

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 7:08 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,
Jeremy Sotosky, Christine Troxell, Susan Saylor-Stahl7
MEMBERS ABSENT: Deanna Maurer, Earl Sleek, II2
Quorum present

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

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, 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. Alesantrino, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve payment of the facility improvement project bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to authorize payment of additional necessary general fund, athletic, cafeteria, capital projects, and facility improvement project bills received before the January Board meeting.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl noted receipt of a letter from James Carr to commend Catherine Grove and the High School Band for performing and distributing cards at Laurel View Village on Veterans Day. She expressed the Board’s appreciation of this activity and requested that Mrs. Grove be given a copy of the letter.

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

1. Permission for Amanda Evans/Teachers to accompany students to the High School Auditorium for concert practices (budgeted) as follows:

Grades 2-3 (140)	12/10/2024	\$390/travel; \$160/substitute
Grades 4-5 (124)	12/11/2024	\$260/travel; \$80/substitute
Grades K-1 (117)	04/08/2025	\$260/travel; \$160/substitute

2. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany the Concert Band (30) to perform at the following locations during the week of December 9, 2024 at no cost to the district: Galleria Mall; Laurel View Village; Country Manor/Jerome.

3. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany concert band members (30) to the Elementary School to conduct a side-by-side learning experience on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at a cost of \$120/travel (budgeted).

4. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany the Concert Band (15) to the Davidsville Community Church for Tribe Time dinner on Monday, February 10, 2025 at no cost to the district.
5. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany concert band members (10) to Bellwood-Antis High School for District 6 Band on January 22-24, 2025 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$2,020: \$850/registration; \$350/travel; \$350/lodging; \$150/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
6. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany music students (50) to the Elementary School to perform holiday music on Friday, December 20, 2024 at a cost of \$280: \$120/travel; \$160/substitute (budgeted).
7. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany Rotary Interact Club members (4) to the following budgeted activities:

Forever Radio/Wishes for Christmas Reading	Week of December 9, 2024	\$20/travel
Wishes for Christmas Delivery	Date to be determined in Dec.	\$40/travel

8. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany Rotary Interact Club members (15) to Davidsville Community Church for Tribe Time dinner on Monday, January 6, 2025 at no cost to the district.
9. Permission for Teachers to accompany their students on the following field trips at a cost of \$200 for a substitute nurse for each trip (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA):

Kindergarten (57)	04/10/2025	Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center to attend “Charlotte’s Web”
Kindergarten (57)	05/15/2025	Vale Wood Farms
First Grade (62)	05/14/2025	Living Treasures Animal Park
Second Grade (64)	05/13/2025	Compass Inn Museum
Third Grade (76)	05/08/2025	Somerset Historical Society
Third Grade (76)	05/13/2025	Pittsburgh Zoo
Fourth Grade (60)	05/21/2025	Lincoln Caverns
Fourth Grade (60)	05/28/2025	Johnstown Flood National Memorial
Fifth Grade (63)	05/14/2025	Altoona Curve Educational Day

10. Permission for the following students to participate in the programs listed during the 2024-2025 school year in accordance with the appropriate Board Policy:

Stephen Hofecker (Grade 10 Cyber student)	Wrestling and Track/Field (\$500 fee per sport)
Lydia Levadnuk (Grade 8 Home-schooled student)	Musical and Softball

11. Permission for Renee Dryer/Christine Magistro/Elyse Uhlig to attend “Enhanced Core Reading Instruction Vocabulary & Composition” at I. U. 8/Duncansville on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at a cost of \$568: \$58/travel; \$30/meals; \$480/substitutes (budgeted).
12. Permission for Alan Tresnicky to attend the 2024 Pennsylvania Computer Science Summit at PaTTAN Central on Wednesday-Thursday, December 11-12, 2024 at a cost of \$835: \$200/travel; \$175/lodging; \$140/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
13. Additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2024-2025 school year: Lydia Lowstetter (Elementary K-6); Mckenzie Mahler (Agriculture PK-12); Amanda Barkley Rubright (Emergency); Evan Wiewiora (Health/Physical Education PK-12).
14. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Alfred N. Fyock – Retired; Nicolette Fyock – Retired; Connie G. Miller – Retired; James R. Miller – Retired; Christine S. Oldham – Retired; Clifford L. Oldham – Totally Disabled; Anne S. Putyrski – Retired; Peter Putyrski - Retired.

15. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2024-2025 school year:

Melanie Alwine	Elementary School
Nathan Lehman	Rifle Team
Noah Lehman	Rifle Team
Timothy McKenzie	Music Department
Ethan Phillippi	Art Club/Spanish Club
Craig Sprock	Rifle Team
Kendall Swick	Junior High Wrestling
Barry Thomas	Varsity Baseball/Varsity Wrestling
Samuel Thomas	Varsity Baseball/Varsity Wrestling
Christine Troxell	Music Department
Lacey Waters	Elementary School

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve the following requests for use of school facilities:

1. Girl Scout Troop 22068/Meetings
Elementary School Library
First & Third Mondays, December 9, 2024 through May 19, 2025 (5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.)
Nicole Croyle
2. Tribe Time Christmas Party
Elementary School Multipurpose Room
Friday, December 13, 2024 (12:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.)
Megan Miller

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve meeting dates for 2025 and to advertise those dates.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Sotosky, to adopt the Resolution indicating the District will not increase the tax rate above the index established by the Department of Education.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to appoint Dana L. Kissel as a Spanish Teacher beginning as soon as she is available at a salary to be prorated based on an annual salary of \$62,055 (Step 14, Master's Degree), pending receipt of appropriate documentation.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the discipline of Student No. 30023 as agreed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to contract with Frankie’s Hauling & Excavating to provide the following services as needed during the 2024-2025 school year:

Snow plow with truck and snow plow	\$90 per hour	(\$85 last year)
Snow plow with loader and 12-foot push box	\$125 per hour	(\$120 last year)
Salt parking lots at both buildings	\$170 per lot	(\$160 last year)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to authorize the Superintendent to sign, on behalf of the district, a letter of support for the River Valley School District to pursue a new statewide CIP Code 11.1003 titled “Computer and Information Systems Security.” This effort is to create a new PDE-Approved Program of Study tied to the CompTIA industry certifications.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – The Self-Funding Analysis for October was included with the agenda. Mr. Studer noted that reports for November and December would be presented in January.

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of meetings/activities/upcoming events. She stated that the weapons detection system procedures have been working well.

Discussion was held concerning the request from Peggy McClain, Conemaugh Township Tax Collector, on behalf of the District’s tax collectors, for an increase in the rates paid to them for the next four-year term. A motion to approve a three (3%) percent increase will be included on the January meeting agenda.

Informational Items – The Elementary and Secondary Newsletters were included with the agenda.

Mrs. Troxell noted that she had brought ornaments and thank-you letters for the Board and Administration which were made by the St. David’s Junior/Senior High Sunday School Class.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary