

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7:03 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Rocco Mantini, Ethan Phillippi, Earl Sleek, II,
Jeremy Sotosky, Christine Troxell, Susan Saylor-Stahl 7
MEMBERS ABSENT: Melanie Byer, Deanna Maurer..... 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,
Bethany Spengler, Brett Stahl, Margaretta Borodach, Kylie Hooper, 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 September 17, 2024
- 2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of September 30, 2024
- 3. Tax Collection Report as of September 30, 2024
- 4. Activity Fund Report for September

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Sleek, 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. Sotosky, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve payment of the capital projects bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve payment of the facility improvement project bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held October 7, 2024 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	OCTOBER 7, 2024
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

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

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

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Guests and Sunshine Act Public Comment Period
 - A. Meribeth DeBarto expressed thanks to everyone that participated in the homecoming activities.
 - B. New employees Jeffrey Dombrosky (School Police Officer) and Eugene Erb (Assistant Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds—Elementary) were introduced to the Board by Mrs. Dull.
2. Student Education
 - A. Informational Item – Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.
3. School Activities
 - A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:
 1. Permission for Eric Ballarino/Adelyn Dull to accompany students (4) to the Youth Summit for Special Olympics Bocce at Penn Highlands Community College on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).
 2. Permission for Kara Duplin to accompany students (9) to a Youth Professional Development Conference at Penn Highlands Community College on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at no cost to the district.
 3. Permission for Kara Duplin/Kellie Hankinson/Rebecca Parker/Tracie Aurandt to accompany students (55) to the Somerset County Career Fair at the Somerset County Technology Center on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at a cost of \$430/travel (budgeted).
 4. Permission for Kimberly Garman to accompany MDS students (6) to Vale Wood Farms on Thursday, October 10, 2024 for a community-based instruction experience at a cost of \$510: \$110/admission; \$300/travel; \$100/substitute nurse (budgeted).
 5. Permission for Kimberly Garman/Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills/MDS students (21) to Windber Recreation Park on Thursday, October 31, 2024 for a Halloween Event hosted by Windber at a cost of \$300: \$200/travel; \$100/substitute nurse (budgeted).
 6. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany Rotary Interact members (25-30) to complete a clean-up project along Route 403 on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at a cost of \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
 7. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany Rotary Interact/CT Band members (20) to Laurel View Village to perform for Veterans Day and deliver cards on Monday, November 11, 2024 and to decorate for Christmas on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at no cost to the district.
 8. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany music students (35) to visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cedar Point, Cleveland Orchestra, and other venues in the Cleveland/ Sandusky, Ohio area on May 16-18, 2025 (Friday-Sunday) at a cost of \$320/substitutes (remainder of costs paid by students/Band Boosters).

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9. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (15) on the following community-based instruction experiences:

Dollar General	October 15, 2024	No Cost
Elementary School/Java	October 17, 2024	No Cost
Market Basket/Big Dogz	October 22, 2024	No Cost
Women’s Help Center/Em’s Subs	October 30, 2024	No Cost
Laurel View Village/Veterans Day	November 6, 2024	No Cost
Jerome Fire Hall	November 7, 2024	No Cost

10. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany choir members (15) to Northern Bedford High School for District 6 Chorus Auditions on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at a cost of \$350: \$150/registration; \$200/travel (budgeted—bus shared with other schools).
11. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany chorus members (30) to participate in Junior/Senior High County Chorus at Somerset High School on November 25-26, 2024 (Monday-Tuesday) at a cost of \$1,380: \$660/registration; \$400/travel; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
12. Permission for Jeffrey Marteeny/Jakeb Rising to accompany students (8) to a Robotics Competition at United High School on Friday, April 11, 2025 at a cost of \$360: \$40/travel; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
13. Permission for Michele Roman to accompany the Elementary Reading Team (25) to a Competition at Bellwood-Antis High School on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at a cost of \$880: \$250/registration; \$550/travel; \$80/half-day substitute (budgeted).

- B. Informational Items – The Elementary Newsletter, Secondary Newsletter, and Contownian were included with the agenda.

4. Human Development

- A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Permission for David Budash/Logan Barr to attend the PA Association of School Business Officials Facilities & Safety Conference at Seven Springs on Thursday-Friday, October 24-25, 2024 at a cost of \$400: \$300/registration; \$100/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Amber Desrochers/Abigail Updyke to participate in “Practical Therapy Techniques for Persistent & Resistant Speech Sound Errors” (online) on Monday, November 18, 2024 at a cost of \$590/registration (budgeted).
3. Permission for Jeffrey Marteeny/Jakeb Rising to attend Robotics Training at United High School on Friday, October 18, 2024 at a cost of \$360: \$40/travel; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
4. Permission for Erin Stroz/Madison Ramsdorfer-Cover to attend Somerset County Student Assistance Program Networking Day at Somerset County Technology Center on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at a cost of \$78: \$50/registration-meals; \$28/travel (budgeted).

- B. Recommend approval of a change in Salary Schedule Placement in accordance with Article VIII, Section 6, of the Professional Agreement as follows: Mari Grace Lingenfelter/Master’s + 20.

Committee of the Whole continued—

- C. Recommend approval of the following individuals as Before and After School Tutors at the hourly rate as outlined in Article VIII, Section 7, of the Professional Agreement: Andrew Byer, Rebecca Conn, Meribeth DeBarto, Emily Del Signore, Renee Dryer, Tracy Durica, Alexa Fetterman, Becky Lough, Christine Magistro, Kelly McCall, Deborah McMillan, Janelle Mowery, Jakeb Rising, Michele Roman, Christine Shroyer, Amy Stone, and Elyse Uhlig (District Funds).
- D. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2024-2025 school year: Jared Bassette (Emergency); Madison Blough (Grades PK-4); Savannah Cardinal (Emergency Nurse); Brittanie Kiel (Grades PK-4); Maggie McClintock (Emergency); Janet Melikant (Emergency); Patricia Miller (Emergency); Celene Mock (Emergency Nurse); Mark Nathaniel (Emergency); Kayla Shuster (Emergency); Jenna Stevens (Emergency); Alexandra Thompson (Biology); Jaclyn Wilson (Emergency).
- E. Recommend approval of the revised job description for Part-time Cleaner.
- F. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Jack Ankeny	Golf
Jason Ankeny	Golf
Mitchell Cable	Elementary Wrestling
Jeremy Ferguson	Elementary Basketball
Carly Gindlesperger	Girls' Basketball
Kayla Hartwiger	Elementary School
Ashlee Hoover	Music Department/Elementary School
Jill LaRue	Elementary School
Christopher Mattis	Elementary Wrestling
H. William Miller	Soccer/Music Department/Post Prom
Patricia Miller	Soccer/Music Department/Post Prom
Erin Mulhollen	Elementary School
Krista Shaffer	Elementary School
Carol Yonish	Elementary School

5. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval to enter into a Clinical Experience Agreement with Western Governors University for the placement of student teachers within the district for a term of three (3) years.
- B. Recommend approval of the General Release of Liability Waiver between R.E.A.C.H. and the School District to bring a Certified Therapy Dog into the schools for the 2024-2025 school year. (Note: The Solicitor has reviewed/approved the Waiver, and documentation for “Charlie” has been submitted concerning training, liability insurance, and vaccinations.)
- C. Discussion was held with Solicitor Repak concerning retention of Counsel for litigation against Eli Lilly, et al, in relation to insulin pricing. A resolution regarding this item will be placed on the agenda for the regular board meeting.

6. Buildings & Grounds

- A. Recommend approval of Use of Facilities Requests as follows:

Committee of the Whole continued—

1. Grades 3 Boys' Basketball
Elementary School Gym/Cafeteria or High School Gym/Cafeteria (dates coordinated with admin.)
October 2024 through December 2024 (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Jeremy Ferguson
2. Flood City Basketball/Travel Basketball Tryouts (C. T. Students—Grades 5-11)
High School Gym
Sunday, November 10, 2024 (12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
Paul Baer
3. Girl Scouts/Meetings
Elementary School Library
Second & Fourth Thursdays, October 2024 through May 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Bonnie Stanko
4. Conemaugh Township Youth Football/End of Season Party
Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room/Restrooms
Saturday-Sunday, October 19-20, 2024 (1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Diane Feathers

7. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification:
Jean Ann Jones – Retired; Dennis Mizak – Retired; Michael O’Connell – Retired; Joanne M. Rehar – Retired; William J. Tranovich – Retired.

An executive session was held from 7:21 p.m. to 9:25 p.m. to discuss personnel and real estate matters. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve the following items:

1. Permission for Lisa Pasierb to serve as a Before and After School Tutor at the hourly rate as outlined in Article VIII, Section 7, of the Professional Agreement.
2. Appointment of Tanner Shroyer as a Part-time Cleaner at the High School at a rate of \$11.85 per hour for four (4) hours per day, five (5) days per week, beginning as soon as possible under the terms and conditions outlined in the Handbook pertaining to the position, and pending receipt of appropriate documentation.
3. Appointment of Tim Doyle as a bona fide volunteer Head Varsity Baseball Coach with compensation of \$2,948 for the 2024-2025 school year. (credit for prior C. T. experience)
4. Additional Substitute Teacher submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2024-2025 school year: Ashley McClelland (Emergency).
5. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2024-2025 school year:

Brianne Hamel	Elementary School/Elementary Wrestling
Nathaniel Hamel	Elementary School/Elementary Wrestling
Megan Stevanus	Elementary School
Kimberly Ziance	Elementary School

6. Request from Kristie L. Byer for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption on Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-056230.
7. Acknowledgement of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification: Kristie L. Byer – Totally Disabled; Donna Velmar – Retired; Michael A. Velmar – Retired.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Sotosky, to approve revised Policies and documents as recommended by PSBA:

- Policy 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products; 222-AR-0 Tobacco and Vaping Products; 222-AR-1 Tobacco and Vaping Product Violation Parental Notification
- Policy 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia; 227-AR-0 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- Policy 323 Tobacco and Vaping Products
- Policy 351 Controlled Substance Abuse; 351-AR-0 Drug-Free Workplace Notice; 351-AR-1 Record of Reasonable Suspicion of Controlled Substance Abuse
- Policy 423 Tobacco and Vaping Products
- Policy 451 Controlled Substance Abuse; 451-AR-0 Drug-Free Workplace Notice; 451-AR-1 Record of Reasonable Suspicion of Controlled Substance Abuse
- Policy 523 Tobacco and Vaping Products
- Policy 551 Controlled Substance Abuse; 551-AR-0 Drug-Free Workplace Notice; 551-AR-1 Record of Reasonable Suspicion of Controlled Substance Abuse
- 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 Resolution authorizing the Retention of Counsel for Litigation against Eli Lilly, et al.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the debt service payments to The Bank of New York Mellon as follows:

\$633,601.26 (2019 Bond Series)
\$239,436.10 (2024 Bond Series)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve a renewal contract with Snyder Brothers, Inc., to supply natural gas from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027 at a fixed basis price of New York Mercantile Exchange Settlement Price (NYMEX) plus \$0.13 per Dekatherm (Dth). [Estimated hedged price for Year 1 at current market is \$3.55/Dth. Current contract price is \$5.65/Dth.]

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to enter into a Contract for Professional Services with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to conduct a Compensation Analysis and Market Assessment at a cost of \$2,500.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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October 15, 2024

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

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of recent meetings/activities/upcoming events. Mrs. Jugan commented on the special education enrollment count she provided as part of Mrs. Dull’s report.

Brett Stahl presented an update on the progress of the TEN Projects.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini noted that the school year had started out well.

Mrs. Dabbs presented a report on state and local assessments.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary