Field	CVEI	8/17/20-10/25/20	Beaver County Fall Ball

\*Based upon availability

Discussion:

- Mr. Mowad inquired about those using the facilities and following the guidelines. Dr. Perry said that as of now, there is no inside use of the buildings. LatchKey will be the first to begin and is also following the District Health & Safety Plan. Those using the outside facilities are also to be following the guidelines. The District has a waiver that organizations must sign indicating their understanding of the plan prior to using any part of our buildings and grounds.

Action required on item 1:

Motion by Mr. Mowad                      Second by Ms. Belcastro  
 Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No

## H. PERSONNEL ITEMS – Mr. Bloom, Chairperson

1. To the 2020-2021 Substitute List pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.  
**Attachment F**
2. To approve the 2020-2021 Rhodes Transit bus driver/aides list pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances. **Attachment G**
3. To approve the following 2020-2021 Building Monitor positions at Center Grange and Todd Lane at a rate of \$10.00/hr. pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.
  - a. Amy Wilson                      Todd Lane
  - b. Kelly Shiel                      Center Grange
4. To approve a sabbatical request for an elementary teacher for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. The District reserves the right to refuse any request to rescind the sabbatical.
5. To approve an FMLA request for an elementary teacher pursuant to the Expanded FMLA provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act. The leave is approved for a specified duration of twelve weeks and shall commence on August 31, 2020 and expire on November 23, 2020. The District reserves the right to refuse any request to rescind the leave.
6. To approve an FMLA request for an elementary teacher pursuant to the Expanded FMLA provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act. The leave is approved for a specified duration of twelve weeks and shall commence on August 31, 2020 and expire on November 23, 2020. The District reserves the right to refuse any request to rescind the leave.
7. To approve a FMLA request for a middle school teacher effective November 9, 2020 – January 29, 2021.
8. To approve Casey Reinstatler as a Long-Term Substitute at Todd Lane for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$130/day pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.
9. To approve Theresa Gallagher as a Long-Term Substitute at Center Grange for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$130/day pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.
10. To approve Julie Evans as a Long-Term Substitute at Center Grange for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$130/day pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.
11. To approve the resignation of Linda Hunt, custodian, effective August 17, 2020.
12. To approve the resignation of Dawn Hluben, cafeteria general worker, effective August 13, 2020. **Attachment H**
13. To approve the resignation of Jake Savisky, part time elementary teacher, effective August 10, 2020. **Attachment I**
14. To approve the resignation of Nicole Kistner, paraprofessional, effective August 5, 2020.  
**Attachment J**

15. To approve the resignation of Heidi Kownacki, paraprofessional, effective August 6, 2020.  
**Attachment K**
16. To approve the resignation of Karen Smith, paraprofessional, effective August 18, 2020.  
**Attachment L**
17. To approve Danny Scheidmantel as a full-time custodian at a rate of \$14.50/hr. effective August 21, 2020 pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.
18. To approve Joseph Noss as a full-time custodian at a rate of \$14.50/hr. effective August 21, 2020 pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.
19. To approve the retirement of Becky Dostalick, teacher, effective June 5, 2020.

**Action required on items 1 -19:**

Motion by Mr. Mowad                      Second by Mr. Bloom  
Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No

## **I. FINANCE ITEMS – Mr. Ambrose, Chairperson**

## **J. SUPERINTENDENT’S ITEMS/COMMENTS**

- Dr. Perry wanted to alert parents to check their mail and the website for building specific parent resources. He thanked support staff for their very hard work in getting everything ready. He thanks the Administration and Management teams for their dedication to our teaching staff and students. He thanked the teachers for all the work they will put in for their students. He thanked the Board of Education. It has not been an easy situation, deciding what is best for the students. It was very difficult, but they continue to put students first. He thanked the solicitors for helping to guide through this time. Finally, he said that he knows it is a rocky road ahead of us, but if we focus on the needs of our students; not just teaching, it will be worth it. Needs such as making sure children are receiving the proper nutrition, nurturing, interaction with their peers, extra curricular activities, and the arts.

## **K. BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS**

- Mr. Ross asked if it is known by grade levels to this point, how many students have gone to PA Cyber. Mr. Vukovcan indicated he did not know off the top of his head. Mr. McCreary indicated that it is not a lot, there has been an increase, but not a huge amount. Mr. Ross thanked everyone for their hard work and wished them the best of luck.
- Mr. Bloom gave hats off to the administration team and wished all good luck and to stay strong.
- Mr. Ambrose echoed their comments.
- Mr. O’Neill thanked everyone for their hard work, especial Dr. Perry.
- Mr. King also thanked Dr. Perry for his leadership. He also thanked the custodial and secretarial staffs.
- Mr. Mowad said that education has changed so much in the last 10-15 years. This is certainly the most dramatic. He commended how everyone is adapting. He asked that the District say open to constructive criticism in respect to the bumps ahead.
- Ms. Belcastro thanked everyone and said we will take this day by day.
- Mr. Zaritski said that although some of the public agree and some do not agree, but he guarantees everyone that the Board as a whole truly has tried to keep the best interest in mind for our students. He feels confident in saying that. We can get through this challenging time working together.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

1. To adjourn the meeting.

### **Action required on item 1:**

Motion by Mr. Mowad    Second by Mr. Bloom  
Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No

Full Name	Full Street Address	Comment
Kay	Smith	What do you plan to do about all the paraprofessionals that quit? How are kids with IEPs going to get the appropriate help?
Kay	Smith	Why don't you push the start date back to after Labor Day instead of rushing to get everything ready?
Stacy	Aliquippa, PA	When will CG post their building plan? It is almost a week until school and the principal said it would help answer questions to help make decisions. That isn't giving parents much time to make a decision.
Mandy goss	3679 Brodhead Road	Can you please explain why you are holding board meetings virtually to maintain social distancing, but classes will be held face to face when social distancing can not be maintained? How is this promoting the safety of students and staff?
Kay	Smith	Is it true that there have been several positive cases among the sports teams that have not been reported....namely football??????
Shannon Tress	1211 Center Rd	Will live classes be recorded? Asking because say I have 2 children... One has a doctor appointment and he misses a few classes due to this.. That means my 1st grader will have to miss class too due to the fact that I (only parent at home) will have to leave. I understand it would be like missing in person school but in that case I wouldn't have to have multiple children missing
Robin Wilson	Chapel road	Why are we rushing back to school? I don't understand why we can't push it back for at least couple weeks to make sure every necessary things are in place!
Stacy	Aliquippa, PA	The district obviously places value on the temperature checks because they are making teachers submit temperatures daily. Why haven't we invested in scanners to scan students temperatures since the district believes it is too time consuming to do each individually?
Susan miller	Center grange	Why has the public not been informed of cases of athletes? Why are sports still practicing during COVID cases? Especially inside the school with back to back sports in gym without being sanitized!
Kristen Milanovich	108 Park Drive	My question is in regard to the quality and angle of the video live stream that you are currently using. Is this what we can expect for the synchronous learning? Thank you in advance.
Susan miller	Center grange	Why has the public not been informed of cases of athletes? Why are sports still practicing during COVID cases? Especially inside the school with back to back sports in gym without being sanitized!
Stacy	Aliquippa, Pa	Why isn't the school communicating positive cases on coaches and student athletes?
Kristen Milanovich	108 Park Drive	Thank you for taking my question. The masks of the speakers continue to be taken down this evening for them to speak. Will the teachers also bring their masks down to address the class? Thank you.
Stacy	Aliquippa, Pa	Why won't classes be recorded so that students can make up days missed because of parent work obligations? Why will these be unexcused absences?
Stacy	Aliquippa	I'm told that synchronous students will not be muted. So everyone will hear dogs barking, etc. This seems to be a possible disruption of learning. This is very concerning!
Stacy	Aliquippa	I'm very concerned about the amount of screen time the children will have both in person and synchronous. Why aren't screen time breaks being considered?
Angela Valent	100 James Ln, Monaca	How will classes be cleaned between Kindergarten or between switching in High School and middle school?
Kay Smith	102 Evergreen Dr., Aliq, 15001	Is it true that someone on one of the teams tested positive and it was several days before they quarantined and they practiced in the gym?
Stacy	Aliquippa	I'm told that I will not be informed if a classmate tests positive. Why wouldn't the entire "in person" classroom be informed without disclosing the students name.
Jill Banovsky	Richard Drive	What is the procedure to submit my child for the hybrid/synchronous learning option? Do I have to notify the school? Will there be an iPad pick-up date? Will I have to notify the child's teacher if I chose to send him for in person learning? Thank you in advance for addressing my questions.
Craig Valent	100 James Ln Monaca	I understand protecting privacy, but my child was in one activity with students that were in another activity with a student that was suspected to be sick with Covid. While the participants in direct contact were notified, secondary contacts were not. I would like to know what the guidelines are to inform families who have kids in school related activities. No one expects to be told any specifics but just a "heads up" your child may have been exposed would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time.
Brandi Patterson	Pinehaven Ct	I understand you are working closely with the PA Dept. of Health, but the clarification on its guidance for mask-wearing in schools with mandating that students wear face coverings even when they are practicing social distancing, contradicts the CDC guidelines where the use of cloth face coverings is especially important when social distancing is difficult to maintain. If social distancing of 6 ft and plexi-glass is in place, social distancing will not prove difficult especially while children are seated. Will we see some flexibility with this within the classroom while children are seated and in place? Will it be up to teacher's discretion? Will we wait until the Dept of Health lifts this guideline, or is there plan to gear more towards the CDC guidelines? While I see the value in masking, if socially distancing is practiced, and seemingly, as it sounds, solidly in place in most if not all areas, how we can expect children, of any and all ages, to be masked all day? In addition, what types of reprimanding will be involved with masking or lack there of for the little ones? Thank you again for your time and efforts.
Stacy	Aliquippa	How will teachers balance those students in person or synchronous? This will certainly be more time consuming, but I'm told that the district hasn't discussed that yet and hadn't considered it?
Stacy	Aliquippa	I'm very concerned about parent pickup procedures. I'm told the enhanced procedures will be posted but not sure when. We are a week away and parents haven't been informed yet. The CG system is weak, at best. Last year, my child was dismissed to someone who was on my approved list, but not one person checked ID or checked to see if this person was approved to take my child from the school. I am very concerned that there will be significantly more parent pickups and no plan one week away from our first day.
Kay Smith	102 Evergreen Dr., Aliq, 15001	Is the district really prepared to open August 31st when all plans aren't finalized yet?
Kay Smith	102 Evergreen Dr. Aliq, 15001	Why is some staff more worried about sports continuing rather than the safety of students? I feel there is more concern about scheduling students to come into the schools to practice or in groups risking exposure and less concern on getting the schools ready for students.
Kay Smith	102 Evergreen Dr. Aliq, 15001	Is the plexiglass installed in classrooms and cafeteria? I noticed that you said it was ordered.....

Full Name	Full Street Address	Comment
Kristen Baughman	126 Cedar Ridge Dr	If Central Valley is not letting teachers and students know if they were in contact with a student or teacher who has tested positive for COVID, what happens during the several days between the Health Department being notified and the Health Department doing their contact tracing and notifying those individuals who may have been exposed. Is there a more efficient way of sharing this information while still following HIPAA guidelines? It seems like there is likely to be a big delay between the Health Department being notified and them notifying those who were in contact with that COVID positive individual.
Brandi Patterson	Pinehaven Ct	In regards to Kindergarten classes , will the classes be cleaned between AM and PM sessions? If cleaning during the break is there sufficient time for chemicals to dissipate? If not, how are you addressing the fact that AM classroom will be adhering to the health code guidelines, but PM will not?
Lindsey Lassiter	1999 Marshall rd monaca pa	How will the veneration In the middle school be with not having ac be with the children with face to face.
Don Campbell	320 mowry rd monaca	What is set in place in regards to busing? How can we make sure kids will continue to wear their mask on the bus? How can you be sure they will be safe? Will there be willingness to reevaluate if the level of cases does increase? Will Christmas break be changed? Will the option for synchronous/asynchronous be available all year?
Angela Marie Valent	100 James Ln, Monaca	Can you please repeat what you said about the recording of classes as per the solicitor? Is this the same for live streaming classes?
Dianne Sarver	Monaca	Thanks
S Yablonski	Rainbow Dr	To echo the comment about rushing back...you may not feel that you are rushing back, but you are just getting information out to parents today and still have information to provide...you are not giving us time to make our decisions with providing this last minute information. Why not provide parents with more time to digest this information to make the best decision for our children?
Brandi Patterson	Pinehaven Ct	Will K-2 children have papers, writing/art materials, or anything physical at all or will everything be on ipads all day ?
Angela Marie Valent	100 James Ln, Monaca	Please address the issue of notification. If student in sport/activity A comes in contact with an infected student and then that student goes to activity B, shouldn't those students in activity B be notified.
S Yablonski	Rainbow Dr	Is the Board listening to the comments and taking them into consideration? So many people are stating that the district is rushing and that parents and staff aren't comfortable with the plan...aren't you supposed to be representing our best interest and considering our comments and opinions?
B Patterson	Pinehaven Ct	Can we login on any given day to the Synchronous learning? For instance, let's say the child is an hour late for school or has an early dismissal? Is it possible to be in the physical classroom AND have synchronous online access at any time?
		Can you elaborate what the numbers look at in regards to the 5th grade? Based on the survey - how many are planning to attend at traditional, blended, synchronous, and asynchronous?  My understanding it that the 5th graders are due to get new iPads. If this information is true - when do they exchange their iPads?
Robin Williams	102 Van Kirk Road	How will specials be handled for synchronous learning?
Kay Smith	102 Evergreen Dr. Aliq. 15001	On the subject of practices, you said that there was a protocol on the gym being cleaned between back to back practices but why is the volleyball team going in directly after the basketball team??? There is no cleaning in between according to the students....
Jill Banovsky	Richard Drive	Will my child be obligated to use the school Ipad for the synchronous learning or will we have the option to use another computer and use the school iPad for submitting assignments? Please stop reading Stacy's questions without making her follow the rules and provide her full name and address!
John	stacy st.	Thank you for doing this!
Gail Mineard	239 Biskup lane Monaca	What is the district plan of made to go all virtually?
Lisa Houston	144 Mowry road	I just wanted to commend our custodial staff also Evan Ferris on their tremendous job thru this pandemic! I know we are all physical and mentally exhausted as well as all of you! Thank you! Are the elementary grades getting pens like the older students for their iPads?
Shannon Tress	1211 Center Rd	I know after the spring classes it makes it much easier for the little ones to write on their ipads
Gwenn McGuire	107 Mount Laurel Lane, Aliquippa	FYI...Someone is trying to submit a comment on the YouTube channel. I don't have an account, so I can't refer her to this form.
Michelle Tomei	146 Columbia Drive	I have heard that space in the in the classroom might not be sufficient to maintain 6-ft social distancing as required by health guidelines and in some cases it might be as low as 3 ft is this true and if so what will be done to ensure that students are maintaining a 6-foot distance during class?
Michelle Tomei	146 Columbia Drive	While I can appreciate the flexibility that is being offered to parents for in school versus at home synchronous learning what considerations are being offered to the teacher who might not know their class makeup on a daily basis and will need to maintain and manage social distancing among the students while at the same time manage those students who are at home?
Michelle Tomei	146 Columbia Drive	Would regards to the last response to the last question for the evening I have to ask if any consideration has been given to the teacher who is going to have to manage this extreme flexibility that is being offered to the parent and student ...on any given day a student can come in and out of the classroom at will ...they can choose to log on in the morning come into the classroom for an hour and then go home. I foresee that this will become a significant burden on the teacher to manage social distancing and the classroom along with those students who are streaming, whose primary responsibility is to teach the child and focus on learning
Robin Williams	102 Van Kirk Road	to clarify I was looking know how specials will be addressed when learning from home (example - Gym/PE - ART, Music, Library) How is my child going to be expected to participate if they are learning from home?

Full Name	Full Street Address	Comment
B Patterson	Pinehaven Ct	I several County schools going from either Hybrid or Full 5 days in person options to straight virtual in the last week... unsure as to the reasons, but does the CV Board see that as a high probability before the start date of 8/31 if all stats and reports stay relatively the same or are we 100% in forging ahead with this plan. Any insight to a sudden change or a potential of a sudden change would be appreciated by all.
B Patterson	Pinehaven Ct	What do you think it is about CV that gives us the ability and determination to offer all of these flexible options vs. our other neighboring schools?
B Patterson	Pinehaven Ct	Have you given thought to an aide to assist those kids who are viewing remotely with any technical issues as the class is being taught? What is the process for that? Is it just Mr. Eimiller? Or will be be a person per class or even grade?
Kay Smith	102 Evergreen Dr. Aliquippa	How do you plan on avoiding waste (like school lunches) if no one is sure how many kids will be there day to day if parents can decide on a day to day basis if there kid will attend in person. If parents don't let staff know what days there kids will be attending ahead of time, it makes it hard to plan social distancing.
Rebecca Armutat	100 Tiger Lilly Drive	Many parents have expressed concern tonight about the very limited notifications regarding positive cases within the district. It seems that the school community can be notified, by the district, of positive cases without sharing private information. Will the administration and board please discuss and consider changing this policy? Thank you.
B Patterson	pinehaven ct	Thank you all for your time and energy and dedication during this unprecedented time!
Gail Mineard	239 Biskup lane Monaca	I just want to thank the board for giving the parents all the options that we have and the efforts to accommodate every student and parent's concerns. Thank you for all you do for our kids
Dianne Sarver	Monaca	Can you please repeat what you said about the recording of classes as per the solicitor? Is this the same for live streaming classes? Thanks



Kearns, Colleen <ckearns@centralvalleypd.net>

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## Question for School Board Meeting-August

1 message

Sat, Aug 8, 2020 at 12:37 PM

To: ckearns@centralvalleypd.net

Dear Sir/Ma'dam,

Regarding the Social Distancing in the classroom, will I know if my child's classroom desks(Todd Lane) are placed 6ft apart PRIOR to the first day of school? If masks are required for students to wear for the entire day in the classroom, this may alter my decision in sending my child to "in person" learning. Thank you in advance for answering my question.

Warm regards,  
Jill Banovsky  
Richard Drive





Kearns, Colleen &lt;ckearns@centralvalleysd.net&gt;

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## School Board Meeting Question

1 message

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**Stephanie Cercone**

Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 6:36 PM

To: ckearns@centralvalleysd.net

I would like to know, with all the positive cases within the district right now, and the survey results being 92% of kids could possibly be in school at one time, how is it going to be safe for us to send our kids to school? Where our numbers are right now, the community spread is substantial, which at that level, full remote learning is recommended, is this being considered at this time? When will we know if it is?

Thank you for your efforts in making the best decisions for our kids and teachers.

Steph

Sent from my iPhone



Kearns, Colleen &lt;ckearns@centralvalleysd.net&gt;

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**Comment for school board meeting**

1 message

**Merulli, Amber L**

Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 1:49 PM

To: "ckearns@centralvalleysd.net" &lt;ckearns@centralvalleysd.net&gt;

Central Valley School Board,

I have been keeping up to date and reading the information that has been released through the school district's website. I wanted to make a comment about the parent survey results. I appreciate that the results were quickly uploaded and disseminated to the parents. However, I feel that the format that they are in is not particularly helpful. You have given us the results for the entire school population. I'm assuming that depending on the grade level of the child, the parent responses may change. I think that the results should be given to the parents based on grade level so they are able to make a more informed decision. With my son entering an elementary grade level, I may see more parents preferring traditional instruction which may change my opinion on if I feel it is safe for him to return. It's noted that every attempt will be made to keep class sizes less than 25, but truly if you are going to encourage social distancing, class sizes need to be much smaller. Also, I feel like there's a lack of guidance for those parents interested in the hybrid method of learning. If there isn't some guidance on which days you should send your child to school then you may not actually decrease the size of classes if most parents choose to send their children on the same day. If some guidance was given to these parents who would like to pursue synchronous online learning plus in person teaching a couple days a week then you could theoretically maintain lower class sizes while still offering the traditional teaching option for some children.

Thank you,

Amber Merulli  
125 Poplar Ave.  
Monaca, PA 15061

Amber Merulli BSN, RN, CPN

Senior Professional Staff Nurse, Same Day Surgery

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Kearns, Colleen &lt;ckearns@centralvalleysd.net&gt;

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**School board meeting question**

1 message

**Craig A. Valent**

Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 2:26 PM

To: "ckearns@centralvalleysd.net" &lt;ckearns@centralvalleysd.net&gt;

According to the PA Department of Education Instruction Model guidelines posted on August 10th and the posted levels of community spread of COVID-19 from the PA Department of Health for Beaver County (moderate spread) the guidelines state that only Blended/Hybrid or Full Remote instruction methods are recommended for Beaver County. The PA Department of Education defines Blended/hybrid as "any Model in which the number of students in a school building is reduced to allow for social distancing of 6 feet". Because the current method of instruction in the CVSD reopening plan does not guarantee "6 foot social distancing", ("if possible" is listed numerous times in the plan when speaking to social distancing) it would not qualify as a Blended or Hybrid model as defined by the state. (Especially as there is no way of knowing how many children will attend day to day)

Do you intend to follow these guidelines and move to a hybrid type model in which social distancing can be guaranteed?  
If not, why?

Craig Valent  
100 James Ln  
Monaca



Kearns, Colleen &lt;ckearns@centralvalleysd.net&gt;

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## Questions for school board meeting

1 message

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**Pati Weidinger**

Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 5:14 PM

To: ckearns@centralvalleysd.net

Patricia Weidinger  
126 Patton Dr.  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

ckearns@centralvalleysd.net

Comments must include the sender's name and home address.

#1. Why is Central Valley choosing not to inform community members of positive cases of students/staff?  
Other districts are being transparent.

#2 How is the district specifically spending the money they received from the CARES Act Fund to make schools/classrooms safer (\$263,369)?

#3 What is the cost of the cameras that were installed in the classrooms?

#4 Community spread was substantial (red) in Central Valley during the most recent 7 day reporting period according to the PA Department of Education Model Guidance chart. This model recommends CV operate under a Full Remote Learning model. Will the district be moving to the fully remote model of instruction for the safety of its students, staff, and community?

Sent from my iPhone



Kearns, Colleen &lt;ckearns@centralvalley.net&gt;

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**Questions for board meeting**

1 message

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**Rebecca Armutat**  
To: ckearns@centralvalley.net

Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 11:01 PM

Hi-

My home address is 100 Tiger Lilly Drive, Aliquippa. I have a few questions:

-What is the preliminary breakdown of instructional pathway options chosen in the middle school by grade and team? How is it possible to plan for social distancing when the teachers don't know who is going to be in the building each day? Why not just start with a hybrid plan so the school knows how many children will attend each day and can plan accordingly?

-The latest information from the state says that students must be spaced six feet apart to remove masks to eat. Is this spacing possible in the CV cafeterias, especially if the number of students attending each day is unknown? Will other spaces be used for lunch?

-What happens if our home Comcast internet goes out (this happens frequently) during synchronous class? Are classes going to be recorded and made available for later viewing?

-What is the notification plan for when a student or teacher tests positive for COVID? I understand that the Department of Health will do contact tracing, but beyond that, will all parents be notified that there are positive cases in the school community? This information would go a long way in helping parents to decide whether to send their child to school on any given day.

Thank you-  
Rebecca Armutat

## Statement from Tracy Whipkey, President Central Valley Education Association

Beginning the new school year in a pandemic is causing apprehension for many teachers, parents, and students. After reviewing the District's "Return to School Health and Safety Plan", an overwhelming majority of teachers have expressed concern over deficiencies in the plan related to social distancing and confirmation of COVID cases. Teachers fear that by not addressing these two specific issues, there is **no way** to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment.

The District has opted for the most aggressive return to school plan but is only committed to the bare minimum CDC recommended mitigation efforts. CVEA believes the District can and should do more – be proactive! We have already witnessed other Beaver County districts modeling transparency in keeping parents informed of positive COVID cases and believe our District should do the same. It is imperative that the District keep staff and parents informed of positive cases as they arise. Being proactive enables parents to make educated and informed decisions regarding education and athletic choices for their child(ren).

For the safety of our students and community, we encourage the District to consider an alternative return plan as most other county districts have already done. Please also refer to the attached letter to Superintendent Perry from PSEA President Rich Askey to see specific recommendations for social distancing and quarantine protocols.