

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:03 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Susan Saylor-Stahl (Zoom), Michelle Stumpf, Justin Zahorchak (Zoom), Christine Troxell	7
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Deanna Maurer, Earl Sleek, II (arr. 7:04)	2
		Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Kelly Digon,
Bethany Spengler, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Troxell led those present in the flag salute. Mr. Sleek arrived at 7:04 p.m., making total members present—8.

Mrs. Troxell stated that the guests listed on the agenda to speak would not be present due to the bad weather conditions. She noted that Mr. Lesko had been given permission to put a committee together to coordinate the planning relating to the naming of the gymnasium. She also expressed thanks from her daughter, Katie, for the use of school facilities to hold her Mental Health Mindfulness event on November 10 for her Gold Scout Gold Award project.

There being no objections or corrections stated, Mrs. Troxell declared the following previously circulated items approved as submitted:

1. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held October 18, 2022
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of October 31, 2022
3. Tax Collection Report as of October 31, 2022
4. Activity Fund Report for October

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Byer, 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. Alesantrino, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to approve payment of the capital projects bill as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Troxell noted receipt of a card from the Marching Band to thank the Board and Administration for their support.

Mr. Kakabar stated that the PSBA had sent a letter and a copy of the book, “Memoirs of a Goldfish,” for the elementary library.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held November 7, 2022 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NOVEMBER 7, 2022

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

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer,
Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers,
Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Meribeth DeBarto, Kelly Digon,
Bethany Spengler, 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. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:

1. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Ashley Kopp to accompany the Speech Team (15-20) to Forest Hills High School for a competition on Monday, December 5, 2022 at a cost of \$528: \$400/travel; \$128/substitutes (budgeted).
2. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany concert band members (7) to District Band Pre-Auditions at Claysburg-Kimmel High School on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at a cost of \$560: \$70/registration; \$420/travel; \$70/meals (budgeted).
3. Permission for Catherine Kasun/Tracy Durica to accompany Rotary Interact Club members (40) to Laurel View Village to help the residents clean, organize and decorate for the holidays on Friday, December 2, 2022 at a cost of \$298: \$170/travel; \$128/substitute (budgeted).
4. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Jazz Band (30) to perform Christmas music at the following locations at no cost to the district:

Galleria Mall	Thursday, December 15, 2022
Laurel View Village	Monday, December 19, 2022
5. Permission for Catherine Kasun/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany music students (50) to the Elementary School to perform holiday music on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at a cost of \$238: \$110/travel; \$128/substitute (budgeted).
6. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany concert band members (7) to Richland High School for the District 6 Jazz Festival on January 19-21, 2023 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$1,056: \$340/registration; \$250/travel; \$210/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
7. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany secondary music students (20) to the Elementary School to conduct a side-by-side learning experience on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at a cost of \$140/travel (budgeted).

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8. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (10-12) on the following budgeted community-based instruction experiences:

Dollar General	November 16, 2022	No Cost
UPJ Pool	November 30, 2022	\$60/registration; \$175/travel
St. Francis Caring & Sharing	December 6, 2022	\$135/travel
Market Basket & 56 Buffet	December 13, 2022	\$180/travel

9. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany choir members (8) to Portage High School for District 6 Chorus on January 11-13, 2023 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$1,256: \$800/registration; \$200/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).

10. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany choir members (5) to Richland High School for the District 6 Vocal Jazz Festival on January 19-20, 2023 (Thursday-Friday) at a cost of \$976: \$500/registration; \$100/travel; \$120/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).

- B. Informational Item – The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.

3. Human Development

- A. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite Education Solutions for the 2022-2023 school year: Janet Jeschonek (Emergency); Carli Liimakka (Emergency); Nicole Lundberg (Emergency); Seth Moncrief (Emergency); Ashlee Raspotnik (Emergency Nurse & Teacher); Brittany Saylor (Emergency); Angela Turley (Emergency); Rebecca Webb (Emergency); Patricia Wood (Emergency).

- B. Recommend reappointment of the following bona fide volunteers with compensation to be as listed (3% increase) for the 2022-2023 school year:

Geneve (Tessari) Buckham	SADD/TATU Co-Advisor	\$447
Diane Feathers	SADD/TATU Co-Advisor	\$422

- C. Recommend appointment of the following bona fide volunteers with compensation to be as listed for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of clearances:

Daniel Platt	Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$2,781
Jeremy Stultz	Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach	\$2,060

- D. Recommend appointment of additional Before and After School Tutors for the 2022-2023 school year at the hourly rate as outlined in Article VIII, Section 7, of the Professional Agreement: Kelly Digon; Tracy Durica.

- E. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year:

Robin Holsopple	Art Club/High School Field Trips
Scott Klingenberg	Rifle Team
Jill Lehman	Varsity Swimming
Jodi Mock	Elementary School/Music Department/High School Field Trips
Andrew Moser	Junior High Girls' Basketball
Melanie Oswalt	Elementary School
Brittany Risch	Elementary School
Chelsea Ryan	Elementary School

Craig Sprock	Rifle Team
James Szala	Rifle Team
Samuel Worst	Music Department

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval to enter into an Affiliation Agreement with the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown for the placement of student teachers and field experience students for a term of five years.
- B. Recommend approval to purchase Student Transportation software, including nine (9) tablets, through Tyler Technologies at a cost of \$39,938 for the first year and a yearly cost of \$8,335 thereafter. (PCCD Grant Funds)
- C. Recommend approval to purchase CarRider Pro (Parent Pickup Management System) for the Elementary School from Radio ID Equipment, Inc., at a cost of \$6,175 for the first year and a yearly cost of \$1,000 thereafter, plus installation by Bettwy Systems at a cost of \$3,880. (PCCD Grant Funds)

5. District or Business Planning

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

Policy 236.1	Threat Assessment
Policy 805	Emergency Preparedness and Response; 805-AR-1 Emergency Preparedness, Required Drills and Assessments
Policy 805.2	School Security Personnel; 805.2-AR-0 School Security Personnel Training
Policy 808	Food Services

6. Buildings & Grounds

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

- 1. Conemaugh Township Football Boosters/Junior High End-of-Year Pizza Party
High School Cafeteria/Library
Tuesday, November 8, 2022 (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Wayne Adams
- 2. Girls' Varsity Basketball/Grades 1-6 Girls' Open Gym
Elementary School Gymnasium
Selected Saturdays, December 3, 2022 through February 18, 2023 (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
Lisa Byer
- 3. Grades 5-6 Boys' Basketball
Elementary School Gym/Cafeteria
Selected Dates, November 17, 2022 through February 18, 2023 (4:00-6:00 p.m. or 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
Gary Black, Jr.
- 4. Prodigy Dance Company/Christmas Dance Recital
High School Auditorium/Library or Band Room for changing
Dress Rehearsal—Saturday, December 3, 2022 (12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
Show—Sunday, December 4, 2022 (2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Auditorium Rental Fee: \$20.00 per hour (Saturday); \$23.00 per hour (Sunday)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour
Olivia Soberdash

Committee of the Whole continued—

7. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend approval of a total transportation rate of \$492,966.00 for regular education and an average daily rate of \$1,238.08 for special education (18 buses and vans) for McIlwain School Bus Lines for the 2022-2023 school year. [Note: This amount may change during the year due to changes in bus route mileage or gasoline prices.]
- B. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification: Debra A. Gindlesperger – Retired; Ellis J. Kaufman – Retired; Roy J. Miller – Retired; James W. Sala – Retired; Karen L. Sala – Retired.
- C. Recommend approval of the request from Galen D. Beam for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption effective for taxes that became due on or after September 23, 2022 on Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-056350.

8. Other Items

A. Mr. Kakabar reported as follows:

- Kellie Hankinson, the new Middle School Counselor, will be starting on November 14, 2022.
- Voting will be held in the auditorium instead of the gym due to the playoff game scheduled here on November 8, 2022.
- The Volleyball Team won the District 5 Championship.

B. Mrs. Troxell reported that Adelyn Dull received a \$1,000 scholarship at the Atlantic Coast Championships.

An executive session was held from 7:29 p.m. to 8:43 p.m. to discuss personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

1. Permission to create the position of Post Prom Coordinator, with the base compensation for the position to be \$773.
2. Permission for Erin O'Donnell/Bethany Spengler to accompany the Senior Class (50-56) on a trip to Hersheypark on Friday, May 19, 2023 at a cost of \$256/substitutes (not budgeted).
3. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2022-2023 school year:

Bryon Berg	Elementary Wrestling
Amber Dail	Elementary School
David Strayer	Rifle Team
Jodi Tresnicky	Elementary School
Lewis Tresnicky	Elementary School

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to appoint Logan Barr as Assistant Buildings and Grounds Supervisor at a rate of \$15 per hour effective November 21, 2022.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve a contract with Snyder Brothers, Inc., to supply natural gas from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024 at a cost of \$5.65 per Dekatherm (DTH) + New York Mercantile Exchange Settlement Rate [currently + 3.060/DTH].

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve merit compensation to Thomas J. Kakabar, Superintendent, in the amount of \$9,000 pursuant to Section 3(A)(5) of his Contract. This compensation is a one-time payment and shall not become part of his annual salary reported to PSERS. Payment will be made on a date agreeable to the business office and Mr. Kakabar.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the Contract for Nicole M. Dull as District Superintendent for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2027, and to authorize the appropriate Board Officers to execute the Contract.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the First Restated and Amended Employment Contract for Regina Rembold as Business Manager for a term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023, and to authorize the appropriate Board Officers to execute the Contract.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to accept the resignation/retirement of Regina Rembold as Business Manager effective September 29, 2023.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to adopt the Resolution Requiring the Waiver of Additional Charges for the Late Payment of Real Estate Taxes Under Act 57 of 2022.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the Addendum to the Agreement for Pupil Transportation Services Between Conemaugh Township Area School District and McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc., for a term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for September were included with the agenda.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed his list of recent meetings/activities. He noted that Mrs. Rebecca Parker received recognition as The Salute to Women Honoree by the Boy Scouts of America.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini stated that the building project at the CTC is moving along. He also noted that the business manager had resigned recently.

Dr. Mantini questioned the practice of using the high school gym as a polling place when there are students present in the building. The administration will study this issue and report back to the Board.

An executive session was held from 7:26 p.m. to 7:54 p.m. to discuss personnel.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary