

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer (Zoom), Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Michelle Stumpf (Zoom), Justin Zahorchak, Christine Troxell	8
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Earl Sleek, II	1
		Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Nicole Dull,
Regina Rembold, Alan Zimmerman, Kelly Digon, Kate Turner, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Troxell led those present in the flag salute. Mrs. Troxell announced that an executive session had been held prior to the meeting from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to conduct interviews.

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 7, 2021
2. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held December 7, 2021
3. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Reports as of November 30 and December 31, 2021
4. Tax Collection Reports as of November 30 and December 31, 2021
5. Activity Fund Report for December

MOTION by Mr. Zahorchak, 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. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve payment of the capital projects bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Troxell noted receipt of a letter from the City of Johnstown thanking the Concert Band and Chorus for performing at the Christmas Market on December 3, 2021, and commending the students for their behavior at the event.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 10, 2022 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE **JANUARY 10, 2022**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:02 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

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

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Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Stacy Dabbs, Nicole Dull, Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold,
Alan Zimmerman, Meribeth DeBarto, Kelly Digon, Lisa Stevens

1. Charles Lesko attended the meeting to discuss naming the gym and/or basketball court in honor of former Head Boys' Basketball Coaches, Joseph Majer and Scott Cable. It was decided that a committee should be established to study this issue and make recommendations.
2. Meribeth DeBarto presented a thank-you card, along with coffee and donuts, to the Board from the Student Council in honor of School Director Recognition Month.

3. Student Education

A. Informational items were as follows:

1. Kindergarten registration is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2022, via pre-scheduled appointments at the Elementary School.
2. Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.

4. School Activities

A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:

1. Permission for Maureen Kalfas to accompany life skills students (11) to the YMCA and 814 Lanes for community based instruction experiences on January 26 and February 17, 2022 at a cost of \$220: \$30/YMCA; \$90/814 Lanes; \$100/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany students (4) to Altoona High School for the District 6 Jazz Festival on January 20-21, 2022 (Thursday-Friday) at a cost of \$706: \$300/registration; \$50/travel; \$100/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
3. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany students (9) to Hollidaysburg High School for District 6 Band on January 27-28, 2022 (Thursday-Friday) at a cost of \$1,131: \$675/registration; \$200/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
4. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany choir members (5) to Altoona High School for the District 6 Vocal Jazz Festival on January 20-21, 2022 (Thursday-Friday) at a cost of \$691: \$375/registration; \$60/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
5. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany choir members (13) to Northern Bedford High School for District 6 Chorus on February 10-11, 2022 (Thursday-Friday) at a cost of \$1,516: \$910/registration; \$300/travel (shared with North Star); \$50/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
6. Permission for Frederick Mainhart to accompany students (up to 9) to Penn State/Fayette Campus for the "Senator for a Day" program on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at a cost of \$128/substitute (budgeted).
7. Permission for Wonda Piskuric to accompany learning support students (7) to 814 Lanes for a community based instruction experience on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at a cost of \$188: \$70/registration-meals; \$118/travel (budgeted).

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8. Permission for Kimberly Reynolds to accompany MDS students (8) to 814 Lanes for a community based instruction experience on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at a cost of \$264: \$80/registration; \$100/travel; \$84/half-day nurse (budgeted).

B. Informational items were as follows:

1. The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.
2. The Board’s annual yearbook picture has been scheduled for approximately 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

5. Human Development

- A. Recommend approval of the request from Alyshia Mock for a leave of absence beginning approximately March 30, 2022 and continuing through the end of the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.
- B. Recommend approval to change the employment status of Brandon Shifflett from Part-time Cleaner to Full-time Custodian beginning January 19, 2022, at a rate of \$10.30 per hour for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, with fringe benefits to be as outlined in the Buildings and Grounds Employees’ Handbook and include three (3) vacation days for the 2021-2022 school year, and with medical benefits to begin February 1, 2022.
- C. Recommend appointment of Matthew A. Magistro as a Custodial/Maintenance Worker beginning as soon as he is available, at a rate of \$10.00 per hour for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, with fringe benefits to be as outlined in the Buildings and Grounds Employees’ Handbook and include two (2) vacation days for the 2021-2022 school year, and pending receipt of clearances.
- D. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Jacob Feathers as a Health/Physical Education/Title I Teacher effective December 9, 2021.
- E. Recommend acceptance of the resignation by reason of retirement of Joseph Cowan as a Custodian effective December 9, 2021.
- F. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Kelly Kramer as Head Varsity Boys’ Soccer Coach effective December 20, 2021.
- G. Recommend approval of the following additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite for the 2021-2022 school year: Marion Banta (Emergency); Ethan Merrill (Emergency); Annie Pahel (Emergency); Jennifer Rush (Emergency); Kayla Vocco (Grades PK-4).
- H. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year:

Carlie Dillon	Varsity Softball
Andrew Kaufman	Music Department
Stephanie Maluchnik	Elementary School
Jill Mitchell	Elementary School/Music Department
Stephen Parker	Junior High Baseball

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6. Support Services

A. Discussion was held concerning the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board Representatives.

7. District or Business Planning

A. Recommend approval of the attached revised Policy and Policy Attachment recommended by PSBA as follows:

- No. 611 – Purchases Budgeted and Purchases Subject to Bid-Quotation
- No. 626 Attachment – Procurement-Federal Programs

8. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Laurel View Village/Indoor Golfing for Residents
High School Golf Room
One weekday during January, February & March 2022 (Various times when available)
Rental Fee: \$20.00 per hour
Joseph Shetler
2. Baseball Practice
High School Cafeteria
Weekdays during December, January, & February 2022 (Available evenings)
Joseph Shetler
3. Girl Scout Troop No. 42101/Meetings
Elementary School Room 124
Wednesdays, January through June 2022 (4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Rebecca Parker

9. Budget & Finance

A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:
Antionette M. Grabusnik – Retired; Keith L. Kauffman – Retired.

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

C. Recommend acceptance of the Offer to Purchase Property at Private Sale from Scott A. Walker for Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-001240 (Mineral Rights) at a sum of \$3,467.69, which is the full amount of delinquent taxes due.

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10. Other Items

- A. Mr. Kakabar noted that the District would be soliciting bids for the proposed HVAC project at the High School later this month.
- B. Mr. Kakabar reported that the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference may expand to include five Somerset County schools and Conemaugh Valley. He hopes to have more information for the February meeting.
- C. Mr. Sleek noted that the grandfather of a junior high football player had contacted him and spoke very highly of the coaches and praised the program.

An executive session was held from 7:51 p.m. to 8:44 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve the following requests:

- 1. Permission to enter into an Agreement for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport with Johnstown Christian School for Boys' and Girls' Varsity Track commencing with the 2021-2022 school year.
- 2. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2021-2022 school year:

Michael Dilla	Music Department
Robin Holsopple	Art
Kadiya Lingenfelter	Music Department/Speech Team
Timothy McKenzie	Music Department
H. William Miller	Music Department/Post Prom/Cheerleading
Patricia Miller	Music Department/Post Prom/Cheerleading
Thomas Mitchell	Music Department

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Zahorchak, seconded by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, to approve the debt service payment of \$2,084.38 (2014 Bond Series) to The Bank of New York Mellon.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to appoint Jonathon D. Waltermire as a Health/Physical Education Teacher beginning as soon as he is available at a salary to be prorated based on \$38,599 (Step 1, Bachelor's) for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, and with sick/personal days to be prorated.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Zahorchak, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to appoint Samantha A. Rosa as Elementary School Principal beginning July 1, 2022 at a starting salary of \$73,000, pending receipt of updated clearances, with her Administrative Compensation Plan to be approved at a later date, and to allow her to transfer fifty (50) sick days from her current employer.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to enter into a 48-month Lease Agreement with Xerox to provide replacement copiers for the District at a cost of \$1,080.66 per month, which includes unlimited copies and all supplies except paper (State Contract #072790200 Pricing). [H. S. – 3; Elem. – 1; Admin. – 1; Current cost is \$1,371.32 per month]

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Mawyer Scholarship Fund Report, Cash Balance/Investment Reports and Capital Reserve Account Reports for November/December, and Self-Funding Analysis for November were included with the agenda. Mrs. Rembold noted that the projected health insurance premium increase is 3.9%.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed his list of recent meetings/activities and commented as follows:

- The GJCTC has plans for \$17 million in renovation projects.
- January is School Director Recognition Month, and he thanked the board members for their service.
- E-rate Emergency Connectivity Funding of \$205,358 was approved and will be used to provide student access and Chromebooks.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini noted that state legislators will be touring the CTC on Friday, January 21, 2022.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, to accept the resignation of Tamelyn McNevin as an Elementary Teacher conditioned upon her continued employment in the District for a period of up to sixty (60) days from January 17, 2022 in accordance with her Professional Employee Contract and the requirements of Pennsylvania School Code Section 24 PS §11-1121(c).

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Troxell stated that during her school director training via Zoom, she discovered that other districts are facing more serious fiscal and student behavioral problems versus what we are experiencing in our district.

An executive session was held from 7:46 p.m. to 9:48 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary