



**CENTRAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JUNE 17, 2021 – 7:00 PM  
CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

# Minutes

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

<u>  X  </u> Mr. Ambrose	<u>  X  </u> Mr. O'Neill
<u>  X  </u> Ms. Belcastro	<u>  X  </u> Mr. Ross
<u>  X  </u> Mr. Bloom	<u>  Ab  </u> Dr. Unis
<u>  X  </u> Mr. King	<u>  Ab  </u> Mr. Zaritski
<u>  X  </u> Mr. Mowad	

\*Also in attendance: Dr. Perry, Mr. Halsey, and Mr. Maly

## ROUTINE ITEMS

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. An Executive session was held this evening from 6:00 p.m.- 7: 00 p.m. to discuss the Safety and Security plan presented by the superintendent that is completed each year and required by law. Also discussed were the hiring of personnel and information given from the solicitor regarding legal matters.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

- **Curtis Skelton** (1700 Indiana Avenue). Mr. Skelton asked the Board to please remove the wearing of masks from the children, they are uncomfortable, restrictive, dehumanizing, oppressive and no one likes them. He also asked that students return to the library next year and be allowed to bring home books. He asked that vaccines are not made mandatory or be students be required to wear a mask.

**V. MINUTES**

1. To approve the Voting Session Minutes from May 20, 2021. **Attachment A**

**Action required on items 1:**

Motion by Mr. Bloom                      Second by Mr. King  
Motion: Carried 7 Yes, 0 No

## **TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. King, Treasurer**

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

**A. PAY BILLS --**

1. Confirm the May 2021 General Fund Payments in the amount of \$2,302,389.53.

**Attachment B**

2. Confirm the May 2021 Cafeteria Fund Payments in the amount of \$47,877.25.

**Attachment C**

**B. REPORT --**

1. To approve the May 2021 Berkheimer Report. **Attachment D**

**Action required on item 1:**

Motion by Mr. King                      Second by Mr. O'Neill  
Motion: Carried 7 Yes, 0 No

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. BOARD/POLICY ITEMS – Ms. Belcastro, Chairperson**

1. To approve the appointment of Tom King as Treasurer of the Central Valley School Board for a term of one (1) year: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in accordance with Sections 404 and 438 of the Pennsylvania School Code with a yearly stipend of \$250.00.
2. To approve permanent Professional Employee Contracts for the following employees in recognition of attainment of tenure status: MaryJo Wood, Jennifer Jones, Julie Shamitko, and Aimee Spicuzza.

**Action required on items 1 & 2:**

Motion by Mr. Ross                      Second by Mr. Ambrose  
Motion: Carried on item #1: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (King)  
Motion: Carried on item #1: 7 Yes, 0 No

**B. NEGOTIATION ITEMS – Mr. O'Neill, Chairperson**

**C. EDUCATION ITEMS – Mr. Ross, Chairperson**

1. To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc. to operate the Pre-K Counts Program effective August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. **Attachment E**
2. To approve and Agreement with Trend Services to provide physical therapy services at a rate of \$71.86/hour for the 2021-2022 school year. **Attachment F**
3. To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Psychology and Learning Center and Central Valley School District to provide school-based mental health services for the 2021-2022 school year pending approval by the solicitor. **Attachment G**
4. To approve an agreement with Interim HealthCare of Pittsburgh, Inc. to provided Skilled nursing services for supplemental nursing staff in Central Valley School Buildings, fieldtrips and additional services upon request of the District for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of \$50 per hour; terms and conditions according to Agreement. **Attachment H**

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

Motion by Mr. Ross                      Second by Mr. Bloom  
Motion: Carried 7 Yes, 0 No

**D. TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Mowad, Chairperson**

1. To approve a five (5) year Maintenance and Support Agreement with Dagostino Electronic Services to commence July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 for a total of \$212,975.00 or \$42,595 per year. **Attachment I**

**Action required on item 1:**

Motion by Mr. Mowad                      Second by Mr. Ambrose  
Motion: Carried 7 Yes, 0 No

## **E. ATHLETICS – Mr. King, Chairperson**

1. To approve the resignation of Ray Fernandez, head girls' softball coach effective immediately.
2. To approve the following Fall Coaching staff and stipends pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances:

### **Boys' Soccer**

Bradlee Humble	Head Varsity Coach	\$3,713.00
Jared Harden	Assistant Coach	\$1,485.00
Ruel Roberts	Middle School Head Coach	\$1,030.00
Steve Brenner	Volunteer HS Assistant	\$0
<b>TBD</b>	Volunteer MS Assistant	\$0

### **Girls' Soccer**

<b>TBD</b>	Head Varsity Coach	
<b>TBD</b>	Assistant Coach	
<b>TBD</b>	Middle School Head Coach	
<b>TBD</b>	Volunteer Assistant MS	\$0
<b>TBD</b>	Volunteer Assistant HS	\$0

### **Girls' Volleyball**

Candace Glumac	Head Varsity Coach	\$3,605.00
Justin Rubb	JV Coach / Assistant	\$1,133.00
Haley Dzumba-Rubb	Volunteer Assistant	\$0
Michael Glumac	Volunteer Assistant	\$0

### **Girls' Tennis**

Tim Casey	Head Varsity Coach	\$3,040.00
Roxanne Delon	JV Coach / Assistant	\$1,420.00
Duane Hardek	Volunteer Assistant	\$0

### **Cheerleading**

Heather Semovoski	Head Varsity Coach	\$3,824.00
Stephanie Cruz	Assistant Varsity Coach	\$1,093.00
Brandy Miller	MS / JV Coach	\$984.00
Kristen White	Volunteer Assistant	\$0
Robin Neff	Volunteer Assistant	\$0

### **Girls' Golf**

Craig Morris	Head Varsity Coach	\$3,198.00
David Bell	Assistant Coach	\$1,491.00

### **Boys' Golf**

Craig Morris	Head Varsity Coach	\$3,292.00
David Bell	Assistant Coach	\$1,537.00
Tanner Houser	Volunteer Assistant	\$0

### **Cross Country**

William King	Head Varsity Coach	\$4,776.00
Amy Young	Assistant Coach	\$1,073.00

**Varsity Football**

Mark Lyons	Head Varsity Coach	\$9,432.00
Larry DeVincentis	Offensive Coordinator	\$3,576.00
Wayne Tatalovich	Defensive Coordinator	\$3,120.00
Zach Turley	Assistant Coach	\$2,753.00
Tony Reda	Assistant Coach	\$2,753.00
Scott Slater	Assistant Coach	\$2,295.00
Skyler Cron	Assistant Coach	\$2,295.00
Tyrone Dixon	Assistant Coach	\$2,228.00
John Barr	Quality Control	\$1,420.00
John Fiscus	Volunteer Assistant	\$0
John George	Volunteer Assistant	\$0
Preston Cron	Volunteer Assistant	\$0

**7th / 8th Grade Football**

David Kramer	Head MS Coach	\$2,688.00
Cecil Brazos	Assistant Coach	\$1,238.00
Craig Musgrave	Assistant Coach	\$1,167.00
Gene St. Clair	Volunteer Assistant Coach	\$0
Michael Bendekovic	Volunteer Assistant Coach	\$0
William "BJ" Powell	Volunteer Assistant Coach	\$0

**MS Girls' Basketball**

Chris Raso	Head 7th Grade Coach	\$1,000.00
Samantha Giannetti	Head 8th Grade Coach	\$1,093.00
<b>TBD</b>	Volunteer Assistant Coach	\$0

**Action required on items 1&2:**

Motion by Mr. King                      Second by Mr. Bloom  
Motion: Carried 7 Yes, 0 No



**F. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – Dr. Unis, Chairperson**

## **G. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Mr. Zaritski, Chairperson**

1. To approve the Capital Project To Do List of Recommendations from the Building and Grounds Committee not to exceed \$141,000. **Attachment J**

### **Discussion:**

- Mr. Bloom asked if these items are what was on the immediate list to come out of Capital Improvement money, right? Dr. Perry responded that yes, it comes out of the Capital Improvement money and what is left over will come out of the General Fund.

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

Motion by Mr. Ross

Second by Mr. Mowad

Motion: Carried 9 Yes, 0 No

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

1. To approve the retirement of Suzanne DiPietrantonio, high school teacher, effective June 4, 2021. **Attachment K**
2. To approve the retirement of Andrea Magnifico, first grade teacher, effective June 4, 2021. **Attachment L**
3. To approve the retirement of Sandra Reigel, high school teacher, effective June 4, 2021. **Attachment M**
4. To approve the retirement of Karen Roper, high school teacher, effective June 9, 2021. **Attachment N**
5. To approve the resignation of Madyson Berarducci, paraprofessional, effective June 4, 2021. **Attachment O**
6. To approve the addition of Sue Davis, paraprofessional, to the personnel for Extended School Year (ESY) paid by her hourly rate pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.
7. To approve the following personnel for band positions pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances:

### **Supplemental Band**

Wendy Lewis	HS Band Director	\$5,971
Tori D'Angelo	Assistant Director	\$2,030
TBD	Assistant Director	
Amanda Poleti	Color Guard/Majorette Sponsor	\$1,970
Wendy Lewis	MS Band Director	\$1,133

### **Summer Positions**

Austin Petrella	Summer Instructor A	\$412
TBD	Summer Instructor A	
TBD	Summer Instructor B	
Cameron McCracken	Summer Instructor B	\$100
Casey Reinstadtler	Summer Instructor B	\$103
Nicholas Schmidley	Summer Instructor B	\$100
Devin Meskow	Summer Instructor B	\$100
Natalie Manning	Volunteer	\$0

8. To approve an intermittent FMLA request for a custodian from June 21, 2021 to June 17, 2022.
9. To approve Casey Reinstadtler as an elementary teacher, Step 2 Bachelor's Degree, in accordance with the CVEA Agreement, effective August 24, 2021 pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.

10. To approve Emily Geary as a special education teacher, Step 2 Bachelor's Degree, in accordance with the CVEA Agreement, effective August 24, 2021 pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.
11. To approve Justine Crawford as a special education teacher, Step 1 Bachelor's Degree, in accordance with the CVEA Agreement, effective August 24, 2021 pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.
12. To approve resignation of Marisa Huntsman, high school teacher, effective June 15, 2021.

**Action required on item 1-12:**

Motion by Mr. Bloom                      Second by Mr. King  
Motion Carried 7 yes, 0 No

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

1. To approve the adoption of the Final General Budget for the 2021/2022 school year, this includes revenues of \$39,837,960 and expenditures of \$39,150,715.
2. To approve the following supporting taxes/Resolutions for the 2021/2022 school year:

Real Estate	64.65 mills (4.3% increase or 2.67 mills)
Local Services Tax	\$5.00 per person
Earned Income (wage)	1.0% - effective rate .5%
Mercantile Retail	.75
Mercantile Wholesale	.5
Real Estate Transfer	1.0% - effective rate .5%

3. To approve the appointment of the following as a depositories for District funds:
  - a. Cafeteria Fund WesBanco
  - b. Student Activities Fund Central Valley High School – WesBanco  
Central Valley Middle School – WesBanco  
Todd Lane – WesBanco  
Center Grange Primary – WesBanco
  - c. Capital Reserve Fund Invest\*\*
  - d. Payroll Account PNC and PSDLAF\*
  - e. General Fund PNC, WesBanco, PSDLAF\*, and Invest\*\*
  - f. Mercantile Fund WesBanco
  - g. Credit Union of CVSD Freedom United Federal Credit Union

*\*Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund*  
*\*\*Pennsylvania Treasury's Investment Program for Local Government*
4. To approve Resolution 2021-01, Authorizing Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions beginning July 1, 2021 under the provision of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act and the Taxpayer Relief Act. **Attachment P**
5. To approve the following insurance coverage policies provided through Jack L. Bonus Insurance effective July 1, 2021.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Premium</u>
Utica National	Commercial Package Business Auto Umbrella	\$116,812

6. To approve the premium of \$122,147 for Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage with Housing Redevelopment Insurance Exchange effective July 1, 2021.

### Action required on item 1-6:

Motion by Mr. King                      Second by Mr. Mowad  
Motion: Carried 9 Yes, 0 No

## J. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS/COMMENTS

### K. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mr. O'Neill reminded the Board to keep reading emails.
- Mr. Mowad congratulated the new teachers and congratulated the retirement teachers and reminded the Board about the retirement dinner. Also, kudos to Mr. Maly and the administration on the work done regarding the budget. It is a good sign to keep putting money into the fund balance and make our financial standing stronger.
- Mr. Ambrose commented on commencement. He gave credit to all involved in an impressive commencement ceremony. Mr. Bloom echoed that he watched the live stream, and it was very good as well.

### L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Jennifer Skelton** (Indiana Avenue) – Mrs. Skelton expressed her feelings regarding the current mask policy. She referenced an article online regarding parents that had some children's masks tested for harmful pathogens. She reviewed the various bacteria, and fungi and diseases found on the masks. These were new masks or freshly laundered. She referenced the May meeting, she referenced the importance of keeping our schools open and then the discussion on keeping the policy of the masks through the end of the school year. She said that the Board stood out from other schools then said we were keeping the masks because all the other schools were doing the same. She said on one had we stood out from others then on the other hand we followed others. She stated that PA is following the CDC guidelines, but reminded that these are just recommendations, they are not law. She wants parents to decide their own healthcare decisions. She referenced that Florida appeals court ruled against the mask mandate. She read from the PA Constitution and the right of life and liberty. She asks as we are warriors, we end the mask mandate. Mr. O'Neill commented he also saw the articles and commented on what he had read.
- **Barbara Shearer** (122 Maple Avenue) – Ms. Shearer discussed that she too saw that same article from Townhall.com and discussed the article. She listed the resulting pathogens found on the masks. She said that teachers can be vaccinated if they choose to and all should be safe. She cited a list of adverse results from the vaccine and that the CDC is going to review vaccines again as well. She reminded the Board that they are elected officials. Everyone had followed the unconstitutional guidelines by the governor. She stated that if we are required to follow the rules by the Governor whom the voters at the ballot box took away his rights, and the Dept. of Education, then why do we have an elected Board?
- **Terry Phillips** (142 Mulberry Lane) – Mr. Phillips asked about the earlier mentioned health plan and when will that be available to the public? Dr. Perry stated that the health plan discussed was not the Health and Safety Plan. The one discussed is about physical security of the buildings. Dr. Perry stated the Health and Safety Plan will be public prior to the July Board meeting.
- **Cindy Phillips** (142 Mulberry Lane) – Mrs. Phillips wanted to know when will the public be made aware of the plan, after it is written, or will parents be a part of the decision making? Mr. Halsey said that public comment must be sought prior to the public posting. Dr. Perry said there will be a voice message sent home letting the public know the plan is on the website and the public will have ample opportunity to view and provide comment on the plan. Mrs. Phillips also stated she had not gotten an answer as to what penal code was violated. She stated she was told we are "legally obligated" to follow these guidelines. Mr. Halsey stated that off the top of his head he cannot quote the code; however, the Department of Health does have the authority to issue orders to school districts as to the health and safety measures taken. Mrs. Phillips wanted to know when and where does the constitution come into these decisions? Mr. Halsey does not have any cases where this was challenged. Mr. King said that the legislature gave the power to Gov. Wolf to make mandates. Mr. O'Neill stated that he understood that under an emergency declaration, it

carries the power of a law. Therefore, we were to follow these mandates by the governor and CDC. He does understand the people took back the length of time the governor can continue his mandates. Mr. Mowad said that the Board weighed what was best for our students and our teachers throughout an uncertain situation. If you look in hindsight, there are things we could have done differently but overall, he believes the Board made the best decisions they could under the circumstances given. He stated they finished the year the way it started regarding the masks. Mrs., Philips felt this was very much in error. Mr. Mowad stated that the Board gave parents options. Mrs. Phillips feels it is segregation.

- **Leah Paladino (Bainbridge Drive)** – She asks that the Board make masks optional, vaccine optional, and no discrimination or segregation between unmasked/masked and unvaccinated/vaccinated individuals. Ms. Paladino said that teachers are afraid to speak out due to losing their jobs. Dr. Perry stated that would never happen. The teachers have a union that is very vocal in presenting how the teachers feel. Mrs. Paladino stated that the union does not speak for the majority of the teachers of the District. She explained that she has a petition that people are signing regarding masks. She told the Board that she has emailed each of them and if they are unable to read it, she has a copy available. She asked that the Board does not submit the Health and Safety Plan, it is not required. She read over the money that would be received if this plan is completed. She said this money is not worth the health risk. She has asked that the Board vote against the submission of the Health and Safety plan.

## ADJOURNMENT

1. To adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Ambrose

Second by Mr. Bloom

Motion: Carried 7 Yes, 0 No