

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi, Earl Sleek, II, Jeremy Sotosky, Christine Troxell, Susan Saylor-Stahl .....	8
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Melanie Byer .....	1
	Quorum present	

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, David Budash, Kelly Digon, Brett Stahl, 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 August 20, 2024
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of August 31, 2024
3. Tax Collection Report as of August 31, 2024
4. Activity Fund Report for August

**MOTION** by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, 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 Mr. Phillippi, to approve payment of the capital projects 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 facility improvement project bill as listed.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held September 9, 2024 as follows:

<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 9, 2024</b>
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Members Present:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Ethan Phillippi, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Jeremy Sotosky, Christine Troxell
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Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, David Budash, Meribeth DeBarto, Kelly Digon, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Student Education

- A. Recommend permission to provide a Before and After School Tutoring Program for students in Grades K-12 and to post for certified teachers to staff the program at the hourly rate as outlined in Article VIII, Section 7, of the Professional Agreement. (District Funds)
- B. Informational items were as follows:
  - 1. The children living with non-resident employees and attending classes in our district this year on a non-tuition basis in accordance with Policy No. 202 are: Jacob Beblar (4), Joseph Beblar (7) Roxas Evans (K), Kelson Kramer (8), Kendall Kramer (12), Grayson Kusher (11), Elisabeth McCall (11), Maura McCall (8), Easton Mish (2), Ireland O'Donnell (K), and Blaine Stroz (4).
  - 2. The Elementary Discipline Report was included with the agenda.

2. School Activities

- A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:
  - 1. Permission for Meribeth DeBarto/Nicole Dull/Alexa Fetterman/Kimberly Garman/Ashley Kopp/Janelle Mowery to accompany sixth grade/Life Skills students (68) to Friendship Village/Bedford on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at a cost of \$400: \$200/travel; \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted).
  - 2. Permission for Kelly Digon/Ruth Hostetler/Christine Magistro/Elyse Uhlig to accompany first grade students (61) on a field trip to the Weakland Farms on Friday, October 11, 2024 at a cost of \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA).
  - 3. Permission for Ellen Doyle/Renee Dryer/Deborah McMillan/Alyshia Mock to accompany second grade students (60) on a field trip to the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at a cost of \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA).
  - 4. Permission for Kara Duplin to accompany students (9) to Health Quest at Mount Aloysius College on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at no cost to the district.
  - 5. Permission for Kara Duplin/Kellie Hankinson to accompany students (50) to the Cambria County College Fair at Penn Highlands Community College on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at a cost of \$145/travel (budgeted).
  - 6. Permission for Jamie Kerr/Korinne May/Chelsea Mazzarese/Michele Roman to accompany fifth grade students (63) on a field trip to the Flight 93 Memorial on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at a cost of \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by Friends of Flight 93 Grant/PTA).
- B. Informational Items – The Elementary and Secondary Newsletters were included with the agenda.

Committee of the Whole continued—

3. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference/Workshop Requests:

1. Permission for Eric Ballarino/Lisa Pasierb to attend First Year Teacher Induction at I.U. 8/Altoona and virtually on 9/16/24, 11/4/24, 11/15/24, 2/17/25, and 3/21/25 at a cost of \$810: \$350/registration; \$120/travel; \$20/meals; \$320/substitute (budgeted).
2. Permission for Kara Duplin/Kellie Hankinson/Erin Stroz to attend Counselor Networking Day at I. U. 8/Altoona on Friday, September 27, 2024 at a cost of \$63/travel (budgeted).
3. Permission for Jane Jugan/Samantha Rosa to participate in the Education Law Symposium (Virtual) on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at a cost of \$189/registration (budgeted).
4. Permission for Korinne May to attend Student Assistance Program Training at Saint Vincent College on November 12-13, 2024 (Tuesday-Wednesday) at cost of \$739: \$360/registration-meals; \$59/travel; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
5. Permission for Jakeb Rising to attend Gifted Boot Camp at I. U. 8/Richland on September 11 & 26, 2024 at a cost of \$370: \$50/registration; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).

B. Recommend elimination of the School Resource Officer/Maintenance (Elementary School) position effective August 29, 2024.

C. Recommend approval of a change in Salary Schedule Placement in accordance with Article VIII, Section 6, of the Professional Agreement: Mikayla O'Brien – Bachelor's + 20.

D. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2024-2025 school year: Jamie Bubner (Business/Computer/Info. Tech PK-12); James Carr (Music K-12/Elem. Principal); Nichole Galiote (Grades K-6/Special Ed. K-12); Kyrstin Grumbling (Grades PK-4/Special Ed. PK-8); Kathie Levergood (English 7-12); Dalton Meyers (Emergency); Darlene Willoughby (Emergency).

E. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Benjamin Blough	Junior High Soccer Dance Chaperone
Kristie Byer	Elementary School
Tracy Collins	Elementary School
Dorothy Everhart	Elementary School (Foster Grandparent)
Rachel Gironda	Elementary School
Joyce Graham	Therapy Dog Visits to Elementary School & High School
Sheena Hollingshead	Elementary School
Jenna Kroner	Elementary School
Jordan Lease	Junior High Track/Weight Training-Fitness Assistant
Angela McKool	Elementary School
Virginia Miller	Therapy Dog Visits to Elementary School & High School High School Field Trips/Elementary School
Timothy Mock	Music Department
Marissa Pakstis	Elementary Wrestling
Ashley Park	High School Field Trips
Sierra Roberts	Elementary School
Chelsea Ryan	Elementary School

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Douglas Sodano	Music Department
Bonnie Stanko	Elementary School
John Stanko	Elementary School
Virginia Stephen	Elementary School
Erin Stroz	Elementary School Field Trips
Amanda Tercek	Elementary School
Rachel Thomas-Kimmel	Elementary School
Jodi Tresnicky	Elementary School
Lewis Tresnicky	Elementary School
Jenny Waterhouse	Music Department

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend authorization for the Superintendent to sign the Letter of Agreement with the Children’s Aid Home to provide services to district students in placement during the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$105 per day for Day Treatment and \$55 per day for Adolescent Partial Hospitalization.
- B. Recommend permission to enter into a contract with Tracy Collins to transport her child to and from school at the minimum rate of \$25 per day, or to school only at the minimum rate of \$12.50 per day, for the 2024-2025 school year.
- C. Recommend permission to enter into a contract with Alicia Miske to transport her child to and from school at the minimum rate of \$25 per day for the 2024-2025 school year.
- D. Discussion was held concerning PSBA Officer Elections. The slate of candidates will be included on the regular meeting agenda for approval.
- E. Informational Item – The district will be participating in the PA Student Teacher Support Program, which will provide stipends to student teachers through the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA).

5. District or Business Planning

- A. Recommend approval of revised Policy 429/Substitute Compensation.

6. Buildings & Grounds

- A. Recommend approval of the following Use of Facilities Requests:
  - 1. Girl Scout Troop 42101/Meetings  
High School Library or Room 204  
Mondays, September 2024 through April 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)  
Rebecca Parker
  - 2. Private Instrumental Lessons  
Elementary Stage & Music Room; High School Band Room  
2024-2025 School Year (during non-school hours)  
Amanda Evans/Catherine Grove

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3. Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania/Sign Up Night  
Elementary School Cafeteria  
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)  
Lisa Bulas
4. Grades 3-4 Girls' Basketball  
High School Cafeteria/High School Gym/Elementary Gym  
October 2024 through February 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)  
Jarod Feathers
5. Grade 4 Boys' Basketball  
High School Cafeteria/High School Gym/Elementary Gym  
Selected Weeknights in October and November 2024 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)  
Andrew Byer
6. Elementary P. T. A./Makery at 601 Painting Party  
Elementary School Multipurpose Room  
Wednesday, October 16, 2024 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
Amanda Walters
7. C. T. Volleyball Team/Grades 4-7 Girls' Volleyball Clinic  
High School Gym  
Saturdays, October 2024 (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)  
Tracy Durica
8. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Youth Wrestling Practices  
High School Field House Third Floor  
Weekdays, October 30, 2024 through April 30, 2025 (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Deanna Maurer
9. C. T. Soccer Boosters/MS Dance  
High School Cafeteria  
Friday, November 22, 2024 (5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)  
Erin Sotosky
10. C. T. Band/Somerset County Band  
High School Music Wing/Auditorium/Cafeteria/Library/Selected Classrooms  
Wednesday, December 4, 2024 (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)  
Thursday, December 5, 2024 (8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.)  
Catherine Kasun
11. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Youth & Junior High Holiday Tournament  
High School Gym/Lobby/Cafeteria/Tech Shop/Concession Stand/Locker Rooms  
Friday, December 20, 2024 (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Saturday, December 21, 2024 (5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Deanna Maurer

7. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification:  
Fred Galiote – Totally Disabled; Stephanie Galiote – Retired; Barry L. Helman – Retired; Kimberly A. Helman – Retired; Robert Thompson – Retired.

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- B. Recommend approval of the request from Fred N. Galiote for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption on Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-011740.

An executive session was held from 7:12 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the following requests:

1. Permission to revise the 2024-2025 School Calendar by adding a two-hour early dismissal on Friday, October 11, 2024.
2. Permission for Eric Konieczny (sub. for A. Callihan) to accompany special education students (6) to SEADS/Roxbury Park on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at a cost of \$200/travel (budgeted).
3. Permission for Kellie Hankinson to attend Student Assistance Program Networking Day at the Somerset Technology Center on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at a cost of \$25/registration (budgeted).
4. Permission for Lori Himes to attend PIMS/PennData Training at I. U. 8/Richland on Monday, September 23, 2024 at a cost of \$112/substitute (budgeted).
5. Permission for Kendall Swick to attend First Year Teacher Induction at I.U. 8/Altoona and virtually on 9/16/24, 11/4/24, 11/15/24, 2/17/25, and 3/21/25 at a cost of \$405: \$175/registration; \$60/travel; \$10/meals; \$160/substitute (budgeted).
6. Appointment of Rebecca Parker as a bona fide volunteer Assistant Junior High Cheerleading Advisor with compensation of \$1,545 for the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2024-2025 school year: Crystal Barndt (Emergency); Mary Lujan (Emergency).
8. Change in Salary Schedule Placement in accordance with Article VIII, Section 6, of the Professional Agreement: Megan Miller – Master’s + 10.
9. Request from Bethany Spengler for an extension of her unpaid leave of absence from September 30, 2024 through October 14, 2024 in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.
10. Permission to enter into an agreement with Epic Communications to provide services for E-Rate Funding Year 28 (2025-2026).
11. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2024-2025 school year:

Nichole Cable	Elementary School
Brittani Hillegass	Elementary School
Autumn Hoffman	Elementary School
Laura Naugle	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Richelle Shriver	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Tabitha Studer	Elementary School
Jeremy Stultz	Elementary School
Sarah Worst	Music Department

Susan Towns	Elementary School
Brett Yonish	Elementary School

12. C. T. Soccer Boosters/Junior High End of Season Party  
High School Cafeteria  
Monday, October 21, 2024 (3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Shannon Lease
13. C. T. Cheering Boosters/Monthly Meetings  
High School Classroom or Library/Elementary School Classroom  
September 2024 – March 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
Kristi Purdy
14. C. T. Golf Boosters/Monthly Meetings  
High School Golf Room  
September 2024 – January 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
Kristi Purdy
15. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Robert C. Miller, Jr. – Retired; Patricia Shaffer - Retired.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the Schoolwide Title I School Plan for the Elementary School.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to accept the proposal from Communication Technologies, Inc., for the purchase of seven OPENGATE systems, support materials, and training at a cost of \$130,741 for the Elementary School and Middle/High School (TIPS Contract #220105—Capital Projects Funds).

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to direct the Board Secretary to cast votes for election of the following candidates for PSBA offices as listed:

Sabrina Backer	President-Elect
Matt Vannoy	Vice President
Kristy Bolte	Western Zone Representative
David Hein	Section E2 Advisor
Nathan G. Mains	PSBA Insurance Trustee (term ending December 31, 2027)
Richard Frerichs	PSBA Insurance Trustee (term ending December 31, 2027)
William S. LaCoff	PSBA Insurance Trustee (term ending December 31, 2027)

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to appoint Jeffrey P. Dombrosky as School Police Officer at the Elementary School beginning September 23, 2024 at a salary to be prorated based on \$50,000 (185-day year) for the 2024-2025 school year, with daily hours to be determined by the administration, that he be granted ten (10) sick and two (2) personal days per year, and pending receipt of clearances.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

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September 17, 2024

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, and Capital Reserve Account Report were included with the agenda.

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

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of meetings/activities/upcoming events.

Mrs. Jugan answered questions concerning the special education newsletter she prepared.

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl requested that Mrs. Dabbs prepare a report for the Board on standardized tests administered to students at all grade levels.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini stated that there was no meeting in August.

An executive session was held from 7:59 p.m. to 8:40 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary