

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer (via Zoom), Ethan Phillippi, Earl Sleek, II, Jeremy Sotosky, Christine Troxell, Susan Saylor-Stahl .....	8
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Melanie Byer .....	1
Quorum present		

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

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl led those present in the flag salute.

Rebecca Parker attended the meeting to express her support of the Bocce Ball program.

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

1. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held January 16, 2024
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of January 31, 2024
3. Tax Collection Report as of January 31, 2024
4. Activity Fund Report for January

**MOTION** by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, 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 Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve payment of the capital projects bills as listed.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl acknowledged receipt of correspondence as follows:

1. Notes from the C. T. Marching Band to thank the Board for its support.
2. Note from Michael Buncich to thank the Board for its staff recognition efforts.
3. Letter from Junior Achievement to thank the Board for the recent donation.

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 12, 2024 as follows:

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** **FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:01 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer (via Zoom),  
Ethan Phillippi, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Christine Troxell (arr. 7:04)

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. Student Education

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

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 the Makery/ Thomahawk for community-based instruction experiences on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at a cost of \$342: \$42/registration; \$300/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Angela Callihan to accompany learning support students (7) to the Go Moore Store for a community-based instruction experience on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at a cost of \$314: \$300/travel; \$14/pizza (budgeted).
3. Permission for Kelly Kramer/Jakeb Rising to accompany gifted students (30) on a field trip to Kennywood Park on Friday, May 3, 2024 at a cost of \$3,420: \$900/registration; \$1,500/travel; \$700/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
4. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany students (7) to Bald Eagle High School for Regional Band on February 22-24, 2024 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$2,147: \$1,142/registration; \$175/travel; \$350/lodging; \$160/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted—sharing bus).
5. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany music students to the Elementary School to conduct side-by-side learning experiences on various dates in March and during the weeks of March 25 and April 8, 2024 at a cost of \$150/travel (budgeted).
6. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany sixth grade band students (5) to Penn Cambria High School for the District 6 Band Fest on Friday, April 5, 2024 at a cost of \$545: \$125/registration; \$200/travel; \$60/meals; \$160/substitute (budgeted—sharing bus).
7. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Jazz Band (20) to various nursing homes on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at a cost of \$200/travel (budgeted).
8. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Jazz Band (20) to the Galleria Mall to perform on Thursday evening, April 25, 2024 at no cost to the district.
9. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany elementary band students to the Silverbell on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at no cost to the district.
10. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany students (4) to Somerset High School for Regional Chorus on March 6-8, 2024 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$1,040: \$300/registration; \$300/travel; \$120/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).

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11. Permission for Frederick Mainhart to accompany students (9) to Penn State/Fayette Campus for the “Senator-for-a-Day” program on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).
  12. Permission for Frederick Mainhart to accompany students (4) to Homer Center High School for a Heritage Conference Current Events Competition on Monday, March 11, 2024 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).
  13. Permission for Jeffrey Marteeny/Kylee Doyle to accompany students (2) to the Technology Student Association State Competition at Seven Springs on April 17-20, 2024 (Wednesday-Saturday) at a cost of \$2,752: \$2,432/lodging-meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by TSA).
  14. Permission for Jakeb Rising/Kelly Kramer to have students (5-10) participate in the MathWorks M3 Challenge in the High School Library on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at a cost of \$150/meals (budgeted).
  15. Permission for Bethany Spengler to accompany the Art Club (24) to The Mattress Factory/Randyland Art Museum/Pittsburgh on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at a cost of \$855: \$695/travel; \$160/substitute (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by Art Club).
- B. Recommend permission to enter into an Agreement for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport with Shade-Central City School District for Girls’ and Boys’ Junior High Soccer commencing with the 2024-2025 school year.
- C. Informational items were as follows:
1. Elementary and Secondary Newsletters were included with the agenda.
  2. The School Picnic is scheduled for May 25, 2024 at Idlewild Park. Tickets will be sold online only.
3. Human Development
- A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:
1. Ratification of the Superintendent’s decision to permit Alan Tresnicky to attend the “Yes—STEELS Workshop” at I. U. 8/Altoona on February 1, 2024 at a cost of \$233: \$63/travel; \$10/meal; \$160/substitute (budgeted).
  2. Permission for Stacy Dabbs/Jamie Kerr/Jackie Feathers/Michele Roman to attend the “Linkit! Data Analysis Workshop” at Forest Hills High School on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at a cost of \$495: \$15/travel; \$480/substitutes (budgeted).
  3. Permission for Kristen Russo to attend the PA Speech Hearing State Convention in Pittsburgh on April 11-12, 2024 (Thursday-Friday) at a cost of \$615: \$315/registration; \$115/travel; \$185/lodging (budgeted).
- B. Recommend appointment of Wayne Adams as the Mentor for Kendall Swick under the Teacher Induction Plan at an amount to be prorated based on the yearly rate of \$300 as per the Professional Agreement.
- C. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide two custodial workers for a maximum of 25 hours per week each at a total cost not to exceed \$784 per week, beginning as soon as the appropriate paperwork is completed. (Note: pay rate of \$11.67 per hour)
- D. Recommend approval of the request from Angela Callihan for a leave of absence for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.

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- E. Recommend approval of the revised job description for the Registrar and District Office Assistant position.
- F. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2023-2024 school year: Grace Dryer (Middle-Level Education); Emma Fockler (Grades PK-4); Carlie McGough (Grades PK-4); Valerie Smith (Emergency); Emilie Walker (Grades PK-4); Chase Vargo (Grades PK-4).

- G. Recommend appointment of Stephanie Sharbaugh as a bona fide volunteer Assistant Varsity Softball Coach with compensation of \$1,751 for the 2023-2024 school year.

- H. Recommend realignment of the Track coaching staff beginning with the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

Head Varsity Boys' Coach	Anthony Dean-Neil (title change; salary remains \$3,278)
Head Varsity Girls' Coach	Tracy Durica (title change from Assistant; salary increased to \$3,306 due to credit for prior C. T. experience)
Assistant Varsity Coach	Dalton Meyers (title and salary remain same)
Assistant Varsity Coach	Hired by North Star School District
Head Junior High Boys' Coach	Scott Fetterman (title change; salary remains \$2,274)
Head Junior High Girls' Coach	Erin Sotosky (title change from Assistant; salary increased to \$1,944 due to credit for prior C. T. experience)
Assistant Junior High Coach	Alexa Fetterman (title change-was Assistant to Varsity & Junior High last year; salary \$1,591 due to 3% increase on base salary for position)
Assistant Junior High Coach	Potential North Star hire based on participation numbers

- I. Recommend acceptance of the resignation/retirement of Margaret McMasters as a Custodian effective January 26, 2024.

- J. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Alexis Zimmerman as Assistant Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach effective January 12, 2024.

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

Stephanie DeMarco	Elementary School
Benoit Denault	Music Department/High School Field Trips
Lori Denault	Music Department/High School Field Trips
Benjamin Grove	Music Department
Cheryl Honts-Shaffer	High School Field Trips
Elizabeth Hunsberger	Music Department/Track
Kay Kauffman	Music Department
Antoine Malvoisin	Music Department
Kelly McCall	Music Department
Steven Risch	Varsity Softball
Jeremy Stultz	Varsity Baseball
Jessica Thorne	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Jenny Waterhouse	Music Department
Tanya Yancovitz	Track

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4. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of an Educational Services Agreement with Pyramid Healthcare, Inc./Soaring Heights School to provide special education and related services to student(s) commencing January 31, 2024 and expiring July 31, 2024, with costs to be as outlined in the Agreement as presented.

5. District or Business Planning

- A. Recommend approval of revised Policies and documents as follows:

Policy 611	Purchases Budgeted and Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation (PSBA)
Policy 622	GASB Statement 34 (District change)
626 Attachment	Procurement – Federal Programs (PSBA)

6. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Laurel Highlands Futbol Club/12U & 14U  
Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room  
Wednesdays & Thursdays, February 14 through April 4 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
Kristi Purdy/Shannon Lease
2. C. T. Softball Boosters/Meeting  
High School Library  
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 (7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
Brittany Risch
3. C. T. Youth Football/Meetings  
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Library  
Wednesdays, February 21, March 20, & April 17, 2024 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
Samantha Weaver
4. MathWorks M3 Challenge  
High School Library  
Saturday, March 2, 2024 (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Jakeb Rising/Kelly Kramer
5. C. T. Musical/Luncheon  
High School Cafeteria/Kitchen  
Friday, March 8, 2024 to set up  
Saturday, March 9, 2024 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)  
Angela Yoder  
Kitchen Use Fee: Patricia Miller to donate her time.
6. C. T. Musical/Tea Party with Musical Cast Fundraiser  
High School Cafeteria/Kitchen  
Saturday, March 9, 2024 to decorate  
Monday, March 11, 2024 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)  
Angela Yoder  
Kitchen Use Fee: Patricia Miller to donate her time.

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7. C. T. Musical/Cast & Crew Party  
Elementary School Cafeteria/Multipurpose Room/Gym/Classrooms  
Friday, March 22, 2024 to set up (8:00 p.m.)  
Friday-Saturday, March 22-23, 2024 (10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.)  
Angela Yoder
8. C. T. AYSO/Meet the Coaches Night  
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Cafeteria  
Thursday, March 28, 2024 (5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)  
Jenilee Lasure
9. PTA/Scrapbook Weekend  
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Library/Lobby  
Friday, April 5, 2024 (5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.)  
Saturday, April 6, 2024 (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.)  
Kimberly Meyers
10. C. T. Marching Band/Tournament of Bands Competition  
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Restrooms/Press Box/Cafeteria/Auditorium/  
Gym/Band Room/Parking Lots/Fields  
Saturday, September 21, 2024 (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Catherine Kasun
11. C. T. PTA/Color Run  
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Restrooms/Press Box  
Saturday, October 5, 2024 (6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)  
Toni Yonish

7. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of a change in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:  
Gary L. Rice – Retired.
- B. Recommend approval of the request from Branden Hill for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax  
Exemption on Conemaugh Township Property No. 34-1-015100.

8. Other Items

- A. Mrs. Saylor-Stahl reported that she had contacted the offices of Senator Pat Stefano and Representative  
Carl Metzgar to invite them to attend a meeting in March, April or May to discuss current issues,  
including cyber/charter school funding. To date, she has not heard back from either person and will make  
contact with their offices again.

An executive session was held from 7:19 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the following requests:

1. Permission for Jakeb Rising to accompany students (8) to IUP for the Physics Olympics on Friday, March 22,  
2024 at a cost of \$215: \$55/travel; \$160/substitute (budgeted).

2. Permission for Jakeb Rising/Kelly Kramer to accompany one student to Harrisburg for the MathCounts State Competition on March 22-23, 2024 (Friday-Saturday) at a cost of \$605: \$245/travel; \$300/lodging; \$60/meals (budgeted—pending qualification).
3. Permission for Kate Turner to accompany the Reading Team (16) to Forest Hills High School for the Spring Reading Team Competition on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at a cost of \$450: \$100/registration; \$350/travel (budgeted).
4. Acceptance of the resignation of Haley Irvin as Head Junior High Cheerleading Advisor effective at the end of the 2023-2024 basketball season.
5. Permission to add Lisa Schmerer to the Substitute Cafeteria List for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of appropriate documentation.
6. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2023-2024 school year:

Wayne Adams	Baseball
Nathaniel Denault	Music Department
Kelly Digon	Track/Post Prom
Amanda Evans	Post Prom
Tyler Landis	Post Prom
David Liska	Track

7. C. T. & Penn Highlands Community College/Associate Program Information Night  
High School Library  
Thursday, March 21, 2024 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)  
Kellie Hankinson/Kay-Leigh Malzi
8. PTA/Pie Shoppe Fundraiser  
Elementary School Gym  
Wednesday, March 27, 2024 (12:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.)  
Brittany Ferpas
9. Laurel Highlands Futbol Club/Lightning Soccer Team Practices  
High School Soccer Practice Fields  
Mondays & Wednesdays, April 1 through May 31, 2024 (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)  
Eric Roman
10. C. T. Post Prom  
High School Building  
Friday-Saturday, May 10-11, 2024 (11:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.)  
Kellie Hankinson

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to appoint Joseph Crum as a part-time Custodial/Maintenance Worker for up to five (5) hours per day and up to five (5) days per week (maximum of 25 hours per week), at a rate of \$12.43 per hour, pending receipt of appropriate documentation, and to approve the Job Description and Handbook pertaining to this position as presented.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to accept the Auditor's Report for the year ended June 30, 2023.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the request from Amanda Evans for intermittent leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act beginning February 12, 2024 and continuing until approximately December 31, 2024, pending receipt of required documentation.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to accept the tax exoneration lists submitted by Tina Galloway, Peggy McClain, and Theresa Seese, and to exonerate them from the collection of said taxes for the purpose of renewing their bonds, but that the taxables not be exonerated of said taxes, and that Keystone Collections Group, Delinquent Tax Collector, be empowered to collect such taxes as are collectable.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the discipline of Student No. 26066 as agreed.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to accept the USDA grant award, approve the grant agreement and take any and all other actions necessary to satisfy the grant.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

The Resolution to approve the Greater Johnstown AVTS/CTC 2024-2025 tentative Projected Secondary Budget was acted upon at this time.

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

A Budget Workshop was scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. (Dinner at 6:00 p.m.) in the board room.

Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed a list of recent meetings/activities and upcoming events. She also noted that the substitute fill rate had improved for the second quarter of this school year.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini commented that the Spartan Inn had been open last Thursday.

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl noted that several sixth-grade students had expressed the desire for the establishment of a reading team in the cards sent to the Board last month.

Bethany Spengler commented on the dragon artwork displayed in the board room.

An executive session was held from 7:33 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary