

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:08 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Patricia Bailey, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini,
Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell8
MEMBERS ABSENT: Deanna Maurer 1
Quorum present

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

Mrs. Troxell led those present in the flag salute.

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 October 17, 2023
- 2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of October 31, 2023
- 3. Tax Collection Report as of October 31, 2023
- 4. Activity Fund Report for October

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve payment of all general fund bills and payrolls, athletic bills, and cafeteria bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held November 13, 2023 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	NOVEMBER 13, 2023
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:02 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, Christine Troxell

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

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

- 1. Guests & Sunshine Act Public Comment Period
 - A. Renee Gaston, Rob Campbell, Joe Richards, and Joe Jazdezowski from The Efficiency Network (TEN) attended the meeting to make an Energy Savings Company (ESCO) presentation. A motion will be

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included on the regular meeting agenda to approve The Letter of Intent concerning the feasibility of entering into a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with TEN.

2. Student Education

A. Informational Item – Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.

3. School Activities

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

1. Ratification of the Superintendent’s decision to permit Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (12) to Laurel View Village on November 7, 2023 to deliver Veterans Day cards at no cost to the district.
2. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Kelly Kramer to accompany Gifted/Social Studies students (20) to Beth Sholom Synagogue for a cultural experience on Friday, December 15, 2023 at no cost to the district.
3. Permission for Kimberly Garman to accompany MDS students (8) to the Greater Johnstown CTC for a community-based instruction experience on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at a cost of \$450: \$350/travel; \$100/substitute nurse (budgeted).
4. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany concert band members (15) to District Band Pre-Auditions at Northern Cambria High School on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at a cost of \$521: \$56/registration; \$465/travel (budgeted-bus to be shared with another district).
5. Permission for Bethany Spengler to accompany the Art Club (9) to St. Francis Sharing & Caring on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at no cost to the district.

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

4. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Permission for Stacy Dabbs/Samantha Rosa to attend “Enhanced Core Reading Instruction (ECRI) for Leaders” at PATTAN/West on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at a cost of \$167: \$147/travel; \$20/meals (SPEL Grant).
2. Permission for Brandon Studer to attend the PASBO Annual Conference in Hershey on March 5-8, 2024 (Tuesday-Friday) at a cost of \$1,125: \$349/registration; \$230/travel; \$486/lodging; \$60/meals (budgeted).

B. Recommend approval of an additional Substitute Teacher submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2023-2024 school year: Savannah Reitz (Art K-12).

C. Recommend approval of the Contract Amendment Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions pertaining to Jill Mitchell/Extended-Term Substitute Teacher.

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- D. Recommend approval to increase the rate paid to Substitute Teachers to \$120 per day and the rate paid to Substitute Teachers employed in the same position for more than twenty (20) days to \$150 per day, effective November 22, 2023.
- E. Recommend approval to add Stephanie Boring to the Substitute Aide List retroactive to November 1, 2023.
- F. Recommend appointment of Renee Dryer as a Before and After School Tutor for the 2023-2024 school year at the hourly rate as outlined in Article VIII, Section 7, of the Professional Agreement.
- G. Recommend approval of a change in the employment status of Timothy Livingston from Custodial to Custodial/Maintenance at the rate of \$16.57 per hour (increase of \$1/per hour) effective November 20, 2023.
- H. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year:

Roger Conley	Elementary Wrestling
Carly Gindlesperger	Girls' Basketball
Amy Hawkins	Music Department
Lisa Kozielec	Elementary School
Bridget LaPorta	Rifle Team
Sierra LaPorta	Rifle Team
Jenilee Lasure	Elementary School
Jill Lehman	Varsity Swimming
Kylee McGlynn	Elementary School
Steven Miller	Elementary School
Roberta Nicholson	Elementary School Field Trips/High School Field Trips/Post Prom
Tessa Platt	Elementary School
Melissa Ray	Elementary School
William Rouser, Jr.	Rifle Team
David Strayer	Rifle Team
James Szala	Rifle Team
Carol Yonish	Elementary School

5. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of the Addendum to the Contract with Camco Physical and Occupational Therapy to provide speech therapy services at the rate of \$58 per hour during the leave of Abigail Updyke.

6. Buildings & Grounds

- A. Recommend approval of the following Use of Facilities Requests:

- 1. Common Grounds-Thou Art/Christmas Craft Night
High School Art Room
Friday, December 1, 2023 (6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Bethany Spengler
- 2. Grade 5 Boys' Basketball
High School Cafeteria
Mondays & Wednesdays, November & December 2023 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Ashley Park

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3. Grade 5 Girls' Basketball
High School Gym
Selected Dates, December 5, 2023 through January 19, 2024 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Andrew Byer

4. Grade 6 Basketball
High School Gym/Cafeteria
Selected Dates, November 2023 through March 2024 (dates/times coordinated with Mr. Feathers)
Leisha Black/Gary Black

5. Prodigy Dance Company/Christmas Dance Recital
High School Auditorium & Band Room for changing
Dress Rehearsal—Saturday, December 9, 2023 (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
Show—Sunday, December 10, 2023 (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Auditorium Rental Fee: \$20.00 per hour (Saturday); \$23.00 per hour (Sunday)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour
Olivia Soberdash

7. Budget & Finance
 - A. Recommend approval of a total transportation rate of \$599,148.00 for regular education and an average daily rate of \$1,347.53 for special education (20 buses and vans) for McIlwain School Bus Lines for the 2023-2024 school year. [Note: This amount may change during the year due to changes in bus route mileage or gasoline prices.]
 - B. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification: Darla J. Clites – Retired; Joseph K. Clites – Retired; Robert Lonas – Retired.
 - C. Recommend acceptance of the Offer to Purchase Property at Private Sale from Tim A. McClain for Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-063920C at a sum of \$350.

8. Other Items
 - A. Mrs. Dull read an email from Regina Rembold to thank the Board for her retirement party and gifts.
 - B. Mrs. Dull reported that the Pennsylvania School Boards Association donated the book, “Memoirs of a Parrot,” to the Elementary School.
 - C. Adam Thomas spoke briefly concerning the Community Eligibility Provision option offered by the National School Lunch Program.

An executive session was held from 8:19 p.m. to 9:35 p.m. to discuss personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

1. Appointment of Mikayla Hagerty and Zoe Leasock as Speech Team Co-Advisors with compensation of \$901 per advisor for the 2023-2024 school year.

2. Permission for Geneve Buckham/Diane Feathers to accompany SADD Club members (12) to the Elementary School to assist with the Santa Shop on December 4 & 7, 2023 at a cost of \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
3. Permission for Angela Callihan to accompany learning support students (7) to the High School Life Skills Classroom for a Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at a cost of \$300/travel (budgeted).
4. Permission for Amanda Evans/Teachers to accompany Grades K-1 students (126) to the High School Auditorium for concert practice on Monday, December 11, 2023 at a cost of \$388: \$260/travel; \$128/substitute (budgeted).
5. Permission for Kimberly Garman to accompany MDS students (7) to the Elementary School Santa Shop and the Galleria Mall Food Court on Monday, December 4, 2023 at a cost of \$600: \$500/travel; \$100/substitute nurse (budgeted).
6. Permission for Zoe Leasock to accompany the Speech Team (4) to Conemaugh Valley High School for a competition on Monday, December 4, 2023 at a cost of \$128/substitute (budgeted).
7. Additional Substitute Teacher submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2023-2024 school year: Alyssa Rozich (Emergency).
8. Acknowledgment of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification: Cynthis J. Conner – Retired; Melvin R. Conner – Retired.
9. Greater Johnstown Volleyball Club/Johnstown-Somerset All Star Volleyball Match
High School Gym
Wednesday, November 22, 2023 (6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Tracy Durica
10. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2023-2024 school year:

Kathryn Carver	Elementary School
Frederick Mainhart	Varsity Boys' Basketball
Christopher Mattis	Elementary Wrestling
Adam Miller	Golf
Douglas Sodano	Music Department
Jodi Tresnicky	Elementary School
Lewis Tresnicky	Elementary School

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to terminate the Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement with Johnstown Christian School for varsity football effective for the 2024-2025 season.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to approve an electric contract with Chrislynn Energy for a 24-month term beginning January 1, 2024 at a rate of \$.08342/kwh. (currently \$.0595/kwh)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to grant approval to enter into a Teacher Education Affiliation Agreement with Seton Hill University for the placement of student teachers within the district for a term of five years ending November 30, 2028.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the execution of a Letter of Intent to determine the feasibility of entering into a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (GESK) with The Efficiency Network (TEN) for the Conemaugh Township Area Middle/High School and Elementary School.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, and Self-Funding Analyses for September/October were included with the agenda.

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of recent meetings/activities and upcoming events.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini stated that the Reenergizing Open House had been held on October 24, 2023, and The Spartan Inn had been open for service last week.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to engage Peacock Keller as Special Counsel to the District.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Troxell expressed thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Stumpf for her service as a Board Member.

An executive session was held from 7:40 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to discuss personnel.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary