

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7:02 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

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

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers,
Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Alan Zimmerman, Kelly Digon,
Bethany Spengler, Kate Turner, 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 July 19, 2022
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of July 31, 2022
3. Tax Collection Report as of July 31, 2022
4. Activity Fund Report for July

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Dr. Mantini, 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 Dr. Mantini, to approve payment of the capital projects bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Troxell made the following announcement: Since the Board failed to take action 90 days or more before the end of Thomas Kakabar’s term as Superintendent, he shall receive an automatic one-year extension of his contract. However, since he has submitted his retirement as of December 31, 2022, the term will end on that date.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held August 8, 2022 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	AUGUST 8, 2022
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 7:02 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Earl Sleek, II, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa,
Jane Jugan, Alan Zimmerman, Kelly Digon, Lisa Stevens

Committee of the Whole continued—

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Guests & Sunshine Act Public Comment Period

- A. Katie Troxell attended the meeting to present information concerning her request to use school facilities to conduct a mental health conference for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project. This item will be placed on the regular meeting agenda for approval.

2. Student Education

- A. Recommend permission to enter into a Service Agreement for Online Services and Technology Rental Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide cyber charter school services to district students for the 2022-2023 school year.

3. School Activities

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

- 1. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (12) to First National Bank and the Thomahawk for community-based instruction experiences on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at no cost to the district.
- 2. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (9) to Walmart and Greenhouse Park for community-based instruction experiences on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at a cost of \$200/travel (budgeted).
- 3. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (9) to Hair It Is for a community-based instruction experience on Monday, September 12, 2022 at no cost to the district.
- 4. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (9) to Market Basket and Eat'n Park for community-based instruction experiences on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at a cost of \$175/travel (budgeted).

- B. Recommend permission for the following home-schooled students to participate in the programs listed during the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with Board Policy:

Erik McClemens (Grade 8)	Junior High Golf, Basketball, Baseball, and Track/Field
Grant McClemens (Grade 11)	Golf, Rifle, and Track/Field

4. Human Development

- A. Recommend permission for Regina Rembold to attend the Annual Child Accounting Conference in Hershey on October 25-28, 2022 (Tuesday-Friday) at a cost of \$1,150: \$345/registration; \$211/travel; \$594/lodging & meals (budgeted).
- B. Recommend appointment of Ashley Kopp as the Mentor for Janelle Mowery under the Teacher Induction Plan at the rate of \$300 as per the Professional Agreement.
- C. Recommend approval of the List of Substitute Teachers for the 2022-2023 school year submitted by Ignite Education Solutions/The Learning Lamp.

Committee of the Whole continued—

- D. Recommend approval to add Stephanie Boring to the Substitute Aide, Cafeteria, and Secretarial Lists for the 2022-2023 school year.
- E. Recommend permission to enter into an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for a part-time Title I instructor to provide math and/or reading support for Title I identified students at the Johnstown Christian School at a cost of \$6,532 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- F. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of the following individuals:
 - Diane Feathers SADD/TATU Co-Advisor Effective August 2, 2022
 - Geneve Tessari SADD/TATU Co-Advisor Effective June 2, 2022
- G. Recommend reappointment of Lawrence Huffman as a bona fide volunteer Varsity Assistant B Football Coach with compensation of \$3,497 for the 2022-2023 school year. (3% Increase)
- H. Recommend authorization to post and advertise for vacant positions as needed for the 2022-2023 school year.
- I. Recommend approval of volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year as follows:

Cody Aurandt	Varsity Boys' Soccer
Lauren Bell	Elementary School
Vicki Berloff	Music Department/Speech Team
Scott Bittner	Golf
Kristie Byer	Elementary School
Julie Caruso	High School Field Trips
Steffanie Conzatti	Elementary School
Nicole Croyle	Elementary School
Dorothy Everhart	Elementary School
Kayla Fisher	Elementary School
Kristen Furman	High School Field Trips/Elementary School
Stacey Hazlett	Elementary School
Theresa Jarosick	Elementary School
Lisa Jerin	Music Department
Dagny Kiser	Elementary School
Ronald Korber	Music Department
Valeri Korber	Music Department/Spanish
Lisa Kozielec	Elementary School
Jenna Kroner	Elementary School
Jenilee Lasure	Elementary School
Angela Lepter	Elementary School
Kadiya Lingenfelter	Music Department/Speech Team
Elyce Massimo-Grimes	Music Department
Jill Mitchell	Music Department
Nicole Moser	Music Department
Leigh Panetti	Elementary School
Rebecca Parker	Music Department/Softball
Stephen Parker	Music Department/Softball/Junior High Baseball
Bryan Purdy	Elementary School/Elementary Basketball
Kristi Purdy	Elem. Basketball/Elem. School/Music Dept/High School Field Trips
Sheena Selapack	Elementary School

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Chloe Shaulis	Varsity Girls' Soccer
Lori Shropshire	Elementary School
Scott Smith	Elementary School
Valerie Smith	Elementary School
Mark Sotosky	Boys' Soccer
Samantha L. Stevanus	Elementary School
Tyler Stevanus	Elementary School
Wesley Strawn	Golf
Theresa Tedjeske-Boboige	Elementary School
Amanda Tresnicky	Elementary School
Paul Tresnicky	Elementary School
Angela Turley	Elementary School
Amanda Walters	Elementary School
Michael Walters, Jr.	Elementary School

- J. Informational Item – Lindsie Hammaker, Seth Keafer, and Matthew Phillippi have completed their third year of satisfactory teaching; as a result, professional employee contracts will be issued to them.

5. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of the list of bus drivers and bus schedules for the 2022-2023 school year.
[Complete bus routes are available from the Transportation Director.]

6. District or Business Planning

- A. Recommend approval of revised Policy 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products and the associated Administrative Regulation No. 222-AR-0. Mr. Kakabar noted that this policy was revised by Mr. Foster in order to receive a grant to provide Halo vape detectors for the middle/high school restrooms. Mr. Kakabar noted that PCCD grant funds could be used for these detectors also.

7. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Junior High Boys' & Girls' Soccer/End of Season Pizza Party
High School Field House
Wednesday, October 26, 2022 (3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Kristi Purdy

8. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:
Thomas P. Cerwinsky – Retired; Patricia J. Folton – Retired.

9. Other Items

- A. Mr. Kakabar stated that the District is eligible for a PCCD Grant of \$226,797 to be used for mental health/school safety; he will be presenting a list of proposed expenditures to be made under this Grant to the Board at the regular meeting.

Committee of the Whole continued—

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

1. Permission for Kelly Birkhimer/Kara Duplin/Jennifer Swiokla/Tracie Aurandt to accompany students (71) to the Cambria County College Fair at Penn Highlands Community College on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at a cost \$300/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Wonda Piskuric to accompany learning support students (6-8) to SEADS Garden Center and The Mound for community-based instruction experiences on Monday, September 26, 2022 at a cost of \$215: \$175/travel; \$40/pumpkin painting (budgeted).
3. Permission for Kimberly Reynolds to accompany life skills students (10) to SEADS Garden Center, Dollar General and Pizza Hut for community-based instruction experiences on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at a cost of \$201: \$100/travel; \$101/half-day substitute nurse (budgeted).
4. Permission to enter into an agreement with Epic Communications to provide services for E-Rate Funding Year 26 (2023-2024).
5. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2022-2023 school year:

Jason Ankeny	Golf
Sara Baker	Elementary School
J. Scott Cable	Golf/Boys' Basketball
Kathleen Carnahan	Music Department/Soccer/Softball
Douglas Croyle	Elementary School
Alyssa Defibaugh	Elementary School
Terri Duffy	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Kenneth Fochtman	Elementary School/Music Department
Nicholas Getson	Golf
Thomas Grosik, Jr.	Junior High Football
Adam Kerekes	Music Department
Ashlee Kerekes	Music Department
Nicole McGrogan	Elementary School
Thomas Mitchell	Music Department/High School Field Trips
Michelle Mock	Elementary School/Music Department
Timothy Mock	Music Department
Andrew Moser	Golf/Music Department
Ashley Park	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Billie Polonia	Elementary School
Paula Rolt-Fochtman	Elementary School/Music Department
Lee Sharbaugh	Golf
Christine Troxell	H.S. Field Trips/Music Dept/Soccer/Softball/Speech Team/Student Council
Lindsey Volocko	Elementary School

6. Mental Health Mindfulness Conference (Girl Scout Gold Award)
High School Auditorium/Cafeteria/Gym/Garden Area/Classrooms/Restrooms/Parking
Thursday, November 10, 2022 (10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Katherine Troxell

7. Grade 5 Basketball/Weekly Practices
Elementary School Gym
Selected Mondays, August 29 through October 31, 2022 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Kristi Purdy/Bryan Purdy
8. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Bill D. Black – Retired; Gail M. Boring - Retired.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, that in accordance with the “Articles of Agreement,” the listing of teachers’ salaries be adopted for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Zahorchak, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the School District and Somerset County Children and Youth Services relating to transportation procedures for Foster Care Youth.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the Transportation Plan between the School District and Somerset County Children and Youth Services for Foster Care Youth.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for June were included with the agenda. Mrs. Rembold noted that 1st Summit had increased the interest rate to 1.3%, and updated bus schedules are available on the district website.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Kakabar reported as follows:

- In-service days are scheduled for August 19, 22, and 23; first day for students is August 24.
- Punch list walk-through for Elementary Restroom Project is on August 19. Tour will be provided prior to one of the September meetings at 6:00 p.m.
- Air conditioning in High School Cafeteria is expected to be functional during the first week of school.

Mr. Kakabar presented a list of potential expenditures under the PCCD Grant:

- School Based Mental Health Services
- Mental Health Curriculum and Instruction
- Mental Health Staff Training
- Mental Health Guest Speakers and Presentations
- Ballistic Window Film
- School Police Officer (SPO) Salary and Benefits
- Portable Radios and Repeater
- Security Lighting
- SPO Security Safe

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a new sign for the stadium press box. This item may be discussed further at a later date.

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Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Mr. Kakabar stated that the CTC gym roof is being repaired, and the construction project is progressing well. Current enrollment is 484.

An executive session was held from 7:51 p.m. to 8:55 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary