

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 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, Ethan Phillippi, Earl Sleek, II, Jeremy Sotosky, Susan Saylor-Stahl	7
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Melanie Byer, Christine Troxell	2
		Quorum present

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan,
Brandon Studer, David Budash, Randy Walker, Kelly Digon, Matthew Phillippi,
Bethany Spengler, Lisa Stevens

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

Mr. Michael Sotosky attended the meeting to thank Mr. Feathers and the district for giving him the opportunity to serve as the announcer for basketball games during the past 11 years and commended the district for its program. Mr. Feathers expressed thanks to Mr. Sotosky for serving in this capacity. Mr. Sotosky also stated that he would like to coordinate a “Cruisin’ for Courtney” fundraising event in May of 2026 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the passing of Courtney Rummell. Mr. Sotosky was advised that he would have to let Mrs. Dull know his plans by December and provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Mrs. Bethany Spengler thanked the Board for the sign on the Thomahawk in recognition of teacher/staff appreciation week in May.

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 March 18, 2025
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of March 31, 2025
3. Tax Collection Report as of March 31, 2025
4. Activity Fund Report for March

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Dr. Mantini, 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. Sotosky, to approve payment of the facility improvement project bill as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Maurer read a letter from Coach Tim Rosa/Elementary Wrestling Program to thank the Board for its support and the use of the high school facilities.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held April 7, 2025 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

APRIL 7, 2025

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Jeremy Sotosky, Christine Troxell

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

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl announced that executive sessions were held on March 26, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. and on April 3, 2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. to discuss contractual matters.

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Student Education

A. Recommend approval to enter into a Dual Credit Agreement with Pennsylvania Highlands Community College pertaining to the following programs for the 2025-2026 school year: Accelerate College Education (ACE); Associate in High School Program; Early College Option.

B. The High School Discipline Report was included with the agenda.

2. School Activities

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

1. Permission Lorrie Callihan/Jacqueline Feathers/Eva McDannell/Megan Miller/Alyshia Mock/Lori Reese/Audrey Wenger to accompany their students (137) to BizWorld at the High School on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at a cost of \$215/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Rebecca Conn/Meribeth DeBarto/Alexa Fetterman/Janelle Mowery to accompany sixth grade students (53) to the Flight 93 Memorial/Patriot Park on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at no cost to the district. (grant funded)
3. Permission for Kara Duplin to accompany students (20) to the Cambria County Job Fair at First Summit Arena on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at no cost to the district (covered by JARI).
4. Permission for Kimberly Garman to accompany MDS students (8) to Living Treasures Animal Park on Friday, May 23, 2025 at a cost of \$765: \$165/registration; \$400/travel; \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted).
5. Permission for Jamie Kerr/Michele Roman to accompany students (5) to the Math 24 Competition at Saint Francis University on Friday, May 16, 2025 at a cost of \$420: \$100/registration; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
6. Permission for Megan Miller/Alan Tresnicky to accompany students (8) to the Scrabble Tournament at Somerset Alliance Church on Friday, May 2, 2025 at a cost of \$420: \$100/registration; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).

B. Informational Items – The Elementary Newsletter, Secondary Newsletter, and Contownian were included with the agenda.

Committee of the Whole continued—

3. Human Development

- A. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2024-2025 school year: Alexander Beegle (Emergency); Chianne Boburchock (Emergency); Ethan Dabbs (Emergency); Gena Fritz (Grades PK-4; Supplemental Health Asst.); Jeffrey Green (Emergency Nurse); Ashley Patterson (Grades PK-4; ESL); Liza Spangler (Grades PK-4); Carly Varner (Grades 4-8; English 7-12).
- B. Recommend appointment of Teachers to staff the Kindergarten Readiness Program at the hourly rate as outlined in Article VIII, Section 7, of the Professional Agreement: Becky Lough (4 weeks), Kelly McCall (2 weeks), and Amy Stone (2 weeks).
- C. Recommend appointment of Sonya Tresnicky (Aide) to staff the Kindergarten Readiness Program at her approved hourly rate.
- D. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide an Instructional Aide for the Kindergarten Readiness Program for a maximum of 36 hours at a cost not to exceed \$629 (pay rate of \$13 per hour).
- E. Recommend appointment of the following teachers for the 2025 Extended School Year Program for identified students with disabilities at the hourly rate as outlined in Article VIII, Section 7, of the Professional Agreement:

Kimberly Garman	Middle/High School Level Class	Maximum of 30 hours
Korinne May	Elementary Level Class	Maximum of 30 hours
Korinne May	Individual Student	Maximum of 15 hours
Wonda Piskuric	Individual Student	Maximum of 15 hours
Abigail Updyke	Speech/Language Students	Maximum of 31.5 hours

- F. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide staff to assist students with disabilities for the 2025 Extended School Year Program at a total cost not to exceed \$2,135:

Elementary Aide	Maximum of 30 hours (pay rate of \$13 per hour)
Middle/High School Aide	Maximum of 30 hours (pay rate of \$13 per hour)
Elementary/High School Aide	Maximum of 45 hours (pay rate of \$13 per hour)
High School Nurse	Maximum of 1.5 days (pay rate of \$150 per day)

- G. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Leisha Black	Post Prom
Velma Brown	Post Prom
Eric Dinyar	Varsity Baseball
Adelyn Dull	Post Prom
Benjamin Grove	Band Trip Chaperone
James McCann, Jr.	Junior High Baseball
Riley Payne	Track
Amanda Tercek	Post Prom
Jodi Tresnicky	Post Prom
Jennifer Valentine	Post Prom
Angela Yoder	Post Prom/Track

Committee of the Whole continued—

- H. Recommend approval to add Jennifer Bimeal, Marion Ott, and Lisa Schmerer to the substitute custodial list.
- I. Informational Item – The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of the following individuals effective as of the date listed:

Lisa M. Byer	Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach	March 31, 2025
Eugenia Del Rosario Orcutt	Kitchen Helper	April 4, 2025

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend permission to participate in the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 ESL Consortium for the 2025-2026 school year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. (was \$4,700 last year)
- B. Recommend approval of the Agreement for School-Age Education Services with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 effective August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026.

5. Buildings & Grounds

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

- 1. PTA/Uptown Painting Party
Elementary School Multipurpose Room
Thursday, May 1, 2025 (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Amanda Walters
- 2. C. T. Special Education/Extended School Year Program
Elementary School Rooms 120 & 121
July 14-17 & July 22-25, 2025 (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
Jane Jugan
- 3. C. T. Special Education/Extended School Year Program
High School Rooms 118 & 119
July 21-July 24 & July 29-August 1, 2025 (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
Jane Jugan
- 4. C. T. Marching Band/Tournament of Bands Competition
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Restrooms/Press Box/Field House/Cafeteria/Auditorium/
Gym/Music Wing/Parking Lots/Fields
Saturday, September 20, 2025 (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Catherine Grove
- 5. C. T. PTA/Color Run
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Restrooms/Press Box
Saturday, October 4, 2025 (6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
Toni Yonish

6. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:
Tracy A. Collins – Totally Disabled; Stephen J. Holbay – Retired; Daniel Thomas – Retired.

Committee of the Whole continued—

- B. Recommend approval of the request from Tracy A. Collins for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption on Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-003030.

An executive session was held from 7:07 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. to discuss contractual matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 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. Agreement with Cornerstone Community Services (Bedford-Somerset Developmental and Behavioral Health Services) to provide Student Assistance Program and Consultation Services for the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$75 per hour, with the total cost not to exceed \$6,825. (same as last year)
2. Request from Nathaniel T. Hamel for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption on Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-013890.
3. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2024-2025 school year:

Desiree Nemeth	Elementary School
Melissa Ray	Elementary School

4. Dancer's Haven/Dress Rehearsals & Dance Recital
High School Auditorium/Band & Chorus Classrooms
Dress Rehearsals – Tuesday & Wednesday, May 13-14, 2025 (4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Performance – Saturday, May 17, 2025 (11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
Auditorium Rental Fee: Rehearsals \$20.00 per hour; Performance \$23.00 per hour
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour; Classroom Rental Fee: Waived
Sharon Wissinger

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve revised Policy 816/District Social Media.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve authorizing the Superintendent to take action to sign the Department of Education attestation regarding Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U. S. Supreme Court decision in *Students for Fair Admission v. Harvard*, if necessary.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to enter into a 48-month lease for a Xerox B8270H Copier for the Elementary School at a cost of \$238.90 per month, which includes all consumable supplies and unlimited copies. (COSTARS Contract No. 072790201) [Note: Current cost is \$232.39]

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve debt service payments to The Bank of New York Mellon as follows:

\$112,163.76 (2019 Bond Series)
\$228,034.38 (2024 Bond Series)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sotosky, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to adopt the Resolution assigning the Representative-Signature-Certifier security role and the Administrator security role to Nicole Dull, Superintendent, to complete the Authorized Representative Request (ARR) for the USDA Distance Learning Grant.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Sotosky, to ratify the Superintendent's decision to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center Child/Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program for any special needs students requiring placement there.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the Special Education Plan for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the discipline of Student No. 25054 as agreed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, and Capital Reserve Account Report were included with the agenda. Mr. Studer noted that he would be including a new budget overview report each month with his newsletter.

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

- Meeting was held with C. T. Supervisors to discuss development/growth in the Township.
- Action to Quiet Title concerning the Somerset Street Railway Company right-of-way will be completed forever upon signature by the judge.
- In-Shore had suggested replacing Chromebooks due to anticipated price increases; as a result, the District saved a considerable amount of money.
- She distributed "State of Education" booklets from PSBA to the Board.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini stated that a paving plan is being developed for the CTC.

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl briefly discussed a letter concerning the appointment of Voting Delegates for the PSBA Delegate Assembly. The Board may appoint up to two delegates; any interested Board members should contact Lisa Stevens.

Informational Item – The Elementary School Discipline Report was included with the agenda.

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl reported that under the current contract the District has with Ignite for the assistance of Gina Rembold with business services, she had been assigned the task of exploring various healthcare options for the District.

Conemaugh Township Area School District
April 15, 2025

An executive session was held from 7:34 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary