

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

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

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan,
Brandon Studer, Randy Walker, David Budash, Kelly Digon, Matthew Philippi,
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 reorganization meeting held December 3, 2024
2. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held December 3, 2024
3. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Reports as of November 30 and December 31, 2024
4. Tax Collection Reports as of November 30 and December 31, 2024
5. Activity Fund Reports for November and December

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, 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 Mr. Sotosky, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve payment of the capital projects bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve payment of the facility improvement project bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 13, 2025 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	JANUARY 13, 2025
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:02 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

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Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, Randy Walker, Meribeth DeBarto, Kelly Digon, Kelly McCall, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Grace McCall, Senior High Student Council Vice President, attended the meeting to thank the Board for their support and service in honor of School Director Recognition Month. The Board also received cookies and thank-you cards from sixth grade students, Student Council, and elementary students.

2. Mrs. Dabbs presented a report on the PSSA/Keystone Exams results.

3. Student Education

A. Informational items were as follows:

1. Kindergarten registration is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 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 Kara Duplin to accompany students (9) to Penn Highlands Community College for “College for a Day” events on January 29 and March 19, 2025 (Wednesdays) at no cost to the district.
2. Permission for Kimberly Garman/Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills/MDS students (16) to the following budgeted activities:

Winter Wonderland Party/Forest Hills	1/16/2025	\$250/travel; \$100/substitute nurse
Life Skills Talent Show/Westmont Hilltop	1/30/2025	\$200/travel; \$100/substitute nurse

3. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany a concert band member to Forest Hills High School for the District 6 Jazz Festival on January 16-18, 2025 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$500: \$80/registration; \$50/travel; \$50/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
4. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (13) on the following community-based instruction experiences:

Market Basket	1/7/2025	No Cost
Elementary School/Java	1/23/2025	No Cost

5. Permission for Zoe Leasock or her substitute to accompany the Speech Team (5) to the following budgeted competitions:

Somerset High School	1/7/2025	No Cost
Bishop Carroll High School	1/23/2025	No Cost
Richland High School	2/14/2025	\$50/meals; \$80/substitute
Saint Francis University (Regional)	3/3-3/4/2025	\$80/meals; \$320/substitutes

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6. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany choir members (11) to Berlin Brothersvalley High School for District 6 Chorus on February 5-7, 2025 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$2,207: \$837/registration; \$850/travel; \$200/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
7. Permission for Jakeb Rising to accompany students (14) to UPJ to participate in the MathCounts Chapter Competition on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at a cost of \$280/registration (budgeted).
8. Permission for Michele Roman to accompany the Reading Team (20) to Forest Hills School District for the Interscholastic Reading Competition on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at a cost of \$605: \$250/registration; \$275/travel; \$80/substitute (budgeted).

B. Informational Items

1. The Elementary Newsletter, Secondary Newsletter and Contownian were included with the agenda.
2. The Board's annual yearbook picture has been scheduled for approximately 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

5. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Ratification of the Superintendent's decision to permit Kara Duplin/Kellie Hankinson to attend the "Mini Network for Secondary Counselors" at I. U. 8/Duncansville on Friday, January 10, 2025 at a cost of \$62/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Kendall Swick to attend "Ambitious Science Teaching" at I. U. 8/Richland on Monday, March 10, 2025 at a cost of \$176: \$6/travel; \$10/meals; \$160/substitute (budgeted).

B. Recommend approval of the following additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2024-2025 school year: Jessica Krug (Grades PK-4); Jennifer Mitchell (Grades PK-4); Kirsten Mock (Grades PK-4); Remi Reininger (Grades PK-4); Luke Rozich (Grades PK-4).

C. Recommend approval of the request from Alyshia Mock for a leave of absence beginning approximately April 6, 2025 and continuing through the end of the 2024-2025 school year in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.

D. Recommend approval of the job description for Homeless Coordinator. (Note: Mrs. Dull serves in this capacity, but PDE requires an approved job description for the position.)

E. Recommend appointment of Jeffrey Prior as a bona fide volunteer Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach with compensation of \$1,786 for the 2024-2025 school year. (credit for prior C. T. experience)

F. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Benjamin Blough	Varsity Wrestling
Kathryn Kerr	Junior High Girls' Basketball
Scott Klingenberg	Rifle Team
Tanner Shirley	Boys' Basketball

Committee of the Whole continued—

6. Support Services

- A. Discussion was held concerning the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 Board Representatives. None of the Board members indicated an interest in serving in this capacity.

7. District or Business Planning

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

Policy 146.1	Trauma-Informed Approach
Policy 218	Student Discipline
Policy 218.1	Weapons
Policy 218.2	Terroristic Threats/Acts
Policy 803	School Calendar; 803-AR-0 School Calendar
Policy 805	Emergency Preparedness and Response; Safe2Say Something Procedures
Policy 805.1	Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies; 805.1-AR-0 Incident Report-Immediate Notification; 805.1-AR-1 Incident Report-Discretionary Notification; 805.1-AR-2 Record of Law Enforcement Officers in School
Policy 805.2	School Security Personnel
Policy 806	Child Abuse
Policy 904	Public Attendance at School Events; 904 Attachment Public Behavior at School Events
Policy 909	Municipal Government Relations

- B. Informational Item – Effective January 1, 2025, the state pricing thresholds for purchases subject to bid/quotation increased as follows: \$23,800 (bids) and \$12,900 (quotations). As a result, the following documents have been updated to reflect these changes: Policy 611/Purchases Budgeted and Purchases Subject to Bid-Quotation; Attachment to Policy 626/Federal Fiscal Compliance, “Procurement—Federal Programs.”

8. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Elementary Boys’ Basketball
High School Gym/Hallway Restrooms
Saturdays, January 11 through March 1, 2025 (1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
Charles Lesko
2. Grade 5 Boys’ Basketball
High School Gym or Elementary School Gym
January 13 through March 31, 2025 (times coordinated with administration)
Frederick Mainhart
3. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Youth Dual Meet
High School Gym/Restrooms/Concession Stand
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Deanna Maurer

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- 4. Grades 3-4 Soccer
High School Gym and Elementary School Gym
Various Dates, January through March 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Jarod Feathers

- 5. Laurel Highland Futbol Club Lightning Team/Soccer Practice
High School Soccer Fields
Tuesday/Thursday/Friday, April 1, 2025 through June 15, 2025 (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Christopher Miller

9. Budget & Finance

A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:
Shameka S. Campbell – Housewife; Michael Stevens – Retired; Susan Stevens – 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. Informational Item – The District received a check from the Greater Johnstown CTC in the amount of \$287,520.06 after the calculation of final costs for the 2023-2024 school year.

10. Other Items

A. Mrs. Troxell noted that the Board members received thank-you notes from the Teachers’ Association for School Director Recognition Month. She also stated that the Senior Night activities for the Bocce Ball Team were wonderful and commended Adelyn Dull for organizing it.

An executive session was held from 7:38 p.m. to 10:05 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

- 1. Permission for Kelly Digon/Ellen Doyle to attend “CRA Math Instruction-Addition & Subtraction” at I. U. 8/Altoona on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at a cost of \$423: \$63/travel; \$40/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
- 2. Permission for Kara Duplin/Kellie Hankinson/Erin Stroz to attend a School Counselor Network Meeting at I. U. 8/Altoona on Friday, March 21, 2025 at a cost of \$62/travel (budgeted).
- 3. Permission for Jamie Kerr/Eva McDannell to attend “CRA Math Instruction-Fractions” at I. U. 8/Altoona on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at a cost of \$423: \$63/travel; \$40/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).

4. Acceptance of the resignation/retirement of Christine L. Shroyer as a Title I Teacher effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
5. Appointment of Kenneth Kusher as the Mentor for Dana Kissel for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year under the Teacher Induction Plan at an amount to be prorated based on the yearly rate of \$300 as per the Professional Agreement.
6. Appointment of Alyssa Lyons as Junior Class Advisor with compensation to be prorated based on \$773 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Sonya Andrews	Musical
Michael Dilla	Musical
Kay Kauffman	Musical/Post Prom
Andrew Kaufman	Musical

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve the following Use of Facilities Requests:

1. C. T. Musical/Parent Meeting
High School Cafeteria
Tuesday, February 4, 2025 (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Patricia Miller
2. Travel Soccer Team
Elementary School Gym
Mondays & Wednesdays, February through March 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Janelle Mowery
3. Girls' Travel Basketball Team/Try-outs & Practice
High School Gym
Sunday, February 16, 2025 (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Paul Baer
4. Child Evangelism Fellowship
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Library
Mondays, February 24 through April 7, 2025 (3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.)
Trish Nancarvis
5. Girls' Travel Basketball Team/Practice
High School Gym
Sundays, March 2 through June 15, 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Paul Baer
6. C. T. Musical/Meal for All Day Cast Practice
High School Cafeteria
Saturday, March 15, 2025 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Patricia Miller

- 7. C. T. Musical/Cast Party
Elementary School Cafeteria/Library/Gym/Classrooms
Friday-Saturday, March 28-29, 2025 (8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.)
Patricia Miller

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the elected tax collectors for the municipalities in the School District be paid annual fees for collection of school taxes as follows:

Conemaugh Township	\$20,051
Benson Borough	\$ 1,337
West Paint Township	\$ 2,674

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all previous motions, resolutions, or actions of the School District inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

(Note: Includes three percent increase over last four-year term as discussed in January.)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the Agreement for the provision of an evaluation and related tasks for a Conemaugh Township Area School District student by Behavioral and Educational Expert Services, LLC.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Philippi, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the request from Amanda Evans for intermittent leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act beginning January 13, 2025 and continuing until approximately January 13, 2026, pending receipt of required documentation.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the request from Zoe Leasock for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act beginning January 13, 2025 and continuing until April 6, 2025, pending receipt of required documentation, and to approve her unpaid leave beginning April 7, 2025 and continuing through the end of the 2024-2025 school year in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Sotosky, to approve the School Model Emergency Operations Plan as previously distributed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Reports for November/December, Capital Reserve Account Reports for November/December, and Self-Funding Analyses for November/December were included with the agenda. Mr. Studer distributed and reviewed a recap of the Annual Financial Report.

Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of recent meetings/activities and upcoming events. She noted that the CBW Schools Federal Credit Union donated \$1,000 to the district for financial literacy purposes. In addition, she recognized Mr. Marteeny for making display holders for the athletic plaques, and Mr. Foster, Mr. Feathers, and Mr. Buncich for their assistance with the showcases.

Mr. Walker presented a brief update on his menu committee meeting with students.

An executive session was held from 7:40 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss contractual matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary