

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:01 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Rocco Mantini, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II,
Michelle Stumpf, Alan Tresnicky, Justin Zahorchak, Christine Troxell 8
MEMBERS ABSENT: Melanie Byer 1
Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Nicole Dull,
Jane Jugan, Alan Zimmerman, Adam Thomas, Kelly Digon, Wonda Piskuric,
Kate Turner, Lee Salem, Shaina Sanderson, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Troxell led those present in the flag salute.

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, 2021
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of September 30, 2021
3. Tax Collection Report as of September 30, 2021
4. Activity Fund Report for September

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, 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. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to approve payment of the capital projects bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Tresnicky, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held October 11, 2021 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	OCTOBER 11, 2021
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:03 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Earl Sleek, II, Michelle Stumpf,
Alan Tresnicky, Christine Troxell

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

Committee of the Whole continued—

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Rotary Interact Club Advisors Catherine Kasun and Tracy Durica attended the meeting along with Brielle Ciarimboli (President) and Jackson Byer (Vice President) to present an update on service projects completed by the Club during the 2020-2021 school year. They informed the Board about their tentative projects for the current school year also.
2. Student Education
 - A. Recommend permission for Jonathan Updyke (Grade 10) to attend Conemaugh Township Area High School as a tuition student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with Policy No. 202 at a rate of \$10,171.84 (prorated based on annual amount of \$12,045.06) with any additional costs such as an aide, outside placement, etc., to be billed to his parents. Equal monthly payments shall be required, with the first payment to be made by November 1, 2021 and the total amount due to be paid on or before June 15, 2022.
 - B. 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 Kelly Birkhimer to accompany students (10) to a Professional Youth Conference at the Greater Johnstown CTC on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at no cost to the district.
 2. Permission for Kelly Birkhimer to accompany students (10) to St. Vincent College/Latrobe on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at no cost to the district.
 3. Permission for Maureen Kalfas to accompany life skills students (9) to a grocery store/restaurant (2 visits), Humane Society, Lowe's, Food Kitchen, and Johnstown Christmas Tree for community based instruction experiences on 11/15, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/6, 12/14, 12/16, and 12/21/2021 at a cost of \$284: \$200/travel; \$84/nurse (budgeted).
 4. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany Senior High Choir members (8) to the Somerset County Chorus Festival at Rockwood High School on November 22-23, 2021 (Monday-Tuesday) at a cost of \$911: \$160/registration; \$495/travel; \$256/substitutes (budgeted).
 5. Permission for Alyshia Mock to accompany the Elementary Reading Team (16) to a Reading Competition at Bellwood-Antis High School on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at a cost of \$539: \$75/registration; \$400/travel; \$64/substitute (budgeted).
 6. Permission for Clayton Nanassy to accompany chemistry students (10) to Saint Francis University for Science Day on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at a cost of \$548: \$165/registration; \$255/travel; \$128/substitute (budgeted).
 7. Permission for Kimberly Reynolds to accompany life skills students (7) to Valewood Farms, Five Below, Dollar Tree, Flood City Café, and the Johnstown Christmas Tree for community based instruction experiences on October 15, November 18, and December 16, 2021 at a cost of \$943: \$91/admission; \$600/travel; \$252/nurses (budgeted).
 - B. Informational Item – The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.

Committee of the Whole continued—

4. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Permission for Thomas Kakabar to attend the District Administration Leadership Institute at the Naples Grand Resort on December 15-18, 2021 (Wednesday-Saturday) at no cost to the district.
2. Permission for Regina Rembold to attend the PASBO Annual Conference in Hershey on March 8-11, 2022 (Tuesday-Friday) at a cost of \$1,021: \$349/registration; \$198/travel; \$474/lodging (budgeted).

B. Recommend approval of a change in Salary Schedule Placement in accordance with Article VIII, Section 6, of the Professional Agreement as follows: Jamie Kerr/Bachelor's + 20.

C. Recommend approval of the following individuals as Before and After School Tutors at a rate of \$27 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year: Andrew Byer, Meribeth DeBarto, Tracy Durica, Ashley Kopp, Kelly Kramer, Jakeb Rising, Michele Roman, Alan Tresnick, II, and Melissa Wilson (Title I and District Funds).

D. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite Education Solutions for the 2021-2022 school year: Cassandra Jones (Emergency); Raven Roland (Emergency); Hunter Thomas (Social Studies).

E. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions/The Learning Lamp to provide Supplemental Health Assistants on an as-needed basis for field trips, etc., at a maximum cost of \$168 per day (pay rate of \$125/day) for the 2021-2022 school year.

F. Recommend reappointment of Shawn Blank as a bona fide volunteer Head Junior High Wrestling Coach with compensation of \$3,060 for the 2021-2022 school year. (3% increase)

G. Recommend appointment of the following bona fide volunteer coaches with compensation to be as listed for the 2021-2022 school year:

Paul F. Baer, Jr.	Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball	\$2,781 (pending clearances)
Carly Gindlesperger	Assistant J. H. Girls' Basketball	\$2,060 (pending clearances)
Brian Heinrich	Head Varsity Wrestling	\$4,078 (credit for prior C.T. experience)

H. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year:

Bryon Berg	Elementary Wrestling
Brittany Ferpas	Elementary School
Donald Haines	Varsity Football
Jill LaRue	Elementary School
Jason Lehman	Swimming
Jill Lehman	Swimming/High School Field Trips
Daniel McDermott	Swimming
Dalton Meyers	Track
Kimberly Meyers	Track
Samantha E. Stevanus	Elementary School
Herman Zilch, III	Swimming

Committee of the Whole continued—

5. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts/Recruitment
Elementary School Pavilion
Monday, October 18, 2021 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Rebecca Parker
2. Grade 3 Boys' Basketball
Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room
Various Dates, October-November, 2021 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Scott Smith
3. PTA/Cherrydale Fundraiser Pickup
Elementary School Cafeteria
Wednesday, October 27, 2021 (1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Jessica Elliott
4. C. T. Volleyball/Banquet
High School Field House
Sunday, October 31, 2021 (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Danielle Maldet
5. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Elementary Dual Wrestling Meets
Elementary School Gym or Cafeteria
Tuesdays or Thursdays, November 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 (6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Deanna Maurer
6. PTA/Mega Event for Cherrydale Fundraiser
Elementary School Gym
Thursday, November 4, 2021 (2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Jessica Elliott

6. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification:
Brian W. Hahl – Retired; Rodney Jones – Retired; Dennis R. Naugle – Retired.

An executive session was held from 7:32 p.m. to 9:04 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

1. Permission for Erin O'Donnell to accompany the Spanish Club (30) to the Elementary School once per month to teach Spanish lessons during the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$50/travel per trip (budgeted).

2. Permission for Deborah Mishler to attend a Computer Code Workshop at I. U. 8/Richland on Friday, October 22, 2021 at a cost of \$26.88/travel (budgeted).
3. Appointment of Kelly McCall as a Before and After School Tutor at a rate of \$27 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2021-2022 school year:

Roger Conley	Elementary Wrestling
James Steinbeck	Golf
David Worst	Music Department
Sarah Worst	Music Department

5. Acknowledgement of receipt of the following change in Occupation Valuation Classification: Tommi Sue Chesnutwood – Totally Disabled.
6. Youth Soccer/Practice
High School Gym
Saturdays, November 2021 through February 2022 (1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
Jarod Feathers
7. Laurel Highlands Education & Robotics/Robotics Competition
High School Gym/Hallways/Cafeteria/Classrooms/Restrooms
Friday, February 11, 2022 (4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) for setup
Saturday, February 12, 2022 (6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) for competition
Michele Lamkin
8. PIAA District 5 Basketball Officials/Pre-playoff Floor Meeting
High School Gym & Room 125
Sunday, February 20, 2022 (2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
Rodney Jarvis

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, to approve the debt service payment of \$385,951.26 (2019 Bond Series) to The Bank of New York Mellon.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Tresnicky, to approve the revised 2021-2022 School Calendar.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to approve the revised Memorandum of Agreement between the Conemaugh Township Area School District and the Conemaugh Township Area Education Association pertaining to virtual learning for the 2021-2022 school year.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Tresnicky, to accept the resignation of Stacey Hazlett as a Business/Computer Teacher conditioned upon her continued employment in the District for a period of up to sixty (60) days from October 14, 2021 in accordance with her Professional Employee Contract and the requirements of Pennsylvania School Code Section 24 PS §11-1121(c).

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to accept the proposal from East Hills Engineering Associates LLC to provide Engineering and Consulting Services for the proposed Addition of Air Conditioning to the Cafeteria/Kitchen at the Elementary School at a cost of \$16,400 (plus any additional fees as listed in the proposal). [ESSER Funds]

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Capital Reserve Account Report, Cash Balance/Investment 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 also reported that the U. S. News & World Reports Rankings were released: Elementary School was 41st out of 1,607 schools in Pennsylvania, Middle School was 46th out of 877, and High School was 476th out of 678.

Mr. Kakabar distributed Honor Roll of School Board Service Certificates from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to several of the Board members: Alan Tresnicky – 20 years, Christine Troxell – 12 years, and Earl Sleek – 8 years.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Mr. Tresnicky noted that the Joint Operating Committee approved a major building project, which includes a new roof.

Adam Thomas presented a report on cafeteria operations.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to accept the resignation of William Stewart as a Custodial/Groundskeeping/Maintenance Employee effective October 29, 2021.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Kate Turner, Teachers’ Association President, thanked the Board for approving the addition of the one-hour early dismissals to the school calendar.

An executive session was held from 8:08 p.m. to 8:52 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary