

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:13 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 Troxell	8
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, Kelly Digon, Kate Turner, Michael Buncich, Lisa Stevens

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, 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. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to authorize payment of necessary general fund, athletic, cafeteria, and capital projects bills received before the January Board meeting.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the following requests:

1. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Ashley Kopp to accompany the Speech Team (20) to Westmont Hilltop High School for a competition on Friday, February 10, 2023 at a cost of \$628: \$300/travel; \$200/meals; \$128/substitutes (budgeted).
2. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Ashley Kopp to accompany the Speech Team (20) to Saint Francis University for the regional competition on March 13-14, 2023 (Monday-Tuesday) at a cost of \$1,737: \$825/travel; \$400/meals; \$512/substitutes (budgeted).
3. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Kelly Kramer to accompany gifted/social studies students (20) to Beth Sholom Synagogue for a cultural experience on Friday, December 16, 2022 at no cost to the district.
4. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (10) on the following budgeted community-based instruction experiences:

Elementary School/Gift Wrapping	December 15, 2022	No Cost
Dollar General	December 19, 2022	No Cost
Market Basket & Pappy's Pizza	January 5, 2023	\$175/travel
Moore's Mini Mart	January 19, 2023	\$265/travel

5. Permission for Ashley Kopp/Kimberly Reynolds to accompany Life Skills/MDS students (18) to The Galleria for roller skating on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at a cost of \$365/travel (budgeted).
6. Permission for Ashley Kopp/Kimberly Reynolds to accompany Life Skills/MDS students (14) to go sled riding on the hill behind the High School on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at no cost to the district.

7. Permission for Wonda Piskuric to accompany learning support students (6) to the Laurel View Village for a community-based instruction experience on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at a cost of \$225/travel (budgeted).
8. Permission for Kimberly Reynolds to accompany MDS students (7) to Dollar Tree/Five Below/Main Moon or Eat'n Park for a community-based instruction experience on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at a cost of \$300: \$200/travel; \$100/substitute nurse (budgeted).
9. Permission for Emily Del Signore/Kelly McCall/Amber Roxby/Christine Shroyer/Amy Stone/Alan Tresnick to attend "The Science of Reading: Phonology & Phonemic Awareness" at I. U. 8/Duncansville on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at a cost of \$1,113: \$150/registration; \$275/travel; \$48/meals; \$640/substitutes (budgeted).
10. Permission for Clayton Nanassy to attend the I. U. 8 STEM Network at Martin-Baker, Lockheed-Martin, and Central Cambria to observe STEM in the workplace and at an educational institution on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at a cost of \$128/substitute (budgeted).
11. Request from Kara Duplin for a leave of absence beginning approximately March 13, 2023 and continuing through approximately May 8, 2023 in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.
12. Acceptance of the retirement/resignation of Renee M. Branas as the Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager effective January 6, 2023.
13. Appointment of Kellie Hankinson as a bona fide volunteer Post Prom Coordinator with compensation of \$773 for the 2022-2023 school year.
14. Additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite Education Solutions for the 2022-2023 school year: Hanna Corle (Grades PK-4/Special Ed.); Kierisa Hockensmith (Social Studies); Karalee Jackson (Emergency); Jessica King (Grades PK-4); Autumn McHenry (Emergency & Emergency Nurse); Alyssa Ott (Grades PK-4); Rebecca Parslow (Emergency); Carlee Riegel (Biology); Tiera Smith (Grades PK-4/Special Ed.); Kaitlyn Stevens (Grades PK-4).
15. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Kevin Hershberger – Retired; Michael C. Horner – Retired; Sandra Horner – Retired; John T. Lawhead – Retired; Thomas A. Telenko – Retired; Jack Yourich – Retired.
16. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year:

Everett Churchey	Elementary Wrestling
Joshua McDannell	Varsity Wrestling
William Rouser, Jr.	Rifle Team
Brian Spory	Rifle Team
Debra Stephen	Elementary School

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to approve the following requests for use of school facilities:

1. Speech Team/Invitational Meets
High School Cafeteria & Classrooms
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 (3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) [Snow Make-up – January 17]
Wednesday, January 25, 2023 (3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) [Snow Make-up – January 27]
Jennifer Custer

2. PTA/Parent-Student Paint Night “Cookies and Canvas”
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Cafeteria
Thursday, February 16, 2023 (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Jessica Claycomb
3. Dancer’s Haven/Dress Rehearsals & Dance Recital
High School Auditorium/Band & Chorus Classrooms
Dress Rehearsals – Monday & Tuesday, May 15-16, 2023 (4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Performance – Saturday, May 20, 2023 (3:30 p.m. to 10:00 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 Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve meeting dates for 2023 and to advertise those dates.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, 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 Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to enter into a 48-month Lease Agreement with Xerox to provide a color copier for the High School at a cost of \$211.14 per month, which includes unlimited copies and all supplies except paper (State Contract #072790200 Pricing).

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to employ Edward J. Slonka, Jr., as a part-time employee for the Buildings and Grounds Department at a rate of \$27.81 per hour.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to appoint Pamela Brehm as a Custodian at a rate of \$10.61 per hour, with prorated benefits to be as outlined in the Buildings and Grounds Employees’ Handbook.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, Mawyer Scholarship Fund Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for October were included with the agenda.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed a list of the projects completed during his tenure with the District.

Informational Items – The Elementary Newsletter and the Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl asked about participation numbers for wrestling; Mr. Feathers responded that there were approximately 10 varsity and 15 junior high wrestlers.

Mrs. Troxell thanked Mr. Kakabar on behalf of the Board, staff, and students for all that he has done for the District and the community.

An executive session was held from 7:39 p.m. to 8:52 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary