

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi, Earl Sleek, II, Jeremy Sotosky, Christine Troxell, Susan Saylor-Stahl	8
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Melanie Byer	1
		Quorum present

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan,
Brandon Studer, David Budash, Randy Walker, Matthew Phillippi, Bethany Spengler,
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 January 21, 2025
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of January 31, 2025
3. Tax Collection Report as of January 31, 2025
4. Activity Fund Report for January

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, 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 Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve payment of the facility improvement project bill as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 10, 2025 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	FEBRUARY 10, 2025
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi,
Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Jeremy Sotosky, Christine Troxell

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs (arr. 7:27), James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, David Budash, Randy Walker, Meribeth DeBarto, Kelly Digon, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Guests & Sunshine Act Public Comment Period
 - A. President Julia Thomas, Vice President Jaeden Holsopple, and Advisor Catherine Grove attended the meeting to present an update on the Rotary Interact Club activities during this school year.
 - B. Mrs. Dull reported that Kara Duplin, Senior High Guidance Counselor, had received information concerning job shadowing opportunities at the Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center and Institute of Molecular Medicine in Windber and would be sharing it with students.
2. Reports
 - A. Mrs. Jugan presented an update on placements/costs and available programs/facilities for special education students.
3. Student Education
 - A. Informational Item – Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.
4. School Activities
 - A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:
 1. Ratification of the Superintendent’s decision to permit Angela Callihan to accompany Life Skills students (7) to Westmont High School to participate in a Talent Show on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at a cost of \$200/travel (budgeted).
 2. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Jakeb Rising to accompany gifted students (25) on a field trip to Kennywood Park on Friday, May 2, 2025 at a cost of \$3,125: \$1,000/registration; \$1,295/travel; \$510/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
 3. Permission for Kara Duplin to accompany students (50) to Penn Highlands Community College for “Career Fest” events on March 7, March 21, and April 11, 2025 (Fridays) at a cost of \$200/travel (budgeted).
 4. Permission for Kimberly Garman to accompany MDS students (7) to Pizza Hut/Westmont and the Heritage Discovery Center for a community-based instruction experience on Friday, February 21, 2025 at a cost of \$310: \$110/registration; \$100/travel; \$100/half-day nurse (budgeted).
 5. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany students (5) to Altoona High School for Regional Band on March 6-8, 2025 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$1,620: \$550/registration; \$350/travel; \$250/lodging; \$150/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted—sharing bus).
 6. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany Concert Band students (40) to the Elementary School to conduct side-by-side learning experiences during the week of March 24, 2025 and for Concert Dress Rehearsal during the week of May 5, 2025 at a cost of \$300/travel (budgeted).
 7. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany students (2) to the Poconos for All-State Band on April 9-12, 2025 (Wednesday-Saturday) at a cost of \$2,650: \$850/registration; \$350/travel; \$700/lodging; \$270/meals; \$480/substitutes (budgeted—may be sharing bus).

Committee of the Whole continued—

8. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany the Jazz Band (25) to various nursing homes on dates to be determined in April 2025 at a cost of \$310: \$150/travel; \$160/substitute (budgeted).
9. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany band members (15) to Jerome to participate in the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26, 2025 at no cost to the district.
10. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany the Marching Band (50) to DelGrosso Park on a date to be determined in August, 2025 at no cost to the district (costs paid by Band Boosters).
11. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany students (60) to the Elementary School for a performance of the Musical on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at a cost of \$310: \$150/travel; \$160/substitute (budgeted).
12. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter and sixth grade band students (7) to participate in the District 6 Band Fest at C. T. on Friday, April 4, 2025 at a cost of \$530: \$210/registration; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
13. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany the Rotary Interact Club (30) to Laurel View Village to participate in spring clean-up on Friday, April 25, 2025 at a cost of \$470: \$150/travel; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
14. Permission for Ashley Kopp/Kimberly Garman to accompany MDS/Life Skills students (15) on a community-based instruction experience to St. Francis Sharing & Caring for job shadowing on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at a cost of \$100/substitute nurse (budgeted).
15. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (12) on the following community-based instruction experiences:

Elementary School/Java	2/20/2025	No Cost
Giant/Eagle & Burger King	2/25/2025	No Cost
Elementary School/Read Across America	Week of 3/3/2025	No Cost
16. Permission for Jeffrey Marteeny to accompany students (3) to the Technology Student Association State Competition at Seven Springs on April 23-26, 2025 (Wednesday-Saturday) at a cost of \$2,548: \$2,228/lodging-meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by TSA).
17. Permission for Jakeb Rising/Jodi Forgas to accompany students (12-16) to Somerset High School for the Somerset County Scholastic Quiz Tournament on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at a cost of \$930: \$260/registration; \$350/travel; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
18. Permission for Jakeb Rising/Kelly Kramer to have students (5) participate in the MathWorks M3 Math Modeling Challenge in the High School Library on Sunday, March 2, 2025 at a cost of \$150/registration (budgeted).

B. Informational Items

1. The Elementary and Secondary Newsletters were included with the agenda.
2. The Board's annual yearbook picture has been rescheduled for approximately 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Committee of the Whole continued—

5. Human Development

- A. Recommend ratification of the Superintendent's decision to permit Angela Callihan to attend Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment Dynamic Learning Maps Training at I. U. 8/Ebensburg on February 4, 2025 at a cost of \$198: \$38/travel; \$160/substitute (budgeted)
- B. Recommend appointment of the following Mentors under the Teacher Induction Plan at the yearly rate of \$300 as per the Professional Agreement, retroactive to the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year:

Geneve Buckham for Eric Ballarino
Tracy Durica for Lisa Pasierb

- C. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2024-2025 school year: Emily Bittner (Grades PK-4); David Blaney (Grades PK-6; Science 7-8; Biology 7-12); Jordan Bobroski (Social Studies 7-12); Jeanne LaPorta-Clark (Emergency); Maleah Murphy (Math 7-12); Catherine Summerson (Grades K-6).
- D. Recommend appointment of Matthew Rupert as a bona fide volunteer Head Junior High Baseball Coach with compensation of \$1,906 for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of appropriate documentation.
- E. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Joseph Crum as a part-time Custodial/Maintenance Worker effective January 30, 2025.
- F. Recommend appointment of Matthew A. Naylor as a Custodial/Groundskeeping/Maintenance Worker, beginning as soon as he is available, at a rate of \$12.62 per hour, with fringe benefits to be as outlined in the Buildings and Grounds Employees' Handbook and include one and one-half (1.5) vacation days for the 2024-2025 school year and five (5) vacation days for 2025-2026, pending receipt of appropriate documentation.
- G. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Lori Denault	Musical/High School Field Trips
Rebecca DeSantis	Musical
Kelly Digon	Track/Post Prom
Chase Dinyar	IT Department (Penn Highlands Internship with In-Shore)
Elizabeth Hunsberger	Musical/Track
Jensen Korber	Musical
Victoria Kramer	Musical/Post Prom
Antoine Malvoisin	Musical
Kelly McCall	Musical
Casadie Miller	Musical
Lori Shropshire	Musical
Jessica Thorne	Musical
Angela Turley	Musical
Tanya Yancovitz	Track
Nicholas Yoder	Musical

6. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of a Letter of Agreement with The Meadows Psychiatric Center to provide education services to student(s) while placed at The Meadows at a cost of \$100 per day during the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.

Committee of the Whole continued—

7. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Laurel Highlands Futbol Club/Girls' Soccer Practice
Elementary School Gym
Fridays, February 21 & 28, 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Kristi Purdy
2. MathWorks M3 Math Modeling Challenge
High School Library
Sunday, March 2, 2025 (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Jakeb Rising
3. Elementary Scrapbook Weekend
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Library/Lobby
Friday, March 21, 2025 (5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.)
Saturday, March 22, 2025 (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.)
Kimberly Meyers
4. Penn Highlands Community College/Associate Program Information Night
High School Library
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Kellie Hankinson
5. C. T. Post Prom
High School Building
Friday-Saturday, May 9-10, 2025 (11:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.)
Kellie Hankinson
6. C. T. Rotary Interact Club/SHOFCO Soccer Tournament
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Press Box
Monday, June 2, 2025 (6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Catherine Grove

8. Other Items

- A. Mrs. Troxell asked for an update on the flexible instruction days. Mr. Foster, Mrs. Rosa, Ms. DeBarto, and Mrs. Digon commented on this topic.
- B. Mrs. Saylor-Stahl reported that she had spoken with State Representative Carl Walker Metzgar concerning grant funding. She stated that it has been quite frustrating that the district has not been successful in securing funds from several significant state grants. However, she further stated that she appreciated him coming to meet with the Board and working hard as an advocate on behalf of the district. She noted that he is always welcome at the CTASD.

An executive session was held from 7:45 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mr. Sotosky, to approve the following requests:

1. Permission for Jennifer Custer to accompany students (5-6) to Homer Center High School for a Heritage Conference Current Events Competition on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).
2. Permission for Amber Desrochers/Abigail Updyke to attend the Pennsylvania Speech and Hearing Convention in Pittsburgh on Friday, March 21, 2025 at a cost of \$685: \$540/registration; \$105/travel; \$40/meals (budgeted).
3. Permission for Kara Duplin to accompany students (20) to Somerset for the UPMC Career Expo on Friday, March 14, 2025 at no cost to the district (travel paid by Business Education Partnership Grant via Tableland Services).
4. Permission for Jodi Forgas to accompany students (5-6) to Northern Cambria High School for a Heritage Conference Speech Competition on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).
5. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (12) on the following community-based instruction experiences:

Giant/Eagle & Subway	3/11/2025	No Cost
Elementary School/Java	3/20/2025	No Cost

6. Permission for Frederick Mainhart to accompany students (9) to Penn State/Fayette Campus for the “Senator-for-a-Day” program on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).
7. Permission for Lisa Pasierb to accompany students (5-6) to Cambria Heights High School for a Heritage Conference Science Competition on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).
8. Permission for Jakeb Rising to accompany students (5-6) to Marion Center High School for a Heritage Conference Math Competition on Friday, March 14, 2025 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).
9. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2024-2025 school year:

Dale Bihun	Musical
Aaron Good	Musical
Kelly Kramer	Musical
Deborah Lester	C. T. Boutique
David Liska	Track
Stacey Sotosky	Musical

10. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Patricia A. Bowser – Retired; David W. Good – Retired; Robin N. Good – Retired; Dennis F. McDowell - Retired.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the contract amendment with The Efficiency Network (TEN) for the Track and Field Project.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to accept the Auditor’s Report for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve the Master Services Agreement with Westmoreland Intermediate Unit for audiology services as needed at a cost of \$160 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, 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 Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Sotosky, to approve the revision of 203-AR-1 Communicable Diseases/Attendance as presented.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to develop and submit a 2025 USDA Distance Learning Grant.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

The Resolutions to approve the Greater Johnstown AVTS/CTC 2025-2026 tentative Projected Secondary Budget and Adult/Workforce Development, Grants, and Non-Secondary Funded Budgets were acted upon at this time.

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

Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed a list of recent meetings/activities and upcoming events. She also noted that the district would be applying for a million-dollar USDA Grant to be shared with Windber and Shade school districts.

Mr. Walker presented an update on the food services program.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini commented that negotiations are progressing, and the CTC had purchased a robotic dog for classroom use.

An executive session was held from 7:24 p.m. to 8:43 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary