

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7:16 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi, Earl Sleek, II, Jeremy Sotosky, Christine Troxell, Susan Saylor-Stahl	9
MEMBERS ABSENT:	0
		Quorum present

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

Valerie Zambanini, along with Michael Buncich, Cassey DeBiase, and Kara Duplin, attended the meeting to explain the concept of the C. T. Boutique, which was established for students at the High School recently. Mrs. Dull presented Mrs. Zambanini with a Challenge Coin from the District to recognize her efforts concerning this project.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Sleek, 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. Byer, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve payment of the capital projects bill as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to authorize payment of additional necessary general fund, athletic, cafeteria, and capital projects bills received before the January Board meeting.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Dull noted receipt of a Christmas/thank-you card from R.E.A.C.H. to acknowledge the District’s investment in student mental health issues. She also noted that R.E.A.C.H. had provided cookies for the meeting.

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

1. Permission for Kimberly Garman to accompany MDS students (7) to The Galleria for a community-based instruction experience on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at a cost of \$500: \$400/travel; \$100/nurse (budgeted).
2. Permission for Kimberly Garman/Ashley Kopp or her substitute to accompany Like Skills students (20) to Westmont Hilltop High School to participate in a talent show to raise funds for the Life Skills Prom on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at a cost of \$500: \$400/travel; \$100/nurse (budgeted).
3. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany concert band members (30) to the Elementary School to conduct side-by-side (Grade 5) and trying an instrument (Grade 4) learning experiences on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at a cost of \$150/travel (budgeted).

4. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany concert band members (7) to Greater Johnstown High School for District 6 Band on January 10-12, 2024 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$845: \$525/registration; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
5. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany concert band members (6) to Tussey Mountain High School for the District 6 Jazz Festival on January 18-19, 2024 (Thursday-Friday) at a cost of \$976: \$450/registration; \$86/lodging; \$120/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
6. Permission for Ashley Kopp or her substitute to accompany Life Skills students (12) on the following budgeted community-based instruction experiences at no cost:

Dollar General/Supplies to Make Cookies for Camp PARC	February 14, 2024
St. Francis Sharing & Caring/Store Skills	February 21, 2024
Abilene Boot Company (Somerset)/Career Information	February 28, 2024
Dollar General/Shop for Java	March 4, 2024
Elementary School/Java Day	March 7, 2024
Hiram G. Andrews & Dairy Queen/Post-High School Options	March 13, 2024
Market Basket & Pappy's Pizza/Shopping & Restaurant Skills	March 19, 2024
Greater Johnstown CTC/Tour Apartment & Polytech Program	April 10, 2024
My Girls Deli/Job Shadowing	April 24, 2024

7. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany choir members (11) to Westmont Hilltop High School for District 6 Chorus on January 24-26, 2024 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$1,277: \$737/registration; \$120/travel; \$100/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
8. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany choir members (2) to Tussey Mountain High School for the District 6 Vocal Jazz Festival on January 18-19, 2024 (Thursday-Friday) at a cost of \$870: \$150/registration; \$100/travel; \$200/lodging; \$100/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
9. Permission for Emily Del Signore/Ruth Hostetler/Becky Lough/Kelly McCall/Christine Shroyer/Amy Stone to attend "Enhanced Core Reading Instruction Vocabulary & Comprehension" at I. U. 8/Altoona on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at a cost of \$1,020: \$60/meals; \$960/substitutes (SPEL Grant).
10. Additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2023-2024 school year: Zoey Hayman (Emergency Nurse); Symantha Yutzzy (Grades PK-4).
11. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Mary Anne Rizzo – Retired; Thomas M. Rizzo – Retired; Michael J. Sharretts – Retired.
12. Acceptance of the Offer to Purchase Property at Private Sale from Daniel Blackner for Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-042460 at a sum of \$392. (attached)
13. Request from Suzanne Henry for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption on Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-008970.

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

Austin Blackner	Varsity & Junior High Wrestling
Erika Broeker	Elementary School
Scott Klingenberg	Rifle Team
Nathan Lehman	Rifle Team
Thomas Mitchell	Music Department/Girls' Soccer
Craig Sprock	Rifle Team
Justin Thomas	Elementary Wrestling
Ryan Thomas	Elementary Wrestling

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the following requests for use of school facilities:

1. Grades 3-4 Soccer/Practice
High School Gym
Various Dates, December 2023 through February 2024 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Jarod Feathers
2. Grades 3-6/Foul Shooting Contest
High School Gym
Saturday, December 16, 2023 (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Michael Seibert

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to approve meeting dates for 2024 and to advertise those dates.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to adopt the Resolution indicating the District will not increase the tax rate above the index established by the Department of Education.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve the request from Margaret McMasters for FMLA Leave for the period from November 6, 2023 through approximately December 4, 2023.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

An executive session was held from 7:35 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. to discuss personnel and student matters.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to ratify the Superintendent's decision to retain the services of the Beard Legal Group to provide assistance with a personnel matter.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the Tolling Agreement as presented, contingent upon approval and execution of the same by the family, and to authorize and direct the Board President to enter into and execute the same, on behalf of the Conemaugh Township Area School District.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to accept the quotation from Solutionz, Inc., to provide and install two (2) Telemedicine Carts and associated equipment and provide training at a cost of \$57,699. (COSTARS Contract 034-E22-157; Rural Utility Services Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to accept the quotation from Solutionz, Inc., to provide and install Distance Learning equipment and provide training at a cost of \$841,132.81. (COSTARS Contract 034-E22-157; Rural Utility Services Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to grant permission for the District to lease a Robotic Field Painter from Turf Tank for a six-year period at a cost of \$8,000 for the first year, \$10,000 per year (years 2-6), and with a one-time implementation fee of \$1,700. (Budgeted—Capital Projects)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to accept the resignation of Jason Hazlett as a Science Teacher and to authorize the Board President to sign any necessary paperwork to effectuate same.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – Mr. Studer noted that reports for November and December would be presented in January.

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of meetings/activities/upcoming events. She then stated that she would be seeking approval next month to add a three-hour early dismissal for February 2, 2024, and presented an update on the Investment Grade Audit. She also noted that the new baby grand piano had arrived.

Informational Items – The Elementary and Secondary Newsletters were included with the agenda.

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl welcomed the new board members, Ethan Phillippi and Jeremy Sotosky.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary