

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7:02 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 (via ZOOM), 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, Randy Walker, David Budash, Kelly Digon, Ellen Doyle, 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 June 23, 2025
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of June 30, 2025
3. Tax Collection Report as of June 30, 2025
4. Activity Fund Report for June

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve payment of all general fund bills and payrolls and athletic bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to approve the following items:

1. Adoption of the Elementary Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year.
2. Permission to participate in the Pennsylvania Youth Survey for students in Grades 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 during the fall of 2025 at no cost to the district. (Note: This survey has been done in the past and is completed every two years. Grade 4 has been added this year; they have adjusted the questions and it is not the same survey as the MS and HS students take. It focuses more on protective factors, school safety, bullying, mental health, and social media/screen time.)
3. Athletic Schedules for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany the Marching Band (35) to Laurel View Village/Quality Life Services/Heritage Ridge Senior Living on Friday, August 29, 2025 at a cost of \$250/travel (budgeted).
5. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany band students (2) to the Elementary School to play “Taps” on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at no cost to the district.
6. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany the Marching Band/Cheerleaders/Homecoming Court (60) to the Elementary School for a Homecoming Pep Rally on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at a cost of \$150/travel (budgeted).

7. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany the Band/Chamber Groups (15) to the Elementary School for a Veterans Day program on Friday, November 7, 2025 at a cost of \$80/substitute (budgeted).
8. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany the Rotary Interact Club to the following budgeted activities:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Route 403 Road Cleanup after Homecoming	10/7/2025	\$160/substitutes
Laurel View Village/Christmas Cleaning-Decorating	11/10/2025	None
Davidsville Community Church/Tribe Time Dinner	1/12/2026	None

9. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany the Concert Band/Rotary Interact members (20) to Laurel View Village to perform for Veterans Day and deliver cards from Rotary Interact on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at no cost to the district.
10. Permission for Sara Baker/Kayla Blackford/Kelly Digon/Renee Dryer/Seth Keafer/Jeanette Swiokla/Sonya Tresnicky to attend Enhanced Core Reading Intervention (ECRI) Foundational Skills at I. U. 8/Duncansville on August 11-12, 2025 (Monday-Tuesday) at a cost of \$3,152: \$70/meals; \$3,082/curriculum-aide rate payment (budgeted—Success for PA Early Learners [SPEL] Grant).
11. Aide assignment as follows for the 2025-2026 school year:

Sonya Tresnicky (Instructional-Regular Education)	Elementary School	6.75 hours
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12. Agreements with Ignite Education Solutions to provide Aides as follows for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Not to Exceed Cost</u>
Instructional Aide	Elementary School	\$139.57 per day (8 hours)
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Personal Care/Instr. Aide	Elementary School	\$139.57 per day (8 hours)
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Instructional Aide	High School	\$139.57 per day (8 hours)
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Personal Care Aide	High School	\$139.57 per day (8 hours)
Personal Care/Instr. Aide	High School	\$137.53 per day (8 hours)

13. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide Substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year as follows (same as last year):

Daily Substitute Teacher	\$161.04/day (pay rate of \$120/day)
Long Term Substitute Teacher (21+ days in same position)	\$201.30 (pay rate of \$150/day)
Daily Substitute Nurse	\$201.30/day (pay rate of \$150/day)
Supplemental Staff-Health Dept. (LPN)	\$201.30 (pay rate of \$150/day)

14. Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide Substitute Aides at a maximum cost of \$137.53 per day (pay rate of \$12.81/hour) for the 2025-2026 school year. [Note: If no district-employed substitutes are available.]

15. Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide four custodial workers for a maximum of 25 hours per week each (pay rate of \$13.35 per hour) and one maintenance worker for a maximum of 25 hours per week (pay rate of \$14.12 per hour), with the total cost not to exceed \$2,265.30 per week, for the 2025-2026 school year.
16. Support Staff Substitute Employee Lists for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Aide	Cafeteria	Custodial	Secretarial
Stephanie Boring	Jeanne Derricott	Jennifer Bimeal	Christine Chowske
Velma Brown	Donna Kovalchek	Stacy Burnworth	Sonya Tresnicky
	Susan LaLima	Marion Ott	
	Fawn Slonka	Lisa Schmerer	

17. Contract with Emily Kobylecky to transport her child to and from school at the approved Internal Revenue Service reimbursement rate of \$0.70 per mile or a minimum of \$25 per day, whichever is more, for the 2025-2026 school year.
18. Cooperative Agreement with Mount Aloysius College for the College in High School program during the 2025-2026 school year.
19. Educational Services Agreement with Pyramid Healthcare, Inc./Soaring Heights School to provide special education and related services to student(s) for the period from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026, with costs to be as outlined in the Agreement.
20. Memorandum of Understanding with Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center Child/Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program for any special needs students requiring placement there for the 2025-2026 school year.
21. Affiliation Agreement with Point Park University for the placement of qualified students to participate in observations, field placements, and student teaching experiences for a term of five years.
22. Income Eligibility Guidelines for the Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program.
23. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2025-2026 school year:

Darren Altimore	Junior High Football
Brogan Berkey	Varsity Boys' Soccer
Kayla Coleman	Music Department/High School Field Trips
Kenneth Fochtman	Music Department/Volleyball
Nathan Girona	Varsity Girls' Soccer
Theresa Jarosick	Elementary School/Music Department
Roberta Nicholson	Elementary School/Post Prom
Kelly Price	High School Field Trips/Soccer
Kristi Purdy	Cheerleading/Basketball/Golf/Soccer/Track/H.S. Field Trips/Softball/Music
Paula Rolt-Fochtman	Music Department/Volleyball
Trenton Troxell	Varsity Football
Jamie Witt	Elementary School

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the following requests for use of school facilities:

1. C. T. Cheerleading Boosters/Meetings
High School Classroom/Library/Stadium/Pavilion
July 2025 through June 2026 (6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.—Dates to be coordinated with Mr. Feathers)
Kristi Purdy
2. C. T. Golf Boosters/Monthly Meetings
Golf Room
July 2025 through June 2026 (5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.—Dates to be coordinated with Mr. Feathers)
Kristi Purdy
3. The Gathering/3 x 3 Soccer Tournament
Elementary School Soccer Fields
Saturday, July 26, 2025 (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
Alyssa Defibaugh
4. St. Francis Caring & Sharing/Pop-up Back to School Event
Elementary School Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, August 6, 2025 (3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Katrina Dombrosky
5. C. T. Football Boosters/Spikeball Tournament
High School Front Soccer Field/Soccer Concession Stand
Saturday, August 9, 2025 (3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Brandon Studer
6. C. T. Football Team/Sleepover
High School Field House
Sunday-Monday, August 10-11, 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.)
Brandon Studer
7. C. T. Football Boosters/Ice Cream Social
Football Stadium/Concession Stand
Wednesday, August 13, 2025 (4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Stacy Burnworth
8. C. T. Instrumental Program/Music Lessons
Elementary Stage/Music Rooms/High School Music Rooms
Monday-Friday, September 2025 through June 2026 (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Amanda Evans/Catherine Grove
9. C. T. Marching Band/Goodwill Drive
Elementary School Parking Lot/Restrooms/Multipurpose Room
Saturday, September 6, 2025 (7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
Catherine Grove
10. C. T. Youth Football League/Games
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Press Box/Restrooms
Saturday, September 13, 2025 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Sundays, September 21 & 28, 2025 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$40.00 per hour
Samantha Weaver

11. C. T. Rotary Interact Club/Red Cross Blood Drive
High School Gym
Friday, October 31, 2025 (7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)
Catherine Grove

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the Easement Agreement with Jessica Garlesky pertaining to the placement of a fence (6' high and approximately 160' in length) located approximately ten feet onto the High School property.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Conemaugh Township Area School District and the Conemaugh Township Education Association pertaining to the Health Savings Account contribution.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the following revised documents:

Policy 707 Use of School Facilities
707-AR-1 Rules for Use of School Facilities

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the School District and Somerset County Children and Youth Services relating to transportation procedures for Foster Care Youth.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the Transportation Plan between the School District and Somerset County Children and Youth Services for Foster Care Youth.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for May were included with the agenda. Mr. Studer noted that the School Auditor should begin working on the audit and Annual Financial Report preparation in early September.

Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of recent meetings/activities/upcoming events. She stated that the Conemaugh Township Area School District Foundation is being reactivated, and at least one School Director is needed to serve on the Foundation's Board. Mrs. Troxell volunteered to serve.

Mr. Walker presented a brief update on the summer feeding program.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini stated that the CTC has been experiencing some electrical problems and they are working to resolve the issues.

Informational Item – The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Jeremy Stultz as Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach effective June 27, 2025.

Discussion was held concerning the request from Luke Breeze to address the Board regarding the use of the auditorium for Sunday services. Pastor Breeze will be invited to attend one of the August meetings to speak.

Mrs. Dull noted that Policy 122/Extracurricular Activities was included with the agenda for review by the Board and discussion at a later date.

An executive session was held from 7:27 p.m. to 9:28 p.m. to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary