

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7:02 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, 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,
Brett Stahl, Lisa Stevens

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

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 16, 2024
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of July 31, 2024
3. Tax Collection Report as of July 31, 2024
4. Activity Fund Report for July

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

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve payment of the facility improvement project bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	AUGUST 12, 2024
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 12, 2024 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

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

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. 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 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

B. Recommend adoption of the Middle/High School Student Handbook for the 2024-2025 school year.

2. School Activities

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

1. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Marching Band (40) to DelGrosso's Park/Laguna Splash on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at no cost to the district (costs paid by Band Boosters).
2. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Marching Band (40) to Laurel View Village/Country Manor on an evening to be determined in August/September at a cost of \$150/travel (budgeted).
3. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Marching Band/Cheerleaders/Homecoming Court (60) to the Elementary School for a Homecoming Pep Rally on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at a cost of \$165/travel (budgeted).
4. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Marching Band (40) to participate in the following budgeted competitions:

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Tyrone Stadium	09/28/24	\$ 570
Homer Center Stadium	10/05/24	\$ 300
Greater Johnstown Stadium	10/12/24	\$ 250
Juniata College/Chapter Championships	10/19/24	\$ 650
Altoona/PA State Championship	10/26/24	\$ 575

5. Permission for Catherine Kasun/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany students (4) to the Annual Rotary Interact Conference at Greensburg Country Club on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at a cost of \$520: \$200/travel; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
6. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Concert Band/Rotary Interact members (20) to Laurel View Village to perform for Veterans Day and deliver cards from Rotary Interact on Friday, November 8, 2024 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).
7. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany Concert Band members (15) to District Band Pre-Auditions at Richland High School on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at a cost of \$255: \$105/registration; \$150/meals (budgeted).

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8. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany students (35) to North Star High School for County Band on December 4-5, 2024 (Wednesday-Thursday) at a cost of \$1,440: \$750/registration; \$300/travel; \$70/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
9. Permission for Ashley Kopp/Kimberly Garman to accompany MDS/life skills students (20) to the Quemahoning Dam for a Back-to-School Picnic on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at a cost of \$400: \$200/travel; \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted).
10. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (15) on the following budgeted community-based instruction experiences:

Giant Eagle/Shop for Picnic	08/26/24	No Cost
Follow Charlie Car Wash/Job Skills	09/04/24	\$100/half-day nurse
Dollar General/Shop for Java	09/17/24	No Cost
Elementary School/Java Day	09/19/24	No Cost
Market Basket & Burger King	09/25/24	No Cost

11. Permission for Jakeb Rising to accompany the Scholastic Quiz Teams (8-16) to Westmont Hilltop High School to participate in the Central Western Scholastic Quiz League on Mondays from Sept. 16 through Nov. 4, 2024 at a cost \$2,000: \$250/registration; \$1,750/travel (budgeted).
- B. Recommend permission for Erik McClemens (Grade 10 home-schooled student) to participate in the Varsity Golf, Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, and Track/Field programs during the 2024-2025 school year in accordance with Board Policy.
- C. Recommend permission for Joshua Colon (Grade 8 cyber-schooled student) to participate in Football and Basketball for the 2024-2025 school year, with the cyber school to be charged the \$500 participation fee for each sport in accordance with Board Policy.

3. Human Development

- A. Recommend permission for Jakeb Rising to complete the SMART Mechanical Foundations program (online—Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy) at a cost of \$1,049: \$299/registration; \$750/Robotics Kit (budgeted).
- B. Recommend approval of the List of Substitute Teachers for the 2024-2025 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 \$5,229 for the 2024-2025 school year.
- D. Recommend approval of the corrected pay rate for Patricia Miller (High School Head Cook) of \$15.35 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year.
- E. Recommend approval of the reassignment of the following cafeteria personnel:

Jennifer Bimeal	Three-hour Kitchen Helper to Four-Hour Kitchen Helper (HS)
Tanya Blank	Three-hour Kitchen Helper to Four-Hour Kitchen Helper (ES)
Velma Brown	Kitchen Helper (HS) to Cafeteria Monitor (ES)
Kay Kauffman	Cafeteria Monitor (ES) to Kitchen Helper (HS)

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- F. Recommend ratification of the Superintendent's acceptance of the resignation of Jacob Kornprobst as a custodian effective August 6, 2024.
- G. Recommend appointment of the following bona fide volunteer athletic/extracurricular personnel with compensation as listed for the 2024-2025 school year:

Robin Holsopple	Asst. Junior High Volleyball Coach	\$1,545 (pending clearances)
Michele Roman	Elementary Reading Team Advisor	\$ 516

- H. Recommend authorization to post and advertise for vacant positions as needed for the 2024-2025 school year.
- I. Recommend approval of volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

Connor Adams	Football
Kelly Alberts	Elementary School
Lauren Bell	Elementary School
Brogan Berkey	Varsity Boys' Soccer
Harmony Beverly	Elementary School
Jennifer Bimeal	Elementary School
Gene Bird	Girls' Soccer
Melissa Bird	Elementary School
Leisha Black	Basketball/Football/Music Dept./Track/Volleyball/Elementary School
Margaretta Borodach	Elementary School
Erika Broecker	Elementary School
J. Scott Cable	Boys' Basketball/Golf
Kayla Coleman	Music Department/High School Field Trips
Daniel Conn	Varsity Football
Todd Cover	Football
Nicole Croyle	Elementary School
Mark DeSantis	Elementary School
Terri Duffy	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Adelyn Dull	Music Department/Life Skills Classroom
John Durica	Volleyball
Kenneth Fochtman	Music Department
Ryan Gilmore	Football
F. Brady Griesheimer	Varsity Boys' Soccer
Thomas Grosik, Jr.	Junior High Football
Brian Heinrich	Elementary School
Courtney Hicks	Elementary School
Jeri Hunsberger	Music Department/Elementary School
Jennifer Konieczny	Elementary School/Music Department
Lisa Kozielec	Elementary School
Susan Kuzmiak	Elementary School
Scott Lohr	Football
Elyce Massimo-Grimes	Music Department
Mary Mauzy	Elementary School/High School Field Trips/Music Department
Ashley McClelland	Elementary School
Adam Miller	Middle School Golf
Megan Miller	Elementary School/Music Department
Michelle Mock	Elementary School/Music Department/Soccer

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Nicole Moser	Music Department
Hattie Mostoller	Junior High Girls' Soccer
Courtney Oakes	Elementary School/Elementary Wrestling
Marissa Pakstis	Elementary School
Rebecca Parker	Junior High Cheerleading
Kelly Price	High School Field Trips/Soccer
Laura Pucci	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Paula Rolt-Fochtman	Music Department
Timothy Rosa	Wrestling/Elementary School
Jeffrey Rowe	Elementary School/Music Department
Olivia Schlosser	Elementary School
R. Matthew Slezak	Varsity Girls' Soccer/Track
Samantha L. Stevanus	Elementary School
Tyler Stevanus	Elementary School
Scott Summits	Football
Theresa Tedjeske-Boboige	Elementary School
Zachary Teeter	Elementary School
Debra Thomas	Music Department
Jessalynn Thomas	Elementary School
Drew Volocko	Elementary School/Elementary Wrestling
Lindsey Volocko	Elementary School
Randell Whetzel, Jr.	Elementary School
Rebecca Williams	Elementary School
Erika Winters-Rowe	Elementary School/Music Department
Jamie Witt	Elementary School
Toni Yonish	Elementary School
Melinda Zeigler	Elementary School
Jessica Zellam	Elementary School
Andrea Zern	Elementary School

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of the list of bus drivers and bus schedules for the 2024-2025 school year.
[Complete bus routes are available from the Transportation Director.]
- B. Recommend approval to enter into a Consulting Services Agreement with The Fatula Group, LLC, to provide safety and security services/training at a cost of \$5,000.

5. Buildings & Grounds

- A. Recommend approval of the following Use of Facilities Requests:
 1. C. T. Band Boosters/Meetings
High School Band Room
2024-2025 School Year (Dates/Times to be coordinated with Mr. Feathers)
Paula Rolt-Fochtman
 2. C. T. PTA/Bunny Bash
Elementary School Gym/Cafeteria
Saturday, April 12, 2025 (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
Rebecca Kuzar

6. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:
Paul Felton – Retired; Clifford Kauffman – Retired; Fred A. Partsch, III – Retired.

7. Other Items

- A. Mrs. Saylor-Stahl inquired about the status of the financial reports from the Booster Groups. Mr. Feathers responded that he had received some of them but would be following up with any group that has not complied.
- B. Mrs. Saylor-Stahl noted that the handbook for the Middle/High School students was very well put together.

An executive session was held from 7:23 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. to discuss personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

1. Permission to add Jeanne Derricott, Donna Kovalchek, Fawn Slonka, Karen South, and Nicolas Yoder to the Substitute Cafeteria List for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of clearances.
2. Permission to create and post the position of Assistant Junior High Cheerleading Advisor at a salary of \$1,545 for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2024-2025 school year:

Gary Black, Jr.	Football/High School Field Trips/Music Department/Track
Jessica Claycomb	Elementary School
Douglas Croyle	Elementary School
Terra Griesheimer	Elementary School
Kayla Heinrich	Elementary School
Samantha Kane	Elementary School
Ki Park	Middle School Golf
Brittany Risch	Elementary School
Joel Rush	Football

4. Permission 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. (same as last year)
5. Grades 4-6 Girls' Soccer Club
Elementary School Soccer Fields
Mondays & Wednesdays, August through October (3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Eva McDannell
6. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Patricia J. Baer – Retired; David Hart – Retired; Evelyn Hart – Retired; Veronica J. Varner –Housewife; Joanne Walls – Retired; Karen Wyar – Housewife .

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, that in accordance with the “Articles of Agreement,” the listing of teachers’ salaries be adopted for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the job description for the following position: School Police Officer (SPO) – Elementary School [replaces School Resource Officer/Maintenance (Elementary School) position]

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to cancel the November Committee of the Whole Meeting, schedule the regular Board meeting for Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., and to advertise this change.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to appoint Amber L. Desrochers as a part-time Speech/Language Teacher effective August 19, 2024, for 55 days per year (.3 FTE) at a salary to be prorated based on a total annual salary of \$59,041 (Step 12, Master’s Degree, plus \$100 for Special Education) for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of updated clearances.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve revised Policy 405/Employment of Substitute Professional Employees.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, and Self-Funding Analyses for June and July were included with the agenda. Mr. Studer also presented information on Cyber/Charter School enrollments and the GESA Project progress.

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of recent meetings/activities/upcoming events. Mr. Feathers and Mr. Studer commented concerning the Boosters’ financial reports.

Brett Stahl presented an update on the progress of the TEN Projects.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini noted that the CTC is ready for the upcoming school year and enrollment has increased. Mrs. Dull noted that 77 students from our district would be attending the CTC.

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presented Certificates of Appreciation for School Board Service from the PSBA to Mrs. Byer (5 years) and Mrs. Troxell (15 years).

An executive session was held from 8:01 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary