

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Patricia Bailey, Rocco Mantini, Susan Saylor-Stahl,
Earl Sleek, II, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell 7
MEMBERS ABSENT: Melanie Byer, Deanna Maurer 2
Quorum present

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa,
Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, Adam Thomas, David Budash, Kelly Digon,
Bethany Spengler, Kate Turner, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Troxell led those present in the flag salute. Mrs. Troxell announced that an executive session was held on August 15, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no objections or corrections stated, Mrs. Troxell declared the following previously circulated items approved as submitted:

1. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held July 18, 2023
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of July 31, 2023
3. Tax Collection Report as of July 31, 2023
4. Activity Fund Report for July

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve payment of all general fund bills and payrolls and athletic bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Bailey, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held August 7, 2023 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	AUGUST 7, 2023
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Patricia Bailey, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer,
Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Michael Barbera, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha
Rosa, Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Brandon Studer, David Budash, Adam Thomas,
Kelly Digon, Ethan Phillippi, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

Committee of the Whole continued—

1. Guests & Sunshine Act Public Comment Period

- A. Michael Seibert, Weight Training/Fitness Coach, was present to meet the Board and discuss his program.
- B. Jill and Matthew Phillippi attended the meeting to state their objection to the school district selling property to the Moyer family or granting a permanent right-of-way access across land adjacent to the Phillippi's property.

2. Reports

- A. Adam Thomas reported that the state would be absorbing the cost of the reduced-price lunch program for the 2023-2024 school year.
- B. Nicole Dull presented information on the ESCO/GESA Project. Three companies were interviewed for the Project and a recommendation will be made at the regular meeting.

3. Student Education

- A. Recommend permission to enter into a Service Agreement for Online Services and Technology Rental Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide cyber charter school services to district students for the 2023-2024 school year.

4. School Activities

A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:

- 1. Permission for Ashley Kopp/Kimberly Reynolds to accompany MDS/life skills students (19) to Windber Recreation Park for a Back-to-School Picnic on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at a cost of \$566: \$76/registration; \$390/travel; \$100/substitute nurse (budgeted).
- 2. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (15) to Dollar General/Thomahawk for community-based instruction experiences on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at no cost to the district.
- 3. Permission for Ashley Kopp/Kimberly Reynolds to accompany MDS/life skills students (20) on a practice walk-through of emergency procedures on school grounds and in the community on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at no cost to the district.
- 4. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (15) to Giant Eagle for community-based instruction experiences on Tuesdays, September 19 & November 14, 2023 at no cost to the district.
- 5. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (15) on a dog-walking experience on school grounds to learn job skills/pet care on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at no cost to the district.
- 6. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (15) to Market Basket/Toll Gate for community-based instruction experiences on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at no cost to the district.
- 7. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (15) to the Go Moore Store for a job-shadowing experience on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at no cost to the district.

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- 8. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (15) to El Jalisco for a community-based instruction experience on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at no cost to the district.
- 9. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (15) to Dollar General for Secret Santa Shopping on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at no cost to the district.
- 10. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (15) to Market Basket/Burger King for community-based instruction experiences on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at no cost to the district.

B. Recommend permission for the following home-schooled students to participate in the programs listed during the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with Board Policy:

Erik McClemens (Grade 9)	Golf, Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, and Track/Field
Grant McClemens (Grade 12)	Golf, Cross Country, and Track/Field

5. Human Development

- A. Recommend approval of the List of Substitute Teachers for the 2023-2024 school year submitted by Ignite Education Solutions/The Learning Lamp.
- B. Recommend permission to enter into an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for a part-time Title I instructor to provide math and/or reading support for Title I identified students at the Johnstown Christian School at a cost of \$3,726 for the 2023-2024 school year.
- C. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Monica Hawkins as a substitute custodian effective July 14, 2023.
- D. Recommend appointment of Marion Ott as a Kitchen Helper at a rate of \$10.80 per hour for three (3) hours per day, with fringe benefits as outlined in the Cafeteria Employees' Handbook and pending receipt of clearances.
- E. Recommend authorization to post and advertise for vacant positions as needed for the 2023-2024 school year.
- F. Recommend approval of volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

Amanda Adams	Music Department
Jack Ankeny	Golf
Sara Baker	Elementary School
Leisha Black	High School Field Trips/Music Department/Varsity Football/Track
Stacy Burnworth	Varsity Football/Junior High Boys' Soccer/Varsity Football
Alyssa Defibaugh	Elementary School
Terri Duffy	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Dorothy Everhart	Elementary School
Mallory Ferguson	Elementary School
Joseph Furman	Strength & Conditioning/Track
Thomas Grosik, Jr.	Junior High Football
Theresa Jarosick	Elementary School
Lisa Jerin	Music Department
Eric Konieczny	Elementary School/Music Department
Jennifer Konieczny	Elementary School/Music Department

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Scott Lohr	Junior High Football
Deanna Maurer	Junior High & Varsity Cheerleading
Mary Mauzy	Elementary School/High School Field Trips/Music Department
Ashley McClelland	Elementary School
Danielle Ott	Elementary School
Ashley Park	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Kelly Price	High School Field Trips
Joel Rush	Football
Richard Schubert	Junior High Boys' Soccer
R. Matthew Slezak	Girls' Soccer/Track
Scott Smith	Elementary School
Valerie Smith	Elementary School
Jaclyn Stevanus	Elementary School
Amanda Tercek	Elementary School
Cassandra Thomas	Elementary School
Amanda Walters	Elementary School
Michael Walters, Jr.	Elementary School
Angela Yoder	Music Department/Soccer/Prom

6. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of the list of bus drivers and bus schedules for the 2023-2024 school year.
[Complete bus routes are available from the Transportation Director and are on the district website.]
- B. Recommend approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the School District and The Learning Lamp to collaborate to offer before and after school child care services for K-6 students attending district schools for the 2023-2024 school year.
- C. Recommend approval to enter into Agreements with the Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc., for the 2023-2024 school year as follows: Center for Achievement School; Mental Health Therapy; Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program.

7. Buildings & Grounds

- A. Recommend permission to purchase a Water Reel Sprinkler from Performance Reel LLC at cost of \$18,945.69 (Budgeted—Capital Projects).
- B. Recommend ratification of the Superintendent's decision to allow Drum Corps International/The Academy Drum & Bugle Corps to use the High School facilities/stadium on Thursday, August 3, 2023 from approximately 3:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

8. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Douglas S. Banda – Retired; Lois A. Banda – Retired; Mary Ann Felton – Retired; Douglas E. Telenko – Retired.

Committee of the Whole continued—

9. Other Items

- A. Mrs. Saylor-Stahl inquired about kindergarten enrollment. Mrs. Rosa responded that it was 68. It was also noted that orientation programs are scheduled as follows: August 14 (Grade 6) and August 17 (Kindergarten).

An executive session was held from 7:47 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. to discuss personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the following requests:

1. Permission for Emily McKenzie (Grade 2) to attend Conemaugh Township Area Elementary School as a tuition student for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with Policy No. 202 at the state-approved tuition rate of \$10,166.43, with any additional costs such as an aide, outside placement, etc., to be billed to her parent/guardian. Equal monthly payments shall be required, with the first payment to be made by August 31, 2023, and the total amount due to be paid on or before May 1, 2024.
2. Permission for Grant McClemens (home-schooled student, Grade 12) to participate in the following dual enrollment classes during the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with Board Policy:

Intro to Music (Semester 1, Period 2)
Spanish 3 (Semesters 1 & 2, Period 3)
Public Speaking (Semester 2, Period 4)
Honors Economics (Semester 2, Period 8)

3. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Marching Band (40) to Laurel View Village/Country Manor on Friday, September 1, 2023 at a cost of \$150/travel (budgeted).
4. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Marching Band/Cheerleaders/Homecoming Court (60) to the Elementary School for a Homecoming Pep Rally on October 4, 5, or 6, 2023 at a cost of \$165/travel (budgeted).
5. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Marching Band (40) to participate in the following budgeted competitions:

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Huntingdon High School	09/23/23	\$ 660
Tyrone High School	09/30/23	\$ 570
Greater Johnstown High School	10/14/23	\$ 240
Altoona/PA State Marching Band	10/28/23	\$ 575

6. Permission for Jakeb Rising to accompany the Scholastic Quiz Team (8-16) to Westmont Hilltop High School to participate in the Central Western Scholastic Quiz League on Mondays from September 18 through November 20, 2023 at a cost \$2,000: \$250/registration; \$1,750/travel (budgeted).
7. Permission for Micah Murray (home-schooled student—Grade 9) to participate in the football and baseball programs during the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with Board Policy.

8. Appointment of Samantha J. Kane as a Kitchen Helper at a rate of \$10.80 per hour for three (3) hours per day, with fringe benefits as outlined in the Cafeteria Employees' Handbook and pending receipt of clearances.
9. Acceptance of the resignation of Andrew Byer as Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach effective immediately.
10. Appointment of the following bona fide volunteer athletic/extracurricular personnel with compensation as listed for the 2023-2024 school year:

Andrew Byer	Asst. Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach	\$2,864 (credit for prior C.T. experience)
Zoe Leasock	Senior Class Advisor	\$ 773
Daniel Richardson	Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach	\$1,545 (pending clearances)

11. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2023-2024 school year:

Jeffrey Callihan	Varsity Boys' Soccer
Steffanie Conzatti	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Douglas Croyle	Elementary School
Jessica Custer	Elementary School
Brittany Ferpas	Elementary School
Allison Folton	Music Department
Courtney Hicks	Elementary School
Susan Kuzmiak	Elementary School
Nicole McGrogan	Elementary School
Jill Mitchell	Music Department
Nicole Moser	Music Department
Rebecca Robinson	Elementary School
Stephanie Sharbaugh	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Lori Shropshire	Elementary School
Samantha L. Stevanus	Elementary School
Tyler Stevanus	Elementary School
Molly Stultz	Elementary School
Debra Thomas	Music Department/Softball
Christine Troxell	Music Department/Post Prom
Angela Turley	Elementary School
Joel Yoder	Music Department
Melinda Zeigler	Elementary School

12. Music Department/Instrumental Lessons
High School Band Room/Elementary School Stage & Music Office
Fall 2023 through Spring 2024, Monday – Thursday (7:00-7:30 a.m.; 3:00-7:00 p.m.)
Summer 2024, Monday & Tuesday (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
Catherine Kasun
13. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Gerald R. Alwine – Retired; William G. Elchin – Retired; Mark M. McClain – Retired; Debbie J. Paul – Retired; Eugene B. Paul, Jr – Retired; Antoinette C. Telck – Totally Disabled; Edward J. Thomas - Retired.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, that in accordance with the “Articles of Agreement,” the listing of teachers’ salaries be adopted for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, to approve an increase in the amounts paid per event for Athletic Game Help.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to accept the resignation of Amber Roxby as an Elementary Teacher conditioned upon her continued employment in the District for a period of up to sixty (60) days from August 10, 2023 in accordance with her Professional Employee Contract and the requirements of Pennsylvania School Code Section 24 PS §11-1121(c).

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to appoint Elyse E. Uhlig as an Elementary Teacher at a salary of \$58,665 (Step 12, Master’s Degree) beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of clearances and official transcripts.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for June were included with the agenda. Mrs. Dull noted that Mr. Studer would have a newsletter for the Board next month. Mr. Studer reported that the state budget had passed, and the district will receive an increase of approximately \$170,000.

Mrs. Troxell asked about the balances remaining in the Activity Fund for the inactive accounts of graduated classes, former clubs, etc. Mr. Foster stated that he would discuss the methods for proper disposition of these funds with Mrs. Rembold and report back to the Board. Mrs. Stumpf expressed interest in having a member of the Principal’s Cabinet give periodic reports to the Board.

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of recent meetings/activities. She also commented as follows:

- PennDOT will allow buses to pass through during the closure of Route 985 due to construction in the Thomas Mills area.
- Mrs. Dabbs and Mrs. Rosa secured a grant for Enhanced Core Reading Instruction (ECRI) for primary level teachers.
- The roofs at both buildings will be inspected on August 17, 2023 as part of the preliminary work concerning a roof/solar project proposal. (Considerable discussion ensued regarding this item.)

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini noted that the construction project is 95% complete. He also noted that the administrative staff is being realigned.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary