

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, June 23, 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, Rocco Mantini, Ethan Phillippi, Christine Troxell, Susan Saylor-Stahl .....	6
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Deanna Maurer, Earl Sleek, II, Jeremy Sotosky .....	3
		Quorum present

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, David Budash,  
Randy Walker, Matthew Phillippi, Joe Richards, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl led those present in the flag salute.

Brett Stahl attended the meeting to present an update on the GESA Project.

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 May 22, 2025
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of May 31, 2025
3. Tax Collection Report as of May 31, 2025
4. Activity Fund Report for May

**MOTION** by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, 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. Byer, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve payment of the facility improvement project bill as listed.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve payment of any legal outstanding bills, which may be received before June 30, 2025, attributable to the current budget.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to authorize that the 2024-2025 budget remain open for budgetary transfers and for any adjustments due to the annual audit.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl noted receipt of correspondence from students to thank the Board for its support of the BizWorld program.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held June 9, 2025 as follows:

<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>
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<b>JUNE 9, 2025</b>
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. in the board room with Dr. Mantini presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi, Susan Saylor-Stahl (via ZOOM), Earl Sleek, II, Jeremy Sotosky, Christine Troxell

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, David Budash, Lorrie Callihan, Matthew Phillippi, Jakeb Rising, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Student Education

A. Informational Item – Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.

2. School Activities

A. Informational Item – The Contownian was included with the agenda.

3. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Ratification of the Superintendent's decision to permit Jakeb Rising/Lisa Pasierb to attend Weibert Science Notebook Training at I. U 8/Altoona on Monday, June 9, 2025 at a cost of \$81: \$65/travel; \$16/meals (budgeted).
2. Permission for Jeffrey Dombrosky to attend Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training at I. U. 8/Duncansville on July 16-17, 2025 (Wednesday-Thursday) at no cost to the district.
3. Permission for Jakeb Rising to participate in the Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy Online Training for LEGO SPIKE Prime on July 28-August 1, 2025 (Monday-Friday) at no cost to the district (Community Foundation Fund).

B. Recommend approval to change the employment status of Jennifer Bimeal from Kitchen Helper (4 hours) to Cook (6 hours) at the High School at a rate of \$12.03 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year.

C. Recommend approval to change the title of Kelly Kramer from Co-Assistant Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach to Assistant Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach and increase his compensation for the 2025-2026 school year to \$2,280.

D. Recommend approval to set the hourly rates for substitute support staff as follows for the 2025-2026 school year: Cafeteria \$11.12; Custodial \$12.03; Aides \$12.81; Secretaries \$14.42.

Committee of the Whole continued—

- E. Recommend permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2025-2026 school year:

Jennifer Bimeal	Elementary School
Gene Bird	Girls' Soccer
Erika Broeker	Elementary School
Katrina Dombrosky	C. T. Boutique
Olivia Schlosser	Elementary School
Mark Sotosky	Boys' Soccer

- F. Informational items were as follows:

1. Angela Callihan, Alexa Fetterman, Janelle Mowery, and Jonathon Waltermire have completed their third year of satisfactory teaching; as a result, professional employee contracts will be issued to them.
2. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Nathan Gironda as Co-Assistant Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach effective June 4, 2025.

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of Addendum #8 to the Agreement with Pressley Ridge/Johnstown for the 2025-2026 school year with costs to be as outlined in the agreement.
- B. Recommend permission to set student meal prices at \$2.70 for the Middle/High School and \$2.50 for the Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year (increase of 5¢ each due to increased food/labor costs). Breakfast and the Reduced-Price Lunch will remain free for students. [Adult prices will be \$2.95 for breakfast (increase of 45¢ to comply with state regulations) and \$5.00 for lunch.]

5. District or Business Planning

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

004-BOG-2	Board of School Directors Vacancy Application Form
Policy 317	Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures; 317-AR-1 Disciplinary Procedures; 317-AR-2 Arrest or Conviction Report
Policy 317.1	Educator Misconduct
Policy 320	Freedom of Speech by Employees
Policy 417	Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures; 417-AR-1 Disciplinary Procedures; 417-AR-2 Arrest or Conviction Report
Policy 417.1	Educator Misconduct
Policy 420	Freedom of Speech by Employees
Policy 517	Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures; 517-AR-1 Disciplinary Procedures; 517-AR-2 Arrest or Conviction Report
Policy 520	Freedom of Speech by Employees
Policy 718	Service Animals in Schools; 718-AR-0 Service Animals in Schools; 718-AR-1 Evaluation of Requests by Students and Employees

Committee of the Whole continued—

6. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Euro Club/Meetings  
High School Library  
Thursdays, 9/18/25, 10/16/25, 11/20/25, 12/18/25, 1/15/26 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)  
Jakeb Rising
2. Euro Club/Community Game Night  
High School Cafeteria  
Fridays, September 26 & October 17, 2025 (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Jakeb Rising

7. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend adoption of the state-approved Tuition Rates of \$13,615.96 (Secondary) and \$10,429.14 (Elementary) for the 2025-2026 school year. [Rates were \$13,093.81 and \$10,620.39 respectively last year.]
- B. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:  
Joan E. Ailes – Retired; Matthew M. Ailes – Retired; Cheryle A. Saylor – Retired.

Mrs. Dull thanked Mrs. Troxell for delivering the graduation speech this year. She also reported that 281 students had signed up for the summer feeding program.

An executive session was held from 7:20 p.m. to 8:48 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the following requests:

1. Change in the employment status of Marion Ott from Kitchen Helper (3 hours) to Kitchen Helper (4 hours) at the High School at a rate of \$11.46 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year.
2. Appointment of Paul Baer, Jr., as a bona fide volunteer Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach with compensation of \$4,178 for the 2025-2026 school year. (credit for prior C.T. experience)
3. Agreements with the Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc., for the 2025-2026 school year as follows: Center for Achievement School; Mental Health Therapy; Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program.
4. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2025-2026 school year:

Allison Endler	Elementary School
Heather Hillegass	Cheerleading
Rebecca Kuzar	Elementary School
Jordan Lease	Track/Weight Training
Kadiya Lingenfelter	Music Department
Bryan Purdy	Golf/Music/H. S. Field Trips/Basketball/Track
Abigail Sarver	Cheerleading/Elementary School

Heidi Sarver	Cheerleading/Elementary School
Scott Smith	High School Field Trips
Valerie Smith	High School Field Trips/Cheerleading
Molly Stultz	Elementary School
Amanda Tresnicky	Elementary School
Paul Tresnicky	Elementary School/Elementary Wrestling

5. C. T. Football Boosters/Meetings  
High School Classroom  
June 24, 2025 through August 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.—dates to be scheduled with Mr. Feathers)  
Rebecca Conn
6. C. T. Cheer Boosters/Meetings  
Elementary School Classroom  
July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.—dates to be scheduled with Mrs. Rosa)  
Kristi Purdy

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the Memorandums of Understanding between the Conemaugh Township Police Department and the Conemaugh Township Area School District for the Elementary School and the Middle/High School.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve Kimberly Rensko as the Deputy Tax Collector for Benson Borough in accordance with Act 48 of 2015.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to adopt the Final General Fund Budget for the Conemaugh Township Area School District for 2025-2026, with revenues of \$16,707,294 and expenditures of \$17,839,933 (any end of year shortfall will be covered by the General Fund).

**1000 INSTRUCTION**

1100 Regular Programs	\$7,018,411	
1200 Special Programs	2,256,148	
1300 Vocational Education	896,685	
1400 Other Instructional Programs	48,470	
1500 Non-Public	---	\$10,219,714

**2000 SUPPORT SERVICES**

2100 Pupil Personnel	\$ 769,744	
2200 Instructional Staff	459,829	
2300 Administration	1,279,471	
2400 Pupil Health	248,591	
2500 Business	444,729	
2600 Operation/Maintenance of Plant	1,408,066	
2700 Student Transportation	1,022,560	
2800 Central	175,000	
2900 Other	---	\$ 5,807,990

Budget continued—

**3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTR. SERVICES**

3200 Student Activities	\$ 692,336	
3300 Community Services	---	\$ 692,336

**4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND  
IMPROVEMENT SERVICES**

4600 Building & Land Improvements		\$ ---
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**5000 OTHER FINANCING USES**

5100 Debt Service	\$1,119,893	
5900 Budgetary Reserve	---	\$ 1,119,893

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to adopt the 2025-2026 supporting tax structure and the resolution for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes:

Real Estate Tax	31.76 Mills (was 30.05 last year)
Per Capita Tax, Act 679	\$5.00
Per Capita Tax, Act 511	\$5.00
Earned Income Tax, Act 511	1% (Shared)
Real Estate Transfer Tax	1% (Shared)
Local Services Tax	\$5.00
Occupation Tax	25% of County Valuation

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2024-2025 under the provisions of "The Local Tax Enabling Act" imposing a tax of Five (\$5.00) Dollars for general revenue purposes upon each 18 years of age or older person residing in the territorial limits of the Conemaugh Township Area School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2024-2025 imposing on each individual engaged in an occupation within the limits of the municipalities forming the School District, an annual local services tax of a flat rate of Five (\$5.00) Dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2024-2025 levying and assessing an annual tax for general revenue purposes of one (1%) percent on earned income of residents of said School District and one (1%) percent of profits of businesses, professions and other activities conducted by residents of said School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2024-2025 imposing a one (1%) percent tax upon deeds which transfer and convey lands, tenements, or hereditaments or any interest therein situate wholly or partly within the municipalities forming the Conemaugh Township Area School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2024-2025 imposing an occupation tax on persons residing within the territorial limits of the Conemaugh Township Area School District at a rate of twenty-five (25%) percent of Somerset County valuations of occupations; and,

Tax Resolution continued—

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2024-2025 levying a tax of Five (\$5.00) Dollars upon each person 18 years of age or older residing within the territorial limits of the said School District under the provisions of the Public School Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2024-2025 under the provisions of the Public School Code levying a tax at the rate of Thirty and Five Hundredths (30.05) mills for each One (\$1.00) Dollar of assessed valuation based upon county assessments of real property in the municipalities forming the said School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District have adopted a budget for the fiscal school year 2025-2026 and it is necessary to levy taxes to meet the anticipated expenditures of said School District; and,

WHEREAS, under the terms and provisions of the Public School Code of 1949 (P. S. 24) and of Act No. 511 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, known as "The Local Tax Enabling Act" approved December 31, 1965, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, has the power and authority to provide for the levy, assessment and collection of certain taxes upon residents or persons employed within the limits of said School District:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, under the terms and provisions of Act No. 511 known as "The Local Tax Enabling Act" that the Resolution providing for the assessment, levy and collection of the following taxes be and the same are hereby levied and reenacted without change for the fiscal school year 2025-2026 in addition to other taxes already levied:

1. A tax of Five (\$5.00) Dollars upon each person eighteen (18) years of age or older residing within the territorial limits of the Conemaugh Township Area School District.
2. A tax of one (1%) percent upon deeds which transfer and convey land, tenements or hereditaments or any interest therein situate wholly or partly within the municipalities forming the Conemaugh Township Area School District.
3. An annual tax of one (1%) percent on earned income of residents of said School District and one (1%) percent of the net profits of businesses, professions and other activities conducted by residents of said School District.
4. An annual local services tax of a flat rate of Five (\$5.00) Dollars on each individual engaged in any occupation within the limits of the municipalities forming the said School District.
5. An annual occupation tax at the rate of twenty-five (25%) percent of Somerset County valuations of occupations of persons eighteen (18) years of age or older residing within the territorial limits of the said Conemaugh Township Area School District.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District under the terms and provisions of the Public School Code that the following taxes be and the same are hereby levied for the fiscal school year 2025-2026, and thereafter, till changed, in addition to other taxes already levied:

1. A tax of Five (\$5.00) Dollars upon each person eighteen (18) years of age or older residing within the territorial limits of the Conemaugh Township Area School District.

Tax Resolution continued—

2. A tax at the rate of Thirty-One and Seventy-Six Hundredths (31.76) mills for each One (\$1.00) Dollar of assessed valuation (\$3.176 per \$100.00) based upon county assessments of real property in the municipalities forming said School District.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to adopt the 2025 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve insurance renewals with CM Regent Insurance Company for the 2025-2026 school year at a total cost of \$129,832 (5% increase), including coverage as follows:

Property	\$ 80,564
School Leaders Legal	\$ 7,728
Internet Liability	\$ 10,166
Workers Compensation	\$ 31,374

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

The motion to approve an Easement Agreement with Jessica Garlesky was tabled until the July meeting to allow the Board more time to review the placement/location of the fence.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Revenue/Expense Overviews, Cash Balance/Investment Summary, and Capital Reserve Account Summary were included with the agenda.

Mrs. Jugan provided a special education news update.

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

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini noted that the next JOC meeting is June 24, and he has been elected as the JOC Secretary.

Discussion was held concerning Policy 707 and 707-AR-1 pertaining to the use of school facilities. A number of changes were recommended. Revisions to both documents will be presented to the Board for consideration at the July meeting.

Informational Item – The Superintendent has accepted the resignations of James Szala as Assistant Rifle Team Coach effective June 10, 2025 and Anthony Dean-Neil as Head Varsity Boys' Track Coach effective July 1, 2025.

An executive session was held from 8:29 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. to discuss real estate matters. There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary