

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:03 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

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

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan,
Regina Rembold, Brandon Studer, Adam Thomas, Kate Turner, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Troxell led those present in the flag salute.

Jessica Portz from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association attended the meeting to make presentations to several board members in recognition of their service: Michelle Stumpf (8 years); Rocco Mantini (16 years); Susan Saylor-Stahl (24 years).

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 August 15, 2023
- 2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of August 31, 2023
- 3. Tax Collection Report as of August 31, 2023
- 4. Activity Fund Report for August

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, 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 Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, to approve payment of the capital projects bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held September 11, 2023 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Patricia Bailey, Melanie Byer (via Zoom), Rocco Mantini,
Deanna Maurer (arr. 7:01), Susan Saylor-Stahl (via Zoom), Earl Sleek, II,
Christine Troxell

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

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Student Education

- A. Recommend adoption of the Middle/High School Student Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year.
- B. Recommend permission to provide a Before and After School Tutoring Program for students in Grades K-12 and to post for certified teachers to staff the program at the hourly rate as outlined in Article VIII, Section 7, of the Professional Agreement. (District Funds)
- C. Informational Item - The children living with non-resident employees and attending classes in our district this year on a non-tuition basis in accordance with Policy No. 202 are: Jacob Beblar (3), Joseph Beblar (6) Dillon Hazlett (4), Kelson Kramer (7), Kendall Kramer (11), Grayson Kusher (10), Hayden Lingenfelter (12), Elisabeth McCall (10), Maura McCall (7), Easton Mish (1), and Blaine Stroz (3).

2. School Activities

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

- 1. Permission for Angela Callihan to accompany learning support students (7) to SEADS Garden Center for a community-based instruction experience on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at no cost to the district.
- 2. Permission for Kara Duplin to accompany students (9) to a Youth Leadership Conference at Penn Highlands Community College on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at no cost to the district.
- 3. Permission for Kara Duplin/Kellie Hankinson/Tracie Aurandt to accompany students (44) to the Cambria County College Fair at Penn Highlands Community College on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at a cost of \$160/travel (budgeted).
- 4. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Marching Band (40) to Chapter Championships at Brockway Area School District on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at a cost of \$1,175: \$775/travel; \$400/meals (budgeted).
- 5. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the concert band (20) to Laurel View Village to perform for Veterans Day and deliver cards from Rotary Interact on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at no cost to the district.
- 6. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany students (35) to Berlin Brothersvalley High School for County Band on November 29-30, 2023 (Wednesday-Thursday) at a cost of \$1,461: \$700/registration; \$435/travel; \$70/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
- 7. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Jazz Band/Choir (40) to the Elementary School to perform on Friday, December 22, 2023 at a cost of \$243: \$115/travel; \$128/substitutes (budgeted).
- 8. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Concert Band (30) to the Elementary School to work side-by-side with elementary students on January 4, March 26, and dates to be determined in March/April 2024 at a cost of \$450/travel (budgeted).

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9. Permission for Kimberly Reynolds to accompany MDS students (7) to the YMCA for swimming and a community-based instruction experience on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at a cost of \$415: \$25/registration; \$290/travel; \$100/substitute nurse (budgeted).

B. Informational Item – The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.

3. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference/Workshop Requests:

1. Permission for Jane Jugan to attend the Education Law Symposium at I.U. 8/Altoona on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at a cost of \$262: \$209/registration; \$53/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Lori Himes to attend PIMS/PennData Training at I. U. 8/Richland on Monday, September 11, 2023 at a cost of \$56/substitute (budgeted).
3. Permission for Zoe Leasock to attend Year One Teacher Induction at I.U. 8/Altoona and virtually on 9/11/23, 11/3/23, 11/17/23, 12/8/23, 2/19/24, and 3/8/24 at a cost of \$369: \$175/registration; \$56/travel; \$10/meals; \$128/substitute (budgeted).

B. Recommend approval of changes in Salary Schedule Placement in accordance with Article VIII, Section 6, of the Professional Agreement:

Angela Callihan	Master's
Matthew Phillippi	Bachelor's + 10
Jakeb Rising	Master's (pending receipt of Degree)
Shaina Sanderson	Master's + 30

C. Recommend approval of the request from Ashley Kopp for a leave of absence beginning approximately January 12, 2024 and continuing through approximately March 1, 2024 in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.

D. Recommend approval of the request from Jeanette Swiokla for a leave of absence beginning approximately January 2, 2024 and continuing through approximately February 9, 2024 in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.

E. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Samantha Kane as a Kitchen Helper effective September 11, 2023.

F. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year:

Kelly Alberts	Elementary School
Melissa Bird	Elementary School
Kristie Byer	Elementary School
Onora Cable	Elementary School
Jessica Claycomb	Elementary School
Kayla Coleman	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Emily Del Signore	Elementary School
Grace Dryer	Girls' Soccer
Adelyn Dull	Music Department/Life Skills Classroom
Diane Feathers	Elementary School
Kimberly Felosky	Elementary School/High School Field Trips

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Jeremy Ferguson	Elementary School
Lindsay Fetterman	Girls' Soccer/Girls' Basketball/Cheerleading/Track
Scott Fetterman	Girls' Soccer
Terra Griesheimer	Elementary School
Jason Hazlett	Baseball
Kristin Hildebrand	Elementary School
Jeri Hunsberger	Elementary School/Music Department
Reuben Hunsberger	Elementary School/Music Department
Samantha Kane	Elementary School
Nicole Kennedy	Elementary School
Dagny Kiser	Elementary School
Rebecca Kuzar	Elementary School
Jill LaRue	Elementary School
Angela Lepter	Elementary School
Elyse Massimo-Grimes	Music Department
Deanna Maurer	Elementary School
Joshua McDannell	Wrestling/Strength & Conditioning
Michelle Mock	Music Department
Timothy Mock	Music Department
Laura Naugle	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Annie Pahel	Elementary School
Leigh Panetti	Elementary School
Kyle Pucci	Elementary Wrestling
Brittany Risch	Elementary School
Timothy Rosa	Elementary School
Jennifer Rose	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Jeffrey Rowe	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Heidi Sarver	Elementary School
Sheena Selapack	Elementary School
Richelle Shriver	Elementary School
Heather Snell	Elementary School
Erin Sotosky	High School Field Trips
Bonnie Stanko	Elementary School
John Stanko	Elementary School
Virginia Stephen	Elementary School
Derek Thomas	Elementary School
Jessalynn Thomas	Elementary School
Rachel Thomas-Kimmel	Elementary School
Theresa Wess-Mellott	Elementary School
Erika Winters-Rowe	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Jamie Witt	Elementary School

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Southwood Psychiatric Hospital to provide educational services to district students placed there at a rate of \$90 per day.
- B. Recommend approval to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Mount Aloysius College to provide dual enrollment courses during the 2023-2024 school year.
- C. Discussion was held concerning PSBA Officer Elections. The slate of candidates will be included on the regular meeting agenda for approval.

Committee of the Whole continued—

5. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Private Instrumental/Vocal Lessons
Elementary Music Room
2023-2024 School Year (8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.; 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Amanda Evans
2. Grade 6 Girls' Basketball
Elementary School Gym
Thursdays, September through November 2023 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Kristi Purdy
3. Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania/Sign Up Night
Elementary School Cafeteria
Wednesday, September 20, 2023 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Lisa Bulas
4. Basketball Practice
Elementary School Gym
Tuesdays, September through November 2023 (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Lisa Byer
5. Grade 3 Boys' Basketball
Elementary School Gym
Selected Dates in October and November 2023 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Andrew Byer
6. Elementary P. T. A./Cherrydale Fundraiser and MEGA Event
Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room/Hallways
Wednesday, October 25, 2023 (1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, November 1, 2023 (12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Allison Endler
7. Girl Scout Troop 36808/Meetings
Elementary School Library/STEAM Room/Lunch Bunch Room/Cafeteria/Classroom
Selected Wednesdays, October 2023 through June 2024 (3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)
Valerie Smith
8. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Youth Wrestling Practices
High School Field House Third Floor
Weekdays, November 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 (5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Deanna Maurer
9. Studio Piano Recitals
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Stage/Classroom
November 6, 2023 & April 9, 2024 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Amanda Evans/Catherine Kasun

Committee of the Whole continued—

10. C. T. Rotary Interact Club/Red Cross Blood Drive
High School Gymnasium
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 (7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Catherine Kasun
11. Elementary P. T. A./Santa Shop Parent Night
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Library
Thursday, December 7, 2023 (3:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Allison Endler
12. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Youth & Junior High Tournament
High School Gym/Cafeteria/Tech Shop/Concession Stand/Trainer's Room/Bathrooms
Friday, January 19, 2024 (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Saturday, January 20, 2024 (5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Deanna Maurer
13. C. T. Rotary Interact Club/SHOFCCO Soccer Tournament
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Press Box
Tuesday, May 28, 2024 (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Catherine Kasun

6. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification:
Charles A. Bates – Retired; Karen Brewer – Retired; Mark A. Brewer – Retired; Roger Lee Daley – Retired; Ellen C. Daniels – Retired; Gary E. Daniels – Retired; Rodney J. Davis, Sr. – Retired; Gary L. Friedline – Retired; Joseph A. Green – Retired; Andrew H. Hetrick – Retired; Gary Honkus – Retired; Tina Honkus – Retired; Delores Kolesar – Retired; George J. Kolesar – Retired; Karen L. Weinzierl – Totally Disabled; Adrian L. Yoder – Retired.
- B. Recommend approval of the purchase/installation of Wall Mats for the Wrestling Room from Sportsgraphics at a total cost of \$8,965. (Budgeted—Capital Projects)

7. Other Items

- A. Mrs. Dull introduced Bridget Leonard from In-Shore Technologies.
- B. Mr. Foster and Mrs. Rosa commented on the start of the school year in their respective buildings.
- C. Mr. Feathers spoke briefly on the subject of ninth grade participation in varsity vs. junior high sports.

An executive session was held from 7:24 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the following requests:

1. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany choir members (12) to Cambria Heights High School for District 6 Chorus Auditions on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at a cost of \$320: \$100/registration; \$220/travel (budgeted—bus shared with North Star).

2. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter/Catherine Kasun and music students (33) to participate in Junior/Senior High County Chorus to be held at C. T. on November 20-21, 2023 (Monday-Tuesday) at a cost of \$1,172: \$660/registration; \$512/substitutes (budgeted).
3. Appointment of Eugenia Orcutt as a Kitchen Helper at a rate of \$10.80 per hour for three (3) hours per day beginning as soon as possible, with fringe benefits as outlined in the Cafeteria Employees' Handbook and pending receipt of clearances.
4. Acceptance of the resignation of Jessica Zellam as Assistant Business Manager/Payroll & Benefits Coordinator effective September 29, 2023.
5. Permission to enter into an agreement with Epic Communications to provide services for E-Rate Funding Year 27 (2024-2025).
6. Authorization for the Superintendent to sign the Letter of Agreement with the Children's Aid Home to provide services to district students in placement during the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$105 per day for Day Treatment and \$55 per day for Adolescent Partial Hospitalization.
7. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2023-2024 school year:

Lauren Bell	Elementary School
Thomas Brown	Elementary School
Julie Caruso	High School Field Trips
Nicole Croyle	Elementary School
Mark DeSantis	Elementary School
Rebecca DeSantis	Elementary School
Stacey Hazlett	Elementary School
Jenna Kroner	Elementary School
Dawn Levadnuk	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Ean Levadnuk	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Angela McKool	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Jason Miller	Elementary School
Megan Miller	Elementary School Field Trips
Virginia Miller	Elementary School
Andrew Moser	Girls' Basketball
Sierra Roberts	Elementary School
Lindsey Volocko	Elementary School
Drew Volocko	Elementary School/Elementary Wrestling
Toni Yonish	Elementary School

8. C. T. Soccer Boosters/Junior High End of Season Pizza Party
High School Cafeteria
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 (3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Kristi Purdy
9. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Patricia A. Bailey – Retired; Daniel L. Eash – Retired; Georgianne Eash – Retired; Bonnie Mikula – Retired; Larry W. Sturtz – Totally Disabled; Laura D. Temyer – Retired.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to enter into an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for Regina Rembold to serve as Transportation Implementation Coordinator and Business Office Mentor on an as-needed basis at a maximum cost of \$67.10 per hour (pay rate of \$50 per hour).

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to grant permission for Jordan Tree Service to remove 12 trees at the High School and clean the rain spouts on the Field House at a cost of \$9,500.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to appoint Renee Mostoller as Assistant Business Manager/Payroll & Benefits Coordinator beginning as soon as possible at a rate of \$21.87 per hour for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, with fringe benefits as outlined in the District Office Employees' Handbook and include ten (10) vacation days for 2023-2024, pending receipt of clearances.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to direct the Board Secretary to cast votes for election of the following candidates for PSBA offices as listed:

Allison Mathis	President-Elect
Sabrina Backer	Vice President
Karen Beck Pooley	Treasurer
Marsha Pleta	Western Zone Representative
Erik Meredith	Section W3 Advisor
Michael Faccinetto	PSBA Insurance Trustee (term ending December 31, 2026)
Marianne Neel*	PSBA Insurance Trustee (term ending December 31, 2026)

*Note: There was no online biography available for Ms. Neel.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve revised job descriptions for the following positions: Special Education/Guidance/Elementary Office Secretary; High School Guidance Secretary.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to create the position of School Resource Officer/Maintenance (Elementary School) and to approve the Job Description and Handbook related to this position.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, to appoint Scott M. Smith as School Resource Officer/Maintenance (Elementary School) beginning as soon as possible at a rate of \$20.00 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year, with fringe benefits as outlined in the Handbook pertaining to this position and pending receipt of clearances.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for July were included with the agenda.

Conemaugh Township Area School District
September 19, 2023

Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of meetings/activities. She also made note of the following:

- All staff members will be required to undergo three hours of safety and security training.
- There are 103 three-credit scholarships available for students to use for Penn Highlands ACE courses.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini stated that there was no meeting in August.

Mrs. Troxell noted that art work from eighth grade students was on display in the board room. She expressed thanks to the football team for attending the band competition and to Mrs. Rembold for her years of dedicated service as Business Manager for the school district.

An executive session was held from 7:36 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary