

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:12 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, Deanna Maurer,
Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Michelle Stumpf, Justin Zahorchak,
Christine Troxell9
MEMBERS ABSENT:0
Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Michael Barbera, Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster,
Jarod Feathers, Jane Jugan, Alan Zimmerman, Meribeth DeBarto, Kelly Digon,
Kate Turner, Samantha Rosa, Lisa Stevens

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, 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.

Mr. Kakabar noted that he, Mrs. Dull, and Mrs. Dabbs attended the National Blue Ribbon Ceremony for the Elementary School, which was very nice.

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

1. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Ashley Kopp to accompany the Speech Team (10) to Cambria Heights High School for a competition on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at a cost of \$154: \$90/travel; \$64/substitute (budgeted).
2. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Ashley Kopp to accompany the Speech Team (15) to Westmont High School for a competition on Friday, February 25, 2022 (Snow date—February 26) at a cost of \$185/travel (budgeted).
3. Permission for Maureen Kalfas to accompany life skills students (9) to a grocery store/restaurant (3 visits), Moore’s Mini Mart, Schantz Haus Bed & Breakfast, St. Francis Sharing/Caring, Lowe’s, and C. T. Food Pantry for community based instruction experiences on January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2022 at a cost of \$400/travel (budgeted).
4. Permission for Wonda Piskuric to accompany learning support students (7) to the Johnstown Library for a community based instruction experience on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at a cost of \$125/travel (budgeted).
5. Permission for Kimberly Reynolds to accompany MDS students (8) to Westwood Plaza Theatre and Café for a community based instruction experience on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at a cost of \$334: \$150/admission; \$100/travel; \$84/substitute nurse (budgeted).
6. Permission for Bethany Spengler to accompany the Art Club (28) to The Mattress Factory Art Museum/Pittsburgh on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at no cost to the district (costs paid by Art Club).
7. Acceptance of the resignation of Bernard J. Podlucky as a Custodial/Maintenance employee effective December 14, 2021.

8. Additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite Education Solutions for the 2021-2022 school year: Lakin Rigby (Emergency Nurse); Alicia Roles (Emergency); Brian Weaver (Emergency).
9. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Timothy Bowman – Retired; Richard Toath – Retired.
10. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year:

Lisa Bittner	Elementary School
Augusta Czysz	Elementary School
Abby Hoffman	Junior High Girls' Basketball
Antoine Malvoisin	Music Department
Amy McIntosh	Elementary School
Craig Sprock	Rifle
Virginia Stephen	Elementary School
David Strayer	Rifle
Lewis Tresnicky	Elementary School/Indoor Track/Track

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, to grant permission for Sabastian Podlucky (Grade 5) to attend Conemaugh Township Area Elementary School as a tuition student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year in the event his family is unable to establish residency in the School District by December 22, 2021. If residency has not been established by that date, tuition will be charged retroactive to December 15, 2021 at a rate of \$5,527.90 (prorated based on annual amount of \$9,385.39) with any additional costs such as an aide, outside placement, etc., to be billed to his parents in accordance with Policy No. 202. Equal monthly payments shall be required, with the first payment due by January 4, 2022, and shall continue until residency has been established.

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. The Learning Lamp & Ignite Education Solutions/Hiring Event
Elementary School Lobby
Thursday, December 9, 2021 (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
Kayla Balamuta
2. Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania/Registration
Elementary School Lobby
Monday, December 13, 2021 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Lisa Bulas
3. Speech Team/Competition
High School Building
Thursday, January 13, 2022 (2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Jennifer Custer
4. PTA/Scrapbooking Weekend
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Library/Lobby
Friday, March 11, 2022 (12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.)
Saturday, March 12, 2022 (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.)
Kimberly Meyers

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to approve meeting dates for 2022 and to advertise those dates.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, 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 Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to enter into an agreement with Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a Keystone Collections Group for the collection of delinquent per capita and occupation taxes.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to appoint Jacob Grosik as a Business/Computer/Information Technology Teacher beginning December 8, 2021 at a salary to be prorated based on \$38,599 (Step 1, Bachelor's) for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, with sick/personal days to be prorated, and HSA Funding/Health Benefits to begin January 1, 2022.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to approve the withdrawal of the Conemaugh Township Area School District from the WestPAC effective at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Self-Funding Analysis for October was included with the agenda.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Kakabar noted that the negotiations process with the Teachers' Association has begun; an executive session will be held on December 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the teachers' contract and the transportation contract.

Informational items were as follows:

1. The Elementary Newsletter and the Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.
2. Andrew Byer has completed his third year of satisfactory teaching; as a result, a professional employee contract will be issued to him.

Mrs. Troxell expressed congratulations for the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. She also commented that the Winter Formal was very nice.

An executive session was held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:18 p.m. to conduct an interview and discuss a personnel matter.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary