

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:05 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,
Earl Sleek, II, Alan Tresnicky, Justin Zahorchak, Christine Troxell 8
MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Stumpf 1
Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Nicole Dull,
Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Alan Zimmerman, Lorrie Callihan, Kelly Digon,
Audrey Wenger, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Troxell led those present in the flag salute. Mrs. Troxell announced that an executive session had been held prior to the meeting from 6:05 p.m. to 7:02 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

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 19, 2021
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of October 31, 2021
3. Tax Collection Report as of October 31, 2021
4. Activity Fund Report for October

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Dr. Mantini, 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. Zahorchak, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held November 8, 2021 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	NOVEMBER 8, 2021
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:02 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Susan Saylor-Stahl,
Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Nicole Dull,
Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Alan Zimmerman, Patrick Berzonski, Meribeth
DeBarto, Kelly Digon, Ashley Kopp, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

Committee of the Whole continued—

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 Amanda Evans/Teachers to accompany Grades K-1 students (139) to the High School Auditorium for concert practice on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at a cost of \$235: \$107/travel; \$128/substitute (budgeted).
2. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany junior high/senior high band members (27) to Somerset County Band at Rockwood High School on December 1-2, 2021 (Wednesday-Thursday) at a cost of \$1,146: \$540/registration; \$350/travel; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
3. Permission for Catherine Kasun/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany the Girls' Vocal Ensemble, Brass Choir, and Jazz Band (30) to perform Christmas music at the following locations at no cost to the district:

Johnstown City Hall Steps	Friday, December 3, 2021
First Presbyterian Church/Johnstown	Sunday, December 5, 2021
Galleria Mall	Wednesday, December 15, 2021

4. Permission for Catherine Kasun/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany the Jazz Band and Girls' Ensemble (60-70) to the Elementary School to perform holiday music on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at a cost of \$253: \$125/travel; \$128/substitute (budgeted).

- B. Recommend approval to enter into Agreements for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport with Shade-Central City School District for Junior High and Varsity Wrestling and with North Star School District for Varsity Track/Field commencing with the 2021-2022 school year.

- C. Informational items were as follows:

1. The District will be participating in the "Caps for Cash Program" fundraiser sponsored by Mainline Pharmacy.
2. The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.

3. Human Development

- A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Permission for Korinne May/Tammy Williams to attend Teacher Induction Training at various I. U. 8 locations and virtually throughout the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$1,564: \$300/registration; \$200/travel; \$40/meals; \$1,024/substitutes (budgeted).
2. Permission for Korinne May to attend Non-violent Crisis Intervention at I. U. 8/Altoona on February 17-18, 2022 (Thursday-Friday) at a cost of \$435: \$40/registration; \$139/travel; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).

Committee of the Whole continued—

- B. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite Education Solutions for the 2021-2022 school year: Lori Beck (Elementary/Reading Specialist); Christine Carter (Emergency Nurse); Kacey Klein (Emergency Nurse).
- C. Recommend approval of the request from Diane Feathers for a leave of absence beginning approximately January 28, 2022 and continuing through approximately March 31, 2022 in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.
- D. Recommend approval of Becky Lough as a Before and After School Tutor at a rate of \$27 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year
- E. Recommend approval to transfer Logan Barr to the first shift Custodian/Groundskeeping/Maintenance position and increase his pay rate to \$12.50 per hour retroactive to October 25, 2021.
- F. Recommend approval to add Stephanie Boring to the Substitute Aide and Cafeteria lists (Elementary School only).
- G. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year:

Scott Klingenberg	Rifle Team
Timothy Rosa	Elementary Wrestling
Brian Spory	Rifle Team
Colton Stahl	Wrestling
James Szala	Rifle Team

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval to enter into a contract with Ms. Elisabeth Baker to transport her child to school at the approved Internal Revenue Service reimbursement rate beginning November 8, 2021 and continuing for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
- B. Discussion was held concerning representation on the Greater Johnstown CTC Joint Operating Committee due to the end of Mr. Tresnicky's term as a Board member. Mr. Alesantrino stated that he would serve in the position. Dr. Mantini (representative) and Mr. Sleek (alternate) will continue in their respective positions. These appointments will be acted upon during the reorganization meeting in December.

5. District or Business Planning

- A. Mr. Kakabar stated that he would like the Board to consider purchasing a second van to alleviate the problems the District is experiencing with transportation for extracurricular/athletic activities.

6. Buildings & Grounds

- A. Recommend approval of the following Use of Facilities Requests:
 - 1. Conemaugh Township Youth Softball League/Practice
High School Cafeteria
Mid-November through Mid-March (times/dates coordinated with Jarod Feathers)
Daniel Richardson

Committee of the Whole continued—

2. Girls' Varsity Basketball
Elementary School Gymnasium
Selected Saturdays, December 4, 2021 through February 12, 2022 (10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)
Lisa Byer
 3. Elementary Basketball
Elementary School Gym/High School Cafeteria
Selected Dates, December 4, 2021 through January 25, 2022 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Andy Byer
 4. Prodigy Dance Company/Christmas Dance Recital
High School Auditorium/Bathrooms/Rooms for changing
Saturday, December 11, 2021 (2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Auditorium Rental Fee: \$23.00 per hour
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour
Olivia Mayak
 5. Speech Team/Competition
High School Classrooms/Cafeteria
Tentative Date—Friday, December 17, 2021 (3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Jennifer Custer
 6. UPJ Golf Team/Winter Training
High School Golf Room
2-3 Days per Week, March 1 through April 13, 2022 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Rental Fee: \$500 (Paid to Golf Fund at Community Foundation)
Adam Thomas
7. Budget & Finance
- A. Recommend approval of a total transportation rate of \$476,138.16 for regular education and an average daily rate of \$1,173.30 for special education (22 buses and vans) for McIlwain School Bus Lines for the 2021-2022 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 change in Occupation Valuation Classification:
Susan M. Allison – Retired.
8. Other Items
- A. Mr. Kakabar noted that he, Mrs. Dull and Mrs. Dabbs would be seeking permission to attend the Blue Ribbon Award ceremony, which is scheduled for December 6, at the regular meeting. He also stated that Mr. Feathers had requested that the Board consider raising the rate paid to basketball officials by \$5. This item will be included on the regular meeting agenda for consideration.
 - B. Mrs. Troxell reported that the Band had placed eighth at the Atlantic Coast Championships and the Volleyball Team was the District 5 runner-up.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Tresnicky, seconded by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, to approve the following requests:

1. Acceptance of the resignation by reason of retirement of Kristy Curry as an Elementary Teacher and Head Varsity Cheerleading Advisor effective June 2, 2022.
2. Acceptance of the resignation of Kathleen Diamond as a cafeteria employee effective November 18, 2021.
3. Permission for Stacy Dabbs/Nicole Dull/Thomas Kakabar to attend the Standards Alliance System Institute (Blue Ribbon Award) on December 5-6, 2021 (Sunday-Monday) at a cost of \$183/travel (budgeted).
4. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2021-2022 school year:

Marcy Corella	Elementary
Robert Goas, Jr.	Elementary Wrestling
Courtney Hicks	Elementary
Jodi Tresnicky	Elementary/Indoor Track/Track

5. Acknowledgement of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification: Alan L. Rummel – Retired; Flora J. Rummel – Retired.
6. C. T. Football Boosters/Junior High Pizza Party
High School Auditorium/Cafeteria
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 (4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Wayne Adams

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to increase the fees paid for basketball officials to \$60 for Varsity games, \$45 for Junior Varsity, and \$55 for Junior High for the 2021-2022 school year. (Note: increase of \$5 per game)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Capital Reserve Account Report, Cash Balance/Investment Report, and Annual Financial Report Summary for 2020-2021 were included with the agenda. Mrs. Rembold stated that the \$500,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund was the approximate net change in the fund balance at the end of 2020-2021 according to the Annual Financial Report. She also noted that the current bus contract would expire on June 30, 2022.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed his list of recent meetings/activities. He noted that the C. T. 12th Man Committee had been formed and would be offering two \$500 scholarships through the Community Foundation this year. He also reported that the Governor announced the intention to lift the face covering mandate effective Monday, January 17, 2022, although a recent court case could result in the ban being lifted at an earlier date.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Mr. Tresnicky distributed the Highlights from the October 26, 2021 Joint Operating Committee meeting. Mrs. Saylor-Stahl thanked Mr. Tresnicky for doing a great job serving as the District's JOC representative.

Informational Item – PSBA is offering in-person training for the recently reelected School Directors on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at Richland High School. In addition, virtual training via Zoom is being offered on December 11, 2021 or January 15, 2022 (Saturdays) from 11:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. In-person training for newly elected School Directors is scheduled for the same date from 2:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., and the virtual training via Zoom is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15 from 2:45 to 8:45 p.m. or Saturday, December 18 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Please contact Lisa Stevens to register for the training.

Mrs. Troxell introduced Mr. Tresnicky’s family members and stated that this would be his last meeting. Each of the Board members and Mr. Kakabar expressed their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Tresnicky for serving as a School Director for the past 20 years.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary