

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:00 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 Troxell 9

MEMBERS ABSENT: 0

Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Nicole Dull, Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Alan Zimmerman, Samantha Rosa, Kelly Digon, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Troxell led those present in the flag salute.

There being no objections or corrections stated, Mrs. Troxell declared the following previously circulated items approved as submitted:

1. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held January 18, 2022
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of January 31, 2022
3. Tax Collection Report as of January 31, 2022
4. Activity Fund Report for January

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, 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 Dr. Mantini, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 7, 2022 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	FEBRUARY 7, 2022
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Susan Saylor-Stahl (via Zoom), Earl Sleek, II, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Nicole Dull, Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Alan Zimmerman, Meribeth DeBarto, Kelly Digon, Ashley Kopp, Samantha Rosa, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Guests & Sunshine Act Public Comment Period
 - A. Gabriel Valentine (Grade 6) attended the meeting to present his suggestion that the day after the Super Bowl should be a day off for students and staff.

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- B. Nathaniel Denault and Evan Thomas (Grade 11) attended the meeting to present a proposal to build a pavilion near the football field for their Eagle Scout Project. A motion to approve this project will be placed on the regular meeting agenda.
- C. Guidance Counselors Kelly Birkhimer and Kara Duplin attended the meeting to thank the Board for contracting with REACH to provide mental health support and counseling services for the students.

2. Student Education

- A. Recommend permission to enter into an Alternative Education For Disruptive Youth Act 48 Program Agreement for Services with Ignite Education Solutions for two seats located at the Greater Johnstown CTC at a cost not to exceed \$10,155.47 per seat, retroactive to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. (was \$9,087.76 for last two years)
- B. Recommend permission for Riley Shetler (Grade 7 home-schooled student) to participate in Junior High Volleyball for the 2021-2022 school year.
- C. Recommend approval of the 2022-2023 School Calendar.
- D. Informational Item – Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.

3. School Activities

- A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:
 - 1. Permission for Meribeth DeBarto/Maureen Kalfas/Alan Tresnicky/Melissa Wilson to accompany students (79) to the Ferndale Sportsmen’s Club to release trout raised in Mrs. Wilson’s science classes on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at no cost to the district (travel costs paid by Trout Unlimited Grant).
 - 2. Permission for Ruth Hostetler/Becky Lough/Kelly McCall/Shelly Roman/Amy Stone to accompany kindergarten students (78) on a field trip to Fort Ligonier on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at a cost of \$168/substitute nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA).
 - 3. Permission for Maureen Kalfas to accompany life skills students (9) to a grocery store/restaurant (6 visits), Altoona Curve game, War Memorial tour/skating, Best of Friends, Greenhouse Park, Stackhouse Park, Humane Society, Food Kitchen, Beginnings, SEADS, and Main Street Hobby for community based instruction and job skills experiences on 3/1, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/16, 5/18, 5/25 and 5/26/2022 at a cost of \$2,010: \$50/Best of Friends; \$238/Curve game; \$50/War Memorial; \$1,000/travel; \$672/substitute nurses (budgeted).
 - 4. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany students (7) to West Branch High School for Regional Band on March 11-12, 2022 (Friday-Saturday) at a cost of \$1,853: \$525/registration; \$500/travel; \$500/lodging; \$200/meals; \$128/substitutes (budgeted).
 - 5. Permission for Deborah Mishler to accompany elementary gifted/computer students (6) to the Hollidaysburg High School Planetarium for a Meteors/Meteorite Presentation on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at a cost of \$128/substitute (budgeted).

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6. Permission for Kimberly Reynolds to accompany learning support students (8) to the Heritage Discovery Center for a community based instruction experience on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at a cost of \$255.20: \$71.20/admission; \$100/travel; \$84/half-day substitute nurse (budgeted).

B. Informational Item – The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.

4. Human Development

- A. Recommend appointment of the following individuals as Mentors under the Teacher Induction Plan at an amount to be prorated based on the yearly rate of \$300 as per the Professional Agreement:

Wayne Adams – Jacob Grosik
Christine Shroyer – Jonathon Waltermire

- B. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Lisa Style as a special education teacher effective April 1, 2022.
- C. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite for the 2021-2022 school year: Morgan Doshen (Grades PK-4/Special Education); Billie Johnson (Emergency); Bryanna Yahnert Keiser (Emergency Nurse).
- D. Recommend approval of revised job descriptions for the following positions: Elementary School Principal; Middle/High School Principal; Assistant Middle/High School Principal & Athletic Director.
- E. Recommend appointment of Erin Sotosky as a bona fide volunteer Assistant Junior High Track Coach with compensation to be \$1,545 for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of clearances.
- F. Recommend appointment of Frederick Mainhart as a bona fide volunteer Head Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach with compensation to be \$3,823 for the 2022-2023 school year. (credit for prior C.T. experience)
- G. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year:

Sonya Andrews	Music Department
Mary Louise Donitzen	Elementary School
Kay Kauffman	Music Department
Kelly McCall	Music Department
Nicole Moser	Music Department
Katie Thomas	Music Department/Post Prom

5. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Girl Scouts of Western PA/Sign Up Night for Daisy Troop
Elementary School Cafeteria
Thursday, February 17, 2022 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Lisa Bulas
2. Girl Scout Troop No. 40050/Meetings
Elementary School STEAM Room
Selected Tuesdays, March 1 through May 24, 2022 (5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Nicole Croyle

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3. Dancer's Haven/Dress Rehearsals & Dance Recital
High School Auditorium/Band & Chorus Classrooms
Dress Rehearsals – Monday & Tuesday, May 9-10, 2022 (4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Performance – Saturday, May 14, 2022 (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

4. C. T. AYSO/Indian Invitational Soccer Tournament
Elementary School Soccer Fields
Friday, June 3, 2022 for evening set-up
Saturday, June 4, 2022 (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour (Saturday only)
Shannon Lease

6. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:
Joseph M. Baldwin – Retired; Joseph J. Temyer – Retired.

An executive session was held from 8:00 p.m. to 9:41 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining and personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the following requests:

1. Permission to enter into a contract with Ms. Chelsea Wurth to transport her child to and from school at the approved Internal Revenue Service reimbursement rate beginning March 4, 2022 or sooner upon parental notification and continuing for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year if necessary.
2. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2021-2022 school year:

Vicki Berloff	Music Department
Tarah Mauzy	Music Department
Debra Thomas	Music Department

3. C. T. Musical/Providing Meals During All-Day Rehearsal
High School Cafeteria
Sunday, March 13, 2022 (2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Patricia Miller

4. C. T. Musical/Cast Party
High School Cafeteria/Gym/Classrooms/Library
Sunday, March 20, 2022 (2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Patricia Miller

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to approve Kimberly Rensko as the Deputy Tax Collector for Benson Borough in accordance with Act 164 of 2014.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to accept the Auditor's Report for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Kakabar expressed thanks to Gina and the office staff for doing a great job.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the Pricing Agreement for SEC Post-Issuance Compliance and Repository Services with Digital Assurance Certification LLC at an initial cost of \$2,500 (set-up fee of \$1,000 plus the annual filing fee of \$1,500) and with a set-up fee of \$2,500 for each new bond issue and an annual filing fee of \$1,500. (Replacing Susquehanna Group Advisors, Inc., as our Disclosure Dissemination Agent)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to accept the tax exoneration lists submitted by Tina Galloway, Peggy McClain, and Theresa Seese, and to exonerate them from the collection of said taxes for the purpose of renewing their bonds, but that the taxables not be exonerated of said taxes, and that Keystone Collections Group, Delinquent Tax Collector, be empowered to collect such taxes as are collectable.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, to join the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference commencing with the 2023-2024 school year for all sports and academic competitions.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to grant permission for Nathaniel Denault and Evan Thomas, members of Boy Scout Troop 2114, to proceed with plans to have a Pavilion constructed between the ticket booth and restrooms near the football field as their Eagle Scout project, with the understanding that all funding will be raised by the Eagle Scout project and the Board must approve the final plans prior to construction.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

The Resolution to approve the Greater Johnstown AVTS/CTC 2022-2023 Tentative General Fund Secondary Budget was acted upon at this time.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Capital Reserve Account Report, Cash Balance/Investment Report, Mawyer Scholarship Fund Report, PSERS Rate Projection, and Self-Funding Analysis for December were included with the agenda. Mrs. Rembold noted that two \$10,000 donations were received from Corle Building Systems to fund field trips for the Elementary School and Mrs. Dull's "wish list."

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed a list of his recent meetings. He also stated that Governor Wolf has proposed an increase in the education budget for next year.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini commented that the CTC is preparing for the upcoming renovation project.

Informational Item – An Extracurricular Recognition list was distributed to the Board.

Mrs. Troxell noted that samples of art work from the elementary students had been brought to the meeting by Mrs. Dull.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to enter into an Agreement for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport with Shade-Central City School District for Varsity and Junior High Boys' and Girls' Track commencing with the 2021-2022 school year.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Troxell commented that the wrestling program is improving; Mrs. Maurer added that 56 students are currently involved in the elementary wrestling program.

An executive session was held from 7:56 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary