

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:10 p.m. in the board room with Dr. Mantini presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Justin Zahorchak	5
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell (arr. 7:12 p.m.)	4
Quorum present		

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Michael Barbera, Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Michael Buncich, Alan Zimmerman, Kelly Digon, Bethany Spengler, Lisa Stevens

Dr. Mantini led those present in the flag salute. Dr. Mantini announced that an executive session was held on Monday, October 10, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss the transportation contract.

Mrs. Troxell arrived at 7:12 p.m. and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Parent Virginia Miller attended the meeting to present information regarding safety/security concerns. Mrs. Troxell responded that the Board and Administration would review and discuss the information she presented.

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 September 20, 2022
2. Minutes of the special school board meeting held September 26, 2022
3. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of September 30, 2022
4. Tax Collection Report as of September 30, 2022
5. Activity Fund Report for September

MOTION by Mr. Zahorchak, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, 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. Sleek, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve payment of the capital projects bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Kakabar noted receipt of a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture informing the District that the Single Audit Report was approved and in compliance for programs funded by their office for the year ending June 30, 2020.

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

1. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Ashley Kopp to accompany the Speech Team (20) to a Demo Meet at Cambria Heights High School on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at a cost of \$796: \$400/travel; \$140/meals; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
2. Permission for Kara Duplin/Jennifer Swiokla/Tracie Aurandt to accompany students (60) to the Somerset County Career & Technology Fair at the Somerset County Technology Center on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at a cost of \$460/travel (budgeted).
3. Permission for Amanda Evans to accompany fifth grade students (75) to the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center for a Young People’s Concert by the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at a cost of \$64/half-day substitute (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA).
4. Permission for Amanda Evans/teachers to accompany elementary students to the High School Auditorium for concert rehearsals (budgeted):

Grades K-1 (144)	Monday, December 5, 2022	\$260/travel; \$128/substitute
Grades 2-3 (123)	Monday, May 15, 2023	\$260/travel; \$128/substitute
Grades 4-5 (127)	Thursday, May 11, 2023	\$260/travel; \$128/substitute
5. Permission for Ashley Kopp/Kimberly Reynolds to accompany MDS/Life Skills students on the following budgeted community-based instruction experiences:

Weakland Farms (18)	October 20, 2022	\$140/reg; \$100/travel; \$100/half-day nurse
Dollar General (10-15)	October 24, 2022	No Cost
Women’s Help Center (17)	November 8, 2022	\$350/travel; \$100/half-day nurse
Laurel View Village (17-20)	November 15, 2022	\$300/travel
6. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (9) to My Girls Deli & Catering and Cascio’s Fruit Market in Somerset for a community-based instruction experience on Tuesday, October 25 2022 at a cost of \$245/travel (budgeted).
7. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany Junior & Senior High Choir members to the Somerset County Chorus Festival at Somerset High School on November 21-22, 2022 (Monday-Tuesday) at a cost of \$1,246: \$420/registration; \$570/travel; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
8. Permission for Clayton Nanassy to accompany chemistry students (15) to Saint Francis University for STEAM Day on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at a cost of \$803: \$300/registration; \$375/travel; \$128/substitute (budgeted).
9. Permission for Erin O’Donnell to accompany the Spanish Club (30) to the Elementary School once per month to teach Spanish lessons during the 2022-2023 school year at a cost of \$50/travel per trip (budgeted).
10. Permission for Wonda Piskuric to accompany learning support students (6) on the following budgeted community-based instruction experiences:

Galleria Mall	Wednesday, December 7, 2022	\$195/travel
Johnstown Library	Wednesday, January 11, 2023	\$390/travel
11. Permission for Kate Turner to accompany the Elementary Reading Team (20) to a Reading Competition at Bellwood-Antis High School on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at a cost of \$489: \$75/registration; \$350/travel; \$64/substitute (budgeted).
12. Permission for Kara Duplin to attend a Counselor Network meeting at I. U. 8/Richland on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at a cost of \$11.25/travel (budgeted).

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13. Permission for Kara Duplin/Kellie Hankinson to attend the Career Readiness Bootcamp at I. U. 8/Altoona on Friday, November 18, 2022 at a cost of \$62.50/travel (budgeted).
14. Permission for Jakeb Rising to attend “Can You Teach Using 3D Tools?” at UPJ on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at a cost of \$25/registration (budgeted).
15. Permission for Samantha Rosa/Jonathon Waltermire to attend Student Assistance Program Training at St. Vincent College on December 6-8, 2022 (Tuesday-Thursday) at a cost of \$1,149: \$720/registration; \$45/travel; \$384/substitutes (budgeted).
16. Change in Salary Schedule Placement in accordance with Article VIII, Section 6, of the Professional Agreement as follows: Catherine Kasun/Bachelor’s + 10.
17. Appointment of the following bona fide volunteers with compensation to be as listed for the 2022-2023 school year:

Megan Miller	Elementary Student Council Co-Advisor	\$309
Kate Turner	Elementary Reading Team Advisor	\$516

18. Appointment of 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: Angela Callihan, Rebecca Conn, Meribeth DeBarto, Alexa Fetterman, Becky Lough, Kelly McCall, Jakeb Rising, and Amy Stone.
19. Additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite Education Solutions for the 2022-2023 school year: Crystal Barndt (Emergency); Marie Duell (Elementary/Special Education); Abrielle Furfari (Early Childhood/Special Education); Valarie Mayhew (Emergency); Dalton Meyers (Emergency); Meghan Ray (Grades PK-4); Kaitlyn Shearman (Early Childhood); Abigail Steinhoff (Emergency).
20. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2022-2023 school year:

Jennifer Bimeal	Elementary School
Margaretta Borodach	Elementary School
Nichole Cable	Elementary School
Onora Cable	Elementary School
Roger Conley	Elementary Wrestling
Cymba Fisher	Elementary School
Lisa Gnesda	Elementary School
Courtney Hicks	Elementary School
Sheena Hollingshead	Elementary School
Shannon Lease	Elementary School
Dawn Levadnuk	Elementary School
Ean Levadnuk	Elementary School
Jaimee Maluchnik	Elementary School
Matthew McGlynn	Elementary School
Jason Miller	Elementary School
Megan Miller	Elementary Field Trips
Laura Naugle	Elementary School
Heidi Sarver	Elementary School
Jamie Saylor	Elementary School
Krista Shaffer	Elementary School
Stephanie Sharbaugh	Elementary School
Brandon Studer	Elementary School/Junior High Football

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Tabitha Studer	Elementary School
Robert Troxell	Music Department
Jennifer Valentine	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Theresa Wess-Mellott	Elementary School

21. Permission to enter into a contract with Krystin Mejia to transport her children to and from school at the approved Internal Revenue Service reimbursement rate retroactive to September 21, 2022 and continuing for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year if necessary.
22. Acknowledgement of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification: Jeffrey H. Blough – Retired; Marsha J. Carr – Retired; David W. Graham – Retired; Joyce E. Graham – Retired; Sandra M. Kozielec – Retired; Bruce Naugle – Retired; Mark Petree – Retired; Henry W. Smith, Jr. – Retired; Richard D. Thomas – Retired.
23. Girl Scout Troop 36808/Meetings
Elementary School Library/STEAM Room/Lunch Bunch Room/Cafeteria
Selected Thursdays, November 10, 2022 through May 18, 2023 (3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Kristi Purdy
24. Grade 5 Girls' Basketball/Practices
Elementary School Gym or High School Cafeteria
Mondays, November 7 through December 19, 2022 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Kristi & Bryan Purdy
25. Thou Art-Common Grounds/Craft Night
High School Art Room
Friday, November 18, 2022 (6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Robin Holsopple
26. PIAA District 5-Somerset County Basketball Officials/Chapter Meetings
High School Gym & Room 125
Sundays, 12/18/22; 1/8/23; 1/22/23; 2/5/23 (7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Sunday, 2/12/23 (2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)
Rodney Jarvis
27. C. T. Rotary Interact Club/SHOFCO Soccer Tournament
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Press Box
Monday-Tuesday, May 29-30, 2023 (6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Catherine Kasun

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to approve the debt service payment of \$392,201.26 (2019 Bond Series) to The Bank of New York Mellon.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to approve revised job descriptions for the following positions: Elementary School Counselor (Grades K-5); Middle School Counselor (Grades 6-8); Senior High School Counselor (Grades 9-12).

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, and Capital Reserve Account Report were included with the agenda. Mrs. Rembold noted that according to the adjusted Act 1 Index, the Board could raise taxes by 1.63 mills without voter approval if it so desires. She also stated that current millage rates for Somerset County Schools were included in her newsletter.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed his list of recent meetings/activities. He also reported that the administration is considering the purchase of new student transportation software, and the Safe Schools Grant application for school police officer and equipment funding is due on November 14, 2022.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Mr. Kakabar noted that the gym roof at the CTC is half completed.

Informational items were as follows:

1. The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.
2. Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.

Mrs. Troxell stated that a very nice article about Mrs. Dull had appeared in the *Daily American*. She also noted that the Tournament of Bands Chapter Championships would be held at C. T. on October 22, with a performance by the University of Pittsburgh Marching Band at 4:00 p.m.

An executive session was held from 7:53 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary