

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 18, 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, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi, Jeremy Sotosky, Susan Saylor-Stahl	7
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Earl Sleek, II, Christine Troxell (arr. 7:01).....	2
	Quorum present	

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, David Budash, Randy Walker, Kelly Digon, Matthew Phillippi, Marissa Bazyk, Janet Lord, Norman Lord, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl led those present in the flag salute. Mrs. Troxell arrived at 7:01 p.m., making total members present—8.

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 February 18, 2025
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of February 28, 2025
3. Tax Collection Report as of February 28, 2025
4. Activity Fund Report for February

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

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl noted receipt of a letter from Junior Achievement to thank the Board for the recent donation.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 10, 2025 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	MARCH 10, 2025
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Ethan Phillippi, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Jeremy Sotosky

Others Present: Nicole Dull, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, David Budash, Meribeth DeBarto, Kelly Digon, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Student Education

- A. Recommend approval to conduct a Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. (District funded—two certified teachers, two aides, and one AmeriCorps member will be needed to staff this program for incoming students based on DIAL-4 scores.)
- B. Recommend approval of the 2025-2026 School Calendar.
- C. Mrs. Dull presented information concerning the Cybersecurity Program being offered by Penn Highlands for students in Grades 10-12 as part of the ACE Program.

D. Informational Items

- 1. To date, 51 children have been registered for kindergarten (was 50 last year at this time).
- 2. The High School Discipline Report was included with the agenda.

2. School Activities

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

- 1. Permission for Kimberly Garman/Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills/MDS students (16-20) on the following budgeted community-based instruction experiences:

Westwood Plaza Theatre & Café	March 27, 2025	\$672/Reg., Travel & Nurse
Hiram Andrews Ctr./Autism Walk	April 15, 2025	\$400/Travel & Nurse
Jerome Fire Hall & Silver Bell	May 7, 2025	\$250/Travel & Nurse
Johnstown Mill Rats	May 28, 2025	\$650/Reg., Travel & Nurse

- 2. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (12) on the following budgeted community-based instruction experiences:

Go Moore Store/Job Shadowing	April 8, 2025	No Cost
Heritage Discovery Center	April 14, 2025	\$69/Registration
Humane Society & Galleria Mall	April 30, 2025	No Cost
Walmart & Pappy's Pizza	May 13, 2025	\$100/meals
International Conservation Center	May 21, 2025	\$180/registration

- 3. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany a student to Bellefonte High School for Regional Chorus on March 12-14, 2025 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$1,090: \$130/registration; \$280/travel; \$260/lodging; \$100/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted-bus shared with Richland).
- 4. Permission for Jakeb Rising/Kelly Kramer to accompany one student to Harrisburg for the MathCounts State Competition on March 21-22, 2025 (Friday-Saturday) at a cost of \$678: \$243/travel; \$375/lodging; \$60/meals (budgeted).
- 5. Permission for Jakeb Rising to accompany students (6-8) to IUP for the Physics Olympics on Friday, April 4, 2025 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).
- 6. Permission for Jakeb Rising to have students (10-15) participate in the Long Island Quiz Bowl Alliance: Virtual 30-20-10 Competition on Monday, April 28, 2025 at a cost of \$100/registration (budgeted).

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7. Permission for Bethany Spengler to accompany the Art Club (9) to St. Francis Sharing & Caring to volunteer and gather art materials for projects on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at no cost to the district.
8. Permission for Bethany Spengler to accompany the Art Club (9) to St. David's Learning Place to teach an art lesson to preschool students on Friday, May 2, 2025 at no cost to the district.

B. Informational Items

1. The Elementary Newsletter, Secondary Newsletter and Contownian were included with the agenda.

3. Human Development

- A. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2024-2025 school year: Nicholas Brugh (Emergency); Amanda Fisher (Emergency); Vera Karazsia (Grades K-6/Special Education PK-12); Owen Meyer (Music); Trenton Troxell (Emergency).
- B. Recommend appointment of Corey J. Hicks as a bona fide volunteer Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach with compensation of \$1,545 for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of appropriate documentation.
- C. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Dillon Boyer	Varsity Baseball
Thomas Hiravi	Track
Kimberly Meyers	Track
Matthew Phillippi	Varsity Baseball

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of the 2025 Extended School Year Agreement with the Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc., for the Autism Spectrum Disorders classroom at the ACRP Center for Achievement.
- B. Recommend permission to enter into a Clinical Mental Health Services Agreement with R.E.A.C.H. for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$137,500. (same as last year)
- C. Recommend approval of the following revised policies and documents as recommended by PSBA:

Policy 005	Organization
Policy 113.1	Discipline of Students With Disabilities
Policy 113.2	Behavior Support
Policy 202	Eligibility of Nonresident Students; 202-AR-0 Nonresident Students; 202-AR-3 Information to Substantiate Sworn Statement by Resident
Policy 236.1	Threat Assessment
Policy 254	Educational Opportunity for Military Children
Policy 308	Employment Contract/Board Resolution; 308-AR-1 Employee Resignations; 308-AR-2 Form for Acceptance of Resignations
Policy 408	Employment Contract/Board Resolution; 408-AR-1 Employee Resignations; 408-AR-2 Form for Acceptance of Resignations
Policy 508	Employment Contract/Board Resolution; 508-AR-1 Employee Resignations; 508-AR-2 Form for Acceptance of Resignations
Policy 607	Tuition Income; 607-AR-0 Nonresident Tuition; 607-AR-1 Notice of Tuition Past Due
Policy 823	Opioid Antagonist (formerly Naloxone)

Committee of the Whole continued—

5. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Middle School Golf/Open Gym for Grades 5-8
High School Golf Room
February 27, 2025 through July 2025 (various dates/times)
Nicholas Getson
2. Laurel Highlands Futbol Club/Girls' Soccer Practice
Elementary School Gym
Mondays, March 3, 17 & 24, 2025 (7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Kristi Purdy
3. C. T. AYSO/Soccer Season
Elementary School Soccer Fields
March 22 through June 21, 2025 (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Jenilee Lasure
4. C. T. AYSO/Meet the Coaches Night
Elementary School Multipurpose Room
Thursday, March 27, 2025 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Jenilee Lasure
5. C. T. Youth Baseball League/Pictures
Elementary School Gym/Cafeteria
Saturday, April 5, 2025 (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour for two (2) hours per Mrs. Dull
Jeff Rowe
6. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Elementary Banquet
High School Gym/Cafeteria
Sunday, April 6, 2025 (3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Deanna Maurer
7. C. T. AYSO/Picture Days
Elementary School Gym
Friday, May 2, 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Saturday, May 3, 2025 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Sunday, May 4, 2025 (11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour for two (2) hours per Mrs. Dull (Saturday & Sunday only)
Jenilee Lasure
8. C. T. Soccer Boosters/Youth Soccer Camp
Elementary School Soccer Fields
Saturday, June 21 through Friday, June 27, 2025 (4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Erin Sotosky
9. C. T. Varsity Cheerleaders & Cheerleading Boosters/Little Lady Indians Cheer Camp
Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room/Restrooms/Pavilion/Soccer Field
Tuesday-Thursday, July 8-10, 2025 (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; rain date July 11)
Kelly Digon

Committee of the Whole continued—

6. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification: Antoinette M. Bridges – Totally Disabled; Thomas J. Greenwood – Retired; Robert B. Mishler, Jr. – Retired.

7. Other Items

- A. Mrs. Saylor-Stahl reported that meetings had been held with the C. T. faculty and the Shade parents/board concerning the proposed alliance with the Shade-Central City School District. A motion to approve the alliance will be on the agenda for next week’s regular meeting.

An executive session was held from 7:14 p.m. to 8:03 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Alesantrino, Mrs. Byer, Dr. Mantini, Mrs. Maurer, Mr. Phillippi,
Mr. Sotosky, Mrs. Troxell (Abstain—Item 3.A.), Mrs. Saylor-Stahl8
Nays: 0
Motion carried

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to approve the following requests:

1. Permission for Angela Callihan/Kimberly Garman to accompany MDS students (20) to Windber Stadium for an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at a cost of \$535: \$435/travel; \$100/nurse (budgeted).
2. Permission for Becky Lough/Kelly McCall/Amy Stone to accompany kindergarten students (57) on a field trip to the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center and the Heritage Discovery Center Children’s Museum on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at a cost of \$200/nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA).
3. Permission for Frederick Mainhart to accompany students (20-25 per trip) to Somerset for the Courthouse Tour on April 2, 9, and 16, 2025 at a cost of \$480/substitutes (budgeted—Bar Association covers travel costs).
4. Permission for Bethany Spengler/Dana Kissel to accompany the Art Club (14) to the Carnegie Museum of Art/Pittsburgh on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at a cost of \$320/substitutes (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by Art Club).
5. Permission to enter into an Alternative Education For Disruptive Youth Program Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for two seats located at the Greater Johnstown CTC at a cost not to exceed \$14,244.02 per seat for the 2025-2026 school year. (Was \$13,561.50 per seat last year.)
6. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2024-2025 school year:

Brian Byer	Post Prom
Melanie Byer	Post Prom

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the Cooperative Educational Program between Conemaugh Township Area School District and Shade Central-City School District contingent upon contractually agreed upon terms and conditions.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve the request from Employee No. 730126 for intermittent leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act beginning March 1, 2025 and continuing until approximately March 1, 2026, pending receipt of required documentation.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the Appalachia I. U. 8 General Fund Budget for 2025-2026 as presented.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Ballots for the election of I. U. 8 Directors were distributed and completed by the board members.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for February were included with the agenda. Mr. Studer reminded the Board that a Budget Workshop had been scheduled for April 1, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of activities/meetings/upcoming events. She also reported on the progress of the Action to Quiet Title pertaining to the right-of-way issue behind the High School and the federal programs audit.

Mr. Walker gave an update on the transportation and food service departments.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini stated that the Spartan Inn would be open for business on Thursday.

Informational Item – The Elementary School Discipline Report was included with the agenda.

Mrs. Rosa reported that every student in the Elementary School would be receiving a book with a value of over \$10 as a result of the Reading Night activities.

An executive session was held from 7:21 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to discuss contractual matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary