

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:01 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Michelle Stumpf, Justin Zahorchak, Christine Troxell	7
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Deanna Maurer (arr. 7:22)	2
		Quorum present

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Meribeth DeBarto, Kelly Digon, Tracy Durica, Bethany Spengler, Kate Turner, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Troxell led those present in the flag salute.

Student Council members Emilee Roman, Ava Byer, and Grace McCall attended the meeting to thank the Board for their support and brought desserts and beverages for those present in honor of School Director Recognition Month.

Technology Student Association Advisors Jeffrey Marteeny and Kylee Doyle attended the meeting along with members Noah Getson, Mercedes Mull, Emilee Roman, and Evan Thomas to thank the Board for sending them to Nationals and showed a video used for the competition.

Mrs. Maurer arrived at 7:22 p.m., making total members present—8.

Rotary Interact Club members Adelynn Dull, Cameron Berloff, and Emma Mitchell attended the meeting to present a review of their activities/projects for the current school year.

Evan Thomas and his father, Jason, attended the meeting to present an update on Evan's Eagle Scout Project to build a 20' x 20' pavilion at the High School Stadium. They asked if it would be permissible to use uncontracted professionals to assist with the erection of the building and requested financial assistance from the Board (not to exceed \$7,000) to finish the building if material costs would be in excess of the funds raised by Evan for the project. The administration will check with the insurance company and the Solicitor concerning the contractor issue. The Board will discuss the possibility of financial support at a later date.

Mr. Foster presented information concerning Esports and stated that he would contact Seth Mason to determine why he did not attend the meeting to make his presentation to the Board.

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

1. Minutes of the reorganization meeting held December 6, 2022
2. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held December 6, 2022
3. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Reports as of November 30 and December 31, 2022
4. Tax Collection Reports as of November 30 and December 31, 2022
5. Activity Fund Reports for November and December

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Byer, 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.

Mrs. Troxell acknowledged receipt of a note from Catherine Kasun to thank the Board for allowing the music department to host County Band.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 9, 2023 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JANUARY 9, 2023

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:02 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

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

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

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Mrs. Dabbs presented a review of the PSSA/Keystone Exam results for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Student Education
 - A. Informational items were as follows:
 1. Kindergarten registration is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2023, via pre-scheduled appointments at the Elementary School.
 2. Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.
3. School Activities
 - A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:
 1. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (9) to Saint Francis Sharing & Caring for a community-based instruction experience on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at no cost to the district.
 2. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany life skills students (9) to Toll Gate and Giant Eagle for community-based instruction experiences on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at no cost to the district.
 3. Permission for Erin O'Donnell to accompany Spanish students (13) to Pittsburgh to attend the Flamenco Ballet on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at a cost of \$128/substitute (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by Spanish Club).
 - B. Informational items were as follows:
 1. The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.

Committee of the Whole continued—

2. The Board's annual yearbook picture has been scheduled for approximately 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

4. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Permission for Emily Del Signore/Kelly McCall/Alyshia Mock/Amber Roxby/Christine Shroyer to attend "The Science of Reading: Explicit, Systematic Phonics" at I. U. 8/Duncansville on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at a cost of \$909: \$125/registration; \$144/travel; \$640/substitutes (budgeted).
2. Permission for Emily Del Signore/Ruth Hostetler/Christine Magistro/Alyshia Mock/Christine Shroyer to attend "The Science of Reading: Oral Language & Vocabulary" at I. U. 8/Duncansville on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at a cost of \$909: \$125/registration; \$144/travel; \$640/substitutes (budgeted).
3. Permission for Emily Del Signore/Becky Lough/Christine Magistro/Alyshia Mock/Christine Shroyer to attend "The Science of Reading: Comprehension & Close Reading" at I. U. 8/Duncansville on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at a cost of \$909: \$125/registration; \$144/travel; \$640/substitutes (budgeted).
4. Permission for Emily Del Signore/Ruth Hostetler/Kelly McCall/Amber Roxby/Amy Stone to attend "The Science of Reading: Building the Foundation for Successful Early Readers" at I. U. 8/Duncansville on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at a cost of \$909: \$125/registration; \$144/travel; \$640/substitutes (budgeted).

B. Recommend approval of the request from Geneve Buckham for a leave of absence beginning approximately April 6, 2023 and continuing through approximately May 19, 2023 in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.

C. Recommend appointment of Kara Duplin as the Mentor for Kellie Hankinson under the Teacher Induction Plan at an amount to be prorated based on the yearly rate of \$300 as per the Professional Agreement.

D. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Alan Zimmerman as Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds effective December 16, 2022.

E. Recommend appointment of the following bona fide volunteer coaches with compensation to be as listed for the 2022-2023 school year:

Dalton Meyers	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	\$2,163
Brittany Risch	Head Varsity Softball Coach	\$2,781 (pending clearances)
Loni Stankan	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	\$1,751

F. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Ethan Leasure as Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach effective January 3, 2023.

G. Recommend approval of the following additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite for the 2022-2023 school year: Kathleen Dorian (Grades K-6); Lakin Phillips (Grades PK-4/Special Ed.); Lilianna Romero (Grades PK-4); Emily Rosenberger (Grades PK-4/Special Ed.); Emily Shero (Grades 4-8); Evan Zatsick (Grades PK-4).

Committee of the Whole continued—

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

Michael Borosky	Middle School Golf
Vivian Lehman	High School Life Skills Class/Elementary School
Kelly McCall	Musical/High School Field Trips
H. William Miller, Jr.	Musical/Prom/Post Prom
Patricia Miller	Musical/Prom/Post Prom
Annie Nemeth	Elementary School
Annie Pahel	Elementary School
Kyle Pucci	Elementary Wrestling
Colton Stahl	Wrestling
Michelle Wozniak	Elementary School

5. Support Services

A. Informational Item – The Learning Lamp will be reopening the Before School Child Care Services program during the week of January 16, 2023.

6. District or Business Planning

A. Recommend approval of revised Policy 011/Principles for Governance and Leadership as recommended by PSBA.

7. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Laurel View Village/Indoor Golfing for Residents
High School Golf Room
Thursdays, January through March (1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.)
Rental Fee: \$20.00 per hour
Joseph Shetler
2. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Tournament
High School Gym/Cafeteria/Restrooms/Concession Stand/Classroom
Setup: Saturday, January 21, 2023 (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Tournament: Sunday, January 22, 2023 (6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Deanna Maurer
3. C. T. Gifted Program/Township Stampede 5K Run/Walk
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Parking Lot/Restrooms/Press Box
Saturday, April 29, 2023 (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
Kelly Kramer
4. C. T. Music Department/Somerset County Junior & Senior High Chorus Festival
H. S. Auditorium/Choral Room/Cafeteria/Library/Classrooms
Monday, November 20, 2023 (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, November 21, 2023 (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Mari Grace Lingenfelter

Committee of the Whole continued—

8. Budget & Finance

A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of a change in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:
David S. Strayer – Disabled.

B. Recommend approval to contribute funds to the following organizations (same as last year):

Junior Achievement	\$200
Somerset County Library	\$300
Conemaugh Township EMS	\$300
Fire Companies:	
Conemaugh Township	\$200
Scalp Level (formerly Hollsopple)	\$200
Jerome	\$200

9. Other Items

A. Logan Barr and David Budash attended the meeting to report on insulation issues related to the installation of the new univents. The maintenance staff and administration are working to have the contractor remedy the problem.

B. Mrs. Dull reported that the HALO vape detectors would be installed beginning January 10, 2023. The project should take approximately three days.

C. Mrs. Rosa noted that Mrs. Piskuric's students had made Christmas ornaments for the Board members.

An executive session was held from 8:07 p.m. to 10:24 p.m. to discuss personnel, legal, and safety/security matters. The meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

1. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany a student to Somerset Area High School for District 6 Orchestra on January 26-28, 2023 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$436: \$75/registration; \$55/travel; \$50/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
2. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany students (5) to Meyersdale Area High School for District 6 Band on February 8-10, 2023 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$641: \$70/registration; \$135/travel; \$180/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
3. Permission for Catherine Kasun/Lindsie Hammaker to accompany music students (10) on a trip to Dollywood/Gatlinburg on April 27-29, 2023 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$256/substitutes (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by participants/Band Boosters).
4. Permission for Jeffrey Marteeny to accompany TSA members (12) to Richland High School for a competition on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at no cost to the district.
5. Permission to enter into a contract with Alicia Lensie-McTonic to transport her child to and from school at the approved Internal Revenue Service reimbursement rate beginning January 23, 2023 and continuing for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

6. Acceptance of the resignation of Anthony Penna, Jr., as Head Varsity Football Coach effective January 11, 2023.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to approve revised job descriptions as presented for the following positions:

Assistant Business Manager/Payroll and Benefits Coordinator (formerly Payroll and Benefits Coordinator)
Registrar and District Office Assistant (formerly Special Programs and District Office Assistant)
Accounting Assistant (formerly Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager—Accounts Payable/Receivable)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to appoint David Budash as Interim Buildings and Grounds Supervisor for a period of ninety (90) days beginning January 18, 2023 at the rate of \$18.45 per hour.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to change the job title of Jessica Zellam to Assistant Business Manager/Payroll & Benefits Coordinator and increase her pay rate to \$21.63 per hour effective January 18, 2023.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to approve the Remote/Virtual Weekly Schedule for students in Grades K-12 for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Zahorchak, seconded by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, to adopt the Resolution in Support of the Submission of a USDA Distance Learning Grant.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Lonesome Prairie Publications, LLC to provide services necessary for the research for, development and submission of a 2023 USDA Distance Learning Grant at a cost of \$8,500.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for November were included with the agenda. Mrs. Rembold noted that the PSERS Employer Rate would decrease next year for the first time since 2008-2009, but the health insurance premium is projected to increase by 1.8%.

Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of recent meetings/activities and upcoming events.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Included with the agenda were a letter concerning the rotation of the Superintendent of Record position and course descriptions for two new programs. Dr. Mantini reported that the renovation project is going well, and a new business manager had been hired.

Mrs. Troxell stated that the Board members were very appreciative of the numerous thank-you notes received from staff members and students in honor of School Director Recognition Month.

Mrs. Dull stated that she would like to order 43 laptops for the elementary teachers and five ViewSonic boards for the elementary school at a cost of approximately \$50,000 (ESSER Grant Funds) and get approval for the purchase in February. No objections were expressed by the Board.

An executive session was held from 8:42 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and student matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary