

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:04 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Michelle Stumpf, Justin Zahorchak, Christine Troxell	7
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer	2
		Quorum present

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan,
Regina Rembold, David Budash, Kelly Digon, Kate Turner, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Troxell led those present in the flag salute.

Seth Mason from The Esport Company attended the meeting to present information on Esports.

Brian Heinrich, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach, attended the meeting to update the Board on the wrestling program.

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 17, 2023
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of January 31, 2023
3. Tax Collection Report as of January 31, 2023
4. Activity Fund Report for January

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Dr. Mantini, 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. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to approve payment of the capital projects bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Troxell acknowledged receipt of a note from the Scalp Level & Paint Fire Company and letter from Junior Achievement to thank the Board for their recent donations.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 13, 2023 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	FEBRUARY 13, 2023
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Susan Saylor-Stahl,
Earl Sleek, II, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell

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Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa,
Regina Rembold, David Budash, Adam Thomas, Meribeth DeBarto,
Kelly Digon, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Reports

- A. Adam Thomas presented an update on the Food Service and Golf Programs. He requested that the Board consider adding a Middle School Golf Coach and Assistant for next year. This item will be discussed during the budget workshop.
- B. Mrs. Dabbs presented information on the LinkIt! assessment results.

2. Student Education

- A. Recommend permission for Isabella Gunby (Grade 8 cyber-schooled student) to participate in Track and Field for the 2022-2023 school year. Discussion was held regarding Policy 140.1 and the stipulation that the Board may require cyber charter schools to pay the cost of expenses for the student's participation. The administration will investigate this issue and report back to the Board.
- B. 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 Lorrie Callihan/Lori Reese/Audrey Wenger to accompany third grade students (63) on a field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at a cost of \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA).
 - 2. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Kelly Kramer/Kenneth Kusher/Alyssa Lyons to accompany students (83) on a field trip to the Holocaust Memorial Museum on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at a cost of \$384/substitutes (not budgeted—remainder of costs paid by the Community Foundation).
 - 3. Permission for Kelly Digon/Christine Magistro/Deborah McMillan/Amber Roxby to accompany first grade students (75) on a field trip to Camp Sequanota on Friday, May 19, 2023 at a cost of \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA).
 - 4. Permission for Ellen Doyle/Alyshia Mock/Alan Tresnicky to accompany second grade students (58) on a field trip to Old Bedford Village on Friday, May 12, 2023 at a cost of \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA).
 - 5. Permission for Jackie Feathers/Chelsea Mazzarese/Megan Miller/Rebecca Parker to accompany fourth grade students (55) on a field trip to Lincoln Caverns on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at a cost of \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA).
 - 6. Permission for Ruth Hostetler/Becky Lough/Kelly McCall/Amy Stone to accompany kindergarten students (62) on a field trip to Fort Ligonier on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at a cost of \$475: \$275/Wheelchair Van; \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA/Somerset Trust).

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7. Permission for Ruth Hostetler/Becky Lough/Kelly McCall/Amy Stone to accompany kindergarten students (62) on a field trip to Vale Wood Farms on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at a cost of \$525: \$325/Wheelchair Van; \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA).
8. Permission for Jamie Kerr/Deborah Mishler/Michele Roman to accompany fifth grade students (69) on a field trip to the Flight 93 Memorial on Monday, May 22, 2023 at a cost of \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by Friends of Flight 93 Grant).
9. Permission for Jamie Kerr/Deborah Mishler/Michele Roman to accompany fifth grade students (69) to an Altoona Curve game on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at a cost of \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA).
10. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (9) on the following community-based instruction experiences:

Market Basket/Subway	March 21, 2023	No Cost
Cambria County Humane Society		
& Mall Food Court	March 28, 2023	No Cost
Elementary School	April 4, 2023	No Cost
11. Permission for Ashley Kopp/Kimberly Reynolds and Life Skills/MDS students (18) to participate in an educational experience provided by Iceman Reptiles at the Middle/High School on a date to be determined in April at a cost of \$550/registration (budgeted).
12. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany students (5) to Clearfield High School for Regional Chorus on February 23-25, 2023 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$1,787: \$471/registration; \$300/travel; \$600/lodging; \$160/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted—travel shared with Somerset).
13. Permission for Frederick Mainhart to accompany students (9) to Penn State/Fayette Campus for the “Senator-for-a-Day” program on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at a cost of \$128/substitute (budgeted).
14. Permission for Jeffrey Marteeny to accompany students (8) to a Robotic Battle at United School District on Friday, March 10, 2023 at a cost of \$64/half-day substitute (not budgeted).
15. Permission for Jeffrey Marteeny to accompany students (8) to the Technology Student Association State Competition at Seven Springs on April 19-22, 2023 (Wednesday-Saturday) at a cost of \$6,194: \$5,938/lodging-meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by TSA).
16. Permission for Wonda Piskuric to accompany learning support students (6) to 814 Lanes & Games for a community-based instruction experience on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at a cost of \$301: \$46/registration; \$255/travel (budgeted).
17. Permission for Wonda Piskuric to accompany learning support students (6) to the Heritage Discovery Center Children’s Museum for a community-based instruction experience on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at a cost of \$490: \$95/registration; \$395/travel (budgeted).
18. Permission for Kimberly Reynolds to accompany MDS students (7) to 814 Lanes & Games for a community-based instruction experience on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at a cost of \$521: \$171/registration; \$350/travel (budgeted).
19. Permission for Jakeb Rising to accompany students (4) to the IUP Physics Olympics on Friday, March 31, 2023 at a cost of \$172: \$44/travel; \$128/substitute (budgeted).

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20. Permission for Samuel Zambanini to accompany the Baseball Team (5-10) to St. Francis Sharing and Caring to help unload the food bank truck on Friday, February 24, 2023 at no cost to the district.

B. Informational items were as follows:

1. The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda. Mrs. Rosa reported that appointments have been made for 54 children for kindergarten registration on March 1, 2023.
2. A 2022-23 Elementary Field Trip Summary was included with the agenda. Mrs. Dull expressed appreciation for the PTA's sponsorship of the field trips.
3. Information was included with the agenda on the sponsorship levels for the Post Prom Fund.
4. Mrs. Dull reviewed ticket options/prices for a school picnic at Idlewild Park. She stated that she would investigate the 50-ticket minimum requirement.

4. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Permission for Korinne May/Kimberly Reynolds to attend "Classroom Strategies for Teachers of Students with Autism" at I. U. 8/Duncansville on February 21, March 14, and April 4, 2023 (Tuesdays) at a cost of \$737: \$353/travel; \$384/substitutes (budgeted).
2. Permission for Janet Shuman/Jessica Zellam to attend the Federal Programs Conference at the Kalahari Poconos Resort on April 16-19, 2023 (Sunday-Wednesday) at a cost of \$1,613: \$824/registration-meals; \$312/travel; \$477/lodging (Title I Funds).

- B. Recommend approval to maintain the employment status of Steven Rensko as a Custodial/Maintenance Worker and increase his pay rate to \$11 per hour retroactive to January 18, 2023 and continuing for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

C. Recommend acceptance of the resignation/retirement of the following individuals:

Jill Hockycko	Cook	June 30, 2023
Jean Jones	Head Cook	June 30, 2023
Katherine M. Naugle	Kitchen Helper	June 30, 2023
Janet M. Shuman	District Registrar/Office Assistant	July 31, 2023
Laura Temyer	Cook	June 30, 2023
Donna J. Velmar	Cook	July 1, 2023

- D. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Jamie Kerr as Head Varsity Cheerleading Advisor effective at the end of the 2022-2023 season.

- E. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite for the 2022-2023 school year: Emily Elston (Grades PK-4/Special Education); Megan Hamilton (Grades PK-4/Special Education); Erik Niel (Emergency); Hailey Pasquerilla (Music); Elizabeth Robertson (Grades PK-4); Donna Ruzewski (Emergency Nurse); Madalyn Scaletta (Secondary Math).

F. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year:

Vicki Berloff	Post Prom
Gary Black, Jr.	Post Prom
Leisha Black	Post Prom
Chelsea Brenneman	Post Prom
Frances Brown	Elementary School
Velma Brown	Post Prom
Aaron Elliott	Elementary School/Soccer/Wrestling/Track/Prom
Jessica Elliott	Elementary School/Prom
Kristin Hildebrand	Elementary School
Maciah Holsopple	Junior High Volleyball
Elizabeth Hunsberger	Music Department/Track
Kay Kauffman	Music Department
Andrew Kaufman	Music Department
Valeri Korber	Post Prom
Jenilee Lasure	High School Field Trips
Timothy McKenzie	Music Department
Kimberly Meyers	Track
Michelle Mock	High School Field Trips
Stephen Parker	Post Prom
Bryan Purdy	Golf
Amanda Tercek	Post Prom
Christine Troxell	Post Prom
Robert Troxell	Post Prom
Drew Volocko	Elementary School
Angela Yoder	Music Department/Track/Soccer/Post Prom

5. District or Business Planning

A. Recommend approval of new/revised Policies and documents as recommended by PSBA:

Policy 200	Enrollment of Students; 200-AR-3 Student Classifications for Enrollment (new)
Policy 202	Eligibility of Nonresident Students
Policy 204	Attendance; 204-AR-0 Compulsory Attendance/Unexcused Absences
Policy 217	Graduation; 217-AR-5 Pathways to Graduation (new)
Policy 233	Suspension and Expulsion
Policy 251	Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability; 251-AR-0 Homeless Students (new); 251-AR-2 Procedural Safeguards Notice (new); 251-AR-3 Enrollment Complaint form (new)
Policy 810	Transportation

6. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Girl Scout Troop 42101/Meetings
Elementary School Classroom
Mondays, February 13-May 29, 2023 (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Rebecca Parker
2. Girl Scout Brownie Troop/Meetings
Elementary School Library
Selected Thursdays, February through May, 2023 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Rebecca Parker/Bonnie Stanko

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3. Grades 2-3 Soccer
High School Gym
Mondays, February 27; March 6, 13, 20, 2023 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Jarod Feathers
4. C. T. Softball Boosters/Meetings
High School Classroom
Tuesdays, March 7, April 4, & May 9, 2023 (6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Loni Stankan
5. C. T. Musical/Luncheon
High School Cafeteria
Saturday, March 11, 2023 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Christine Troxell
6. C. T. AYSO/Soccer Season
Elementary School Soccer Fields
March 20 through June 17, 2023 (Various Times)
Jessica Elliott
7. C. T. AYSO/Meet the Coach Night
Elementary School Multipurpose Room
Thursday, March 30, 2023 (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Jessica Elliott
8. C. T. Musical/Cast & Crew Party
Elementary School Cafeteria/Multipurpose Room/Gym/Classrooms
Saturday-Sunday, March 25-26, 2023 (10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.)
Christine Troxell
9. Rotary Interact Club—Gifted Program/“Suffragette” Movie Screening
High School Auditorium
Friday, March 31, 2023 (5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Jennifer Custer
10. C. T. Senior Class/Meet the Easter Bunny Event
Elementary School Lobby/Gym
Saturday, April 1, 2023 (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
Erin O’Donnell
11. PTA/Scrapbooking Weekend
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Library/Lobby
Friday, April 21, 2023 (12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.)
Saturday, April 22, 2023 (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.)
Kimberly Meyers
12. C. T. AYSO/Picture Day
Elementary School Gym
Friday, April 21, 2023 for Picture Setup (7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Saturday, April 22, 2023 (8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour for two (2) hours per Mrs. Dull (Saturday only)
Jessica Elliott

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13. C. T. AYSO/Indian Invitational Soccer Tournament
Elementary School Soccer Fields
Friday, June 2, 2023 for evening set-up
Saturday, June 3, 2023 (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour (Saturday only)
Shannon Lease

14. C. T. PTA/Color Run
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Restrooms/Press Box
Saturday, September 30, 2023 (6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
Allison Endler

- B. Recommend ratification of the Superintendent's decision to purchase 43 laptops and five ViewSonic boards from GovConnection, Inc., at a cost of \$49,980 (ESSER/ARP Funds—PEPPM Contract #532462-004)
- C. Recommend acceptance of the proposal from Elias Painting Contracting Company, Inc., to repair, plaster and paint the second-floor stairwell to the band room, including stairwell metal and doors, at a cost of \$17,470 (budgeted—Capital Projects Fund).
- D. Recommend acceptance of the proposal from Bettwy Systems to provide and install additional Door Access Systems/Fob Readers for the High School and Elementary School at a total cost of \$37,931.73 (COSTARS #040-E22-147; budgeted—Capital Projects Fund).
- E. Discussion was held regarding the use of school facilities for elections/blood drives and the security concerns associated with such activities occurring during school hours. It was decided that blood drives should be closed to the public or held elsewhere in conjunction with another group/organization. Mr. Foster stated that he would talk to officials about the possibility of increasing security measures during elections.

7. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:
Anthony Rullo – Retired; Kimberly S. Rullo – Retired; Antoinette C. Telck - Disabled.

8. Other Items

- A. Mr. Foster reviewed a list of accolades for students involved in various activities.
- B. Mrs. Rosa noted that elementary student artwork had been placed around the board room.

An executive session was held from 8:38 p.m. to 10:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.
The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

1. Adoption of the 2023-2024 School Calendar.
2. Permission for Jennifer Custer to accompany Speech Team members (4) to Northern Cambria High School for a Heritage Conference Competition on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at a cost of \$128/substitute (not budgeted).

3. Permission for Catherine Kasun/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany musical cast members (60) to the Elementary School to perform on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at a cost of \$278: \$150/travel; \$128/substitute (budgeted).
4. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany students (3) to Altoona High School for Regional Band on March 22-24, 2023 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$1,313: \$387/registration; \$400/travel; \$150/lodging; \$120/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
5. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany band students (40) to the Elementary School to work side-by-side with elementary students during the week of March 27, 2023 for Music in our Schools Month at a cost of \$140/travel (budgeted).
6. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany sixth grade band students (5) to Central Cambria High School for the District 6 Band Fest on Friday, March 31, 2023 at a cost of \$713: \$125/registration; \$400/travel; \$60/meals; \$128/substitute (budgeted).
7. Permission for Catherine Kasun/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany music students (55) on a trip to Disney World/Universal Resort in Orlando, Florida on December 7-12, 2023 (Thursday-Tuesday) to participate in park activities and to perform at a cost of \$1,423: \$768/substitutes; \$655/nurse meals & room (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by Boosters/participants).
8. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany a member of the Speech Team to Bloomsburg University for the State Competition on Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 2023 at a cost of \$978: \$50/registration; \$250/travel; \$400/lodging; \$150/meals; \$128/substitutes (budgeted).
9. Permission for Kimberly Reynolds/Ashley Kopp to accompany MDS/Life Skills students (16) to 1st Summit Arena (Cambria County War Memorial) for a community-based instruction experience on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at a cost of \$480: \$80/registration; \$300/travel; \$100/half-day nurse substitute (budgeted).
10. Acceptance of the resignation of Loni Stankan as a teacher effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
11. Appointment of Jeffrey Prior as a bona fide volunteer Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach with compensation of \$1,545 for the 2022-2023 school year.
12. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2022-2023 school year:

Cheryl Hohman	Music Department
David McMillan	Musical/Post Prom
Deborah McMillan	Musical/Post Prom
Brenna Weaver	Post Prom

13. C. T. Baseball Boosters/Meetings
High School Classroom
February 28 & March 28, 2023 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Jennifer Petree

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to appoint Britany Nair as Accounting Assistant beginning March 8, 2023 at a rate of \$15.50 per hour for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, with fringe benefits to be prorated, two (2) vacation days and one (1) emergency day for 2022-2023 and five (5) vacation days for 2023-2024, and pending receipt of clearances.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to accept the Auditor's Report for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to enter into a Contract for Professional Services with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to conduct a Compensation Analysis and Market Assessment at a cost of \$4,800.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, 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 Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to reaffirm the 2022-2023 Health and Safety Plan.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, to increase the rates paid to officials as follows:

- Varsity Basketball from \$60 to \$70
- Junior Varsity Basketball from \$45 to \$55
- Junior High Basketball from \$55 to \$60
- Varsity Baseball from \$60 to \$70
- Varsity Softball from \$60 to \$70
- Junior High Baseball from \$50 to \$60
- Junior High Softball from \$50 to \$60

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

The Resolution to approve the Greater Johnstown AVTS/CTC 2023-2024 Tentative General Fund Secondary Budget was acted upon at this time.

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

A Budget Workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. (Dinner at 6:00 p.m.) in the board room.

Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed a list of recent meetings/activities. She also made note of the following: (1) \$5,000 has been raised so far to fund the Post Prom, and the goal is \$9,000; (2) The District was not awarded the Safe Schools Grant or SRO Grant.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini commented that a business manager had been hired and the renovation project is approximately halfway done.

Informational Items were as follows:

1. The School Picnic will be held on May 27, 2023 and tickets will be sold online only by Idlewild Park.
2. Election Update – Mr. Foster spoke to Tina Pritts at the Voter Registration Office to inquire if a constable would be present during the election or if the election could be moved to another location in the Township, but had not received a response. It was also noted that a gate could be ordered/installed to prevent voters from accessing the remainder of the building.

Discussion was held concerning charging Cyber Charter and Charter Schools for participation of their students in athletic/extracurricular activities. It was decided that a motion would be placed on the March agenda to begin charging \$500 per activity/per student commencing with the 2023-2024 school year and to revise Policy 140.1 to reflect this change.

An executive session was held from 9:00 p.m. to 10:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary