

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 7:03 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

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

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

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

Brett Stahl attended the meeting to present an update on the GESA Project.

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 July 15, 2025
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of July 31, 2025
3. Tax Collection Report as of July 31, 2025
4. Activity Fund Report for July

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Sleek, 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. Byer, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held August 11, 2025 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	AUGUST 11, 2025
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 11, 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, 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, Randy Walker, Lorrie Callihan, Meribeth DeBarto, Interested Citizens, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

Committee of the Whole continued—

1. Guests & Sunshine Act Public Comment Period

- A. Luke Breeze attended the meeting to present a request to use the High School Auditorium and several classrooms for Sunday services beginning in the spring of 2026. Mrs. Saylor-Stahl noted that further discussion would have to take place prior to the Board reaching a decision on his request.
- B. Randy Cortese presented information concerning a request from Jeffrey Alesantrino for an underground utility easement necessary for the construction of his home near the High School. A motion to approve his request will be placed on the regular meeting agenda.

2. Student Education

- A. Recommend adoption of the Middle/High School Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year.

3. School Activities

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

- 1. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany the Marching Band (35) to participate in the following budgeted competitions:

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Tyrone Stadium	10/04/25	\$ 575
Greater Johnstown Stadium	10/11/25	\$ 300
IUP/Chapter Championships	10/18/25	\$ 775
Altoona/PA State Championship	10/25/25	\$ 775

- 2. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany students (35) to Windber Area High School for County Band on November 5-6, 2025 (Wednesday-Thursday) at a cost of \$1,545: \$750/registration; \$475/travel; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
- 3. Permission for Catherine Grove and concert band members (10) to participate in District Band Pre-Auditions at Conemaugh Township Area High School on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at a cost of \$100/registration (budgeted).
- 4. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany the concert/jazz band (30) to Laurel View Village/Quality Life Services/Heritage Ridge/Galleria Mall on evenings to be determined during December to perform holiday music at no cost to the district.
- 5. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany concert band members (30) to the Elementary School to conduct Grade 5 side-by-side and Grade 4 instrument try-out programs on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at a cost of \$120/travel (budgeted).
- 6. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany concert band members (5-pending auditions) to Greater Johnstown High School for District 6 Jazz Band on January 15-16, 2026 (Thursday-Friday) at a cost of \$895: \$425/registration; \$150/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
- 7. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany concert band members (7-pending auditions) to Cambria Heights High School for District 6 Band on February 4-6, 2026 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$1,470: \$650/registration; \$350/travel; \$150/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).

Committee of the Whole continued—

8. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany music students (50) to the Elementary School to perform holiday music on Friday, December 19, 2025 at a cost of \$310: \$150/travel; \$160/substitute (budgeted).
 9. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany Rotary Interact Club members (4) to Forever Radio for the Wishes for Christmas recording and delivery to recipients' homes on dates to be determined in December at no cost to the district.
 10. Permission for Jakeb Rising to accompany the Scholastic Quiz Teams (8) to Westmont Hilltop High School to participate in the Central Western Scholastic Quiz League on Mondays from September 15 through November 3, 2025 and Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at a cost \$2,250: \$250/registration; \$2,000/travel (budgeted—travel may be less if use school van when available).
- B. Recommend permission for Erik McClemens (Grade 11, home-schooled student) to participate in the Varsity Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, and Track/Field programs during the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with Board Policy.

4. Human Development

- A. Recommend permission for Jakeb Rising to attend “Computing Educator Opportunities Initiative Orientation” at Carnegie Mellon University on Friday-Saturday, August 22-23, 2025 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by grant).
- B. Recommend approval of the List of Substitute Teachers for the 2025-2026 school year submitted by Ignite Education Solutions.
- C. 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 \$5,799 for the 2025-2026 school year.
- D. Recommend reappointment of the following bona fide volunteer athletic personnel with compensation as listed for the 2025-2026 school year (3% increase):

Corey Hicks	Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach	\$1,591
Andrew Moser	Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach	\$2,186
Steven Risch	Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach	\$2,814

- E. Recommend appointment of Hannah Sodano as a bona fide volunteer Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach with compensation of \$1,545 for the 2025-2026 school year, pending receipt of appropriate documentation.
- F. Recommend authorization to post and advertise for vacant positions as needed for the 2025-2026 school year.
- G. Recommend approval of volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Connor Adams	Junior High Football
Melissa Bird	Elementary School
Britton Burnworth	Swimming
Stacy Burnworth	Varsity Football/Varsity Boys' Soccer/Swimming
Onora Cable	Elementary School

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Emanuel Coleman, III	Music Department
Madison Daniels	Volleyball
Terri Duffy	Elementary School
John Durica	Volleyball/Track
Dorothy Everhart	Elementary School Foster Grandparent
Kimberly Felosky	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Jeremy Ferguson	Elementary School/Elementary Basketball
Mallory Ferguson	Elementary School
Brittany Ferpas	Elementary School
Lindsay Fetterman	Varsity Girls' Soccer/Track
Scott Fetterman	Varsity Girls' Soccer
Carly Gindlesperger	Girls' Basketball
Terra Griesheimer	Elementary School
Thomas Grosik, Jr.	Junior High Football
Brian Heinrich	Elementary School
Kristin Hildebrand	Elementary School
Hayden Lingenfelter	Music Department
Deanna Maurer	Elementary School/Wrestling/Junior High & Varsity Cheerleading
Matthew McGlynn	Elementary School
Timothy Mock	Music Department
Hattie Mostoller	Junior High Girls' Soccer
Courtney Oakes	Elementary School/Elementary Wrestling
Rebecca Robinson	Elementary School
Jeffrey Rowe	Elementary School/Music Department
Lori Shropshire	Elementary School/Musical
Christine Shroyer	Elementary School
Erin Sotosky	High School Field Trips
Jaclyn Stevanus	Elementary School/Elementary Basketball
Samantha L. Stevanus	Elementary School
Tyler Stevanus	Elementary School
Danette Teeter	Elementary School
Zachary Teeter	Elementary School
Derek Thomas	Elementary School
Jill Thomas	Elementary School
Amanda Walters	Elementary School
Michael Walters, Jr.	Elementary School
Theresa Wess-Mellott	Elementary/H.S. Field Trips/Middle School Golf/Varsity Cheerleading
Erika Winters-Rowe	Elementary School/Music Department
Melinda Zeigler	Elementary School
Kevin Ziance	Elementary School
Kimberly Ziance	Elementary School

- H. Informational Item – The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Eric Ballarino as a Health/Physical Education Teacher effective sixty (60) days from July 28, 2025 in accordance with his Professional Employee Contract and the requirements of Pennsylvania School Code Section 24 PS §11-1121(c).

5. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of the Bus Driver List and Route Summary for the 2025-2026 school year.
[Complete bus routes are available from the Transportation Director.]

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- B. Recommend approval of an Affiliation Agreement with Gannon University for the placement of qualified candidates to complete field experiences, practicums, or internships for a term of five years.
- C. Recommend approval of the Letter of Agreement with Goodwill Southern Alleghenies, Inc., to provide School to Work Transition services for students with disabilities for the period from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026, with costs to be as outlined in the agreement.

6. Buildings & Grounds

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

- 1. Grade 4 Boys' Basketball
Elementary School Gym/Cafeteria
Mondays – September and October 2025 (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Jeremy Ferguson
- 2. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Elementary Sign-ups
High School Field House
Thursday, September 25, 2025 (5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Deanna Maurer
- 3. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Youth Wrestling Practices
High School Field House Third Floor
Monday through Sunday, October 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 (5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$40.00 per hour if used on Saturday or Sunday
Deanna Maurer
- 4. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Holiday Tournament
High School Gym/Cafeteria/Tech Shop/Concession Stand/Locker Rooms/Trainer's Room/Restrooms
Friday, December 19, 2025 (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Saturday, December 20, 2025 (5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$40.00 per hour for Saturday only
Deanna Maurer

7. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:
Barbara Adams – Retired; Karen D. Black – Retired; James Catanese – Retired; Richard A. Hofecker – Retired; Jerry W. Pavlosky – Retired; Sheri L. Roberts – Retired; Thomas C. Roberts – Retired; Chyerl A. Smith – Retired; Larry Dale Thomas – Retired; Cindy L. Walerysiak – Retired; Walter Walerysiak, Jr. – Retired.
- B. Recommend approval of the request from Randall L. Hackett for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption on Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-044780.
- C. Recommend approval of the request from Judith L. Lauper for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption on Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-015080.
- D. Recommend approval of the request from Rickey L. Rager for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption on Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-051120.

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8. Other Items

- A. Mrs. Dull reported that the stadium field should be ready by August 22, 2025. A Board tour was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19.

An executive session was held from 7:58 p.m. to 10:50 p.m. to discuss real estate, personnel, legal, and contractual matters.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

1. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (up to 15) on the following budgeted community-based instruction experiences:

Dollar General/Shopping Skills	08/25/25	No Cost
Go Moore Store/Job Skills	09/09/25	No Cost
Giant Eagle/Shopping for Café	09/23/25	No Cost
SEADS Garden Center/Fall Activity	10/07/25	\$75/registration; \$140/travel
HRS Salon & Pappy's Pizza/Career Info.	10/21/25	\$100/meals
St. Francis Sharing & Caring/Job Skills	11/04/25	No Cost
Elementary School Cafeteria/Job Skills	11/18/25	No Cost

2. Additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2025-2026 school year: Morgan Dugan (Grades K-6); Michael Gordon (Emergency); Janet Jeschonek (Emergency); Sandra Ott (Emergency); Gratian Yatsevitch (Emergency).
3. Permission to add Marylou Murray to the Substitute Cafeteria List for the 2025-2026 school year, pending receipt of required documentation.
4. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2025-2026 school year:

Sara Baker	Elementary School
Nicole Croyle	Elementary School
Mary Louise Donitzen	Elementary School
Adelyn Dull	Music Department/Life Skills Classroom
Sheena Hollingshead	Elementary School
Jennifer Lishka	Elementary School
Scott Lohr	Junior High Football
Michelle Mock	Music Department
Stephen Parker	Baseball
Jakob Petree	Music Department
Joel Rush	Football
Douglas Sodano	Music Department/Cheerleading
Scott Summits	Football
Cassandra Thomas	Elementary School
Angela Turley	Elementary School/Music Department/H. S. Field Trips

- 5. Little Lady Indians Soccer Club
Elementary School Soccer Fields
Mondays & Wednesdays, September and October 2025 (3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Eva McDannell
- 6. Grades 1-2 Boys' Basketball
Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room
One day per week, September and October 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Jaclyn Stevanus
- 7. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Cindy L. Barr – Retired; Diane C. Dena – Retired; Randy Sargent – Retired.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Sleek, that in accordance with the “Articles of Agreement” for the term of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025, the listing of teachers’ salaries be adopted for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve the request from Jeffrey and Elise Alesantrino for an underground utilities easement and to authorize the appropriate Board Officers to sign the easement on behalf of the School District.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Byer, Dr. Mantini, Mr. Phillippi, Mr. Sleek, Mr. Sotosky,
Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl7
Nays:0
Abstain: Mr. Alesantrino1
Motion carried

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to appoint Roger T. Conley as a Health/Physical Education Teacher beginning as soon as available at a salary to be prorated based on a total annual salary of \$60,909 (Step 15, Bachelor’s Degree) for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the terms of a successor collective bargaining agreement, and pending receipt of appropriate documentation.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for June were included with the agenda. Mr. Studer noted that he would be generating a new report for the Board containing month-to-date revenues/expenditures and year-to-date revenue/expenditure projections. He also reported that no state funds had been received due to the lack of an approved budget; a budget is expected by November.

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

Mr. Walker reported that 25,390 meals had been provided this summer. The profit of approximately \$70,000 from this program will be used to upgrade cafeteria equipment.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini noted that the CTC is ready for the upcoming school year, and 81 students from our district would be attending the CTC.

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August 19, 2025

An executive session was held from 7:40 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary