

**CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Dr. Mantini presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Lori Sotosky, David Strayer,  
Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell, Rocco Mantini ..... 7  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory Christofes, Alan Tresnicky .....  
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Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, James Cascio, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Lance McGough,  
Nicole Dull, Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Edward Slonka, Lori Reese, Erin Siverd,  
Lisa Stevens

Dr. Mantini led those present in the flag salute.

Michael McCaig (RBC Capital Markets) and Lisa Chiesa (Clark Hill PLC) attended the meeting to present information concerning the possible refinancing of the 2012 Bond Issue.

**MOTION** by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to initiate the process of refinancing the 2012 Bond Issue.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

There being no objections or corrections stated, Dr. Mantini declared the following previously circulated items approved as submitted:

1. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held July 19, 2016
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of July 31, 2016
3. Tax Collection Report as of July 31, 2016
4. Activity Fund Report for July

**MOTION** by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, 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 Mrs. Sotosky, to approve payment of capital projects bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

**MOTION** by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve payment of construction bills as listed.

Actual roll call vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative except Mr. Strayer who voted no.

Dr. Mantini acknowledged receipt of a letter from PDE stating that the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 was approved as being substantially in compliance with relevant federal and Commonwealth policy.

**MOTION** by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to approve the following items:

1. Permission for Lisa Style to accompany autistic support students (12) to Faranda Farm for a community based instruction experience on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at a cost of \$212: \$105/registration; \$107/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Rebecca Conn/Jacqueline Feathers/Deborah McMillan to attend the Collins Writing Math Grades K-5 Workshop at I. U. 8/Richland on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at a cost of \$642: \$375/registration; \$12/travel; \$255/substitutes (budgeted).
3. Permission for Amber Desrochers/Kristen Russo to attend the American Speech/Language Hearing Association Convention in Philadelphia on November 17-19, 2016 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$1,635: \$770/registration; \$320/travel; \$400/lodging; \$60/meals; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
4. Permission for Deborah Mishler to attend the Gifted Network Workshop at I. U. 8/Richland on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at a cost of \$95: \$10/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
5. Permission for Regina Rembold to attend the A/CAPA Child Accounting Conference at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on November 2-4, 2016 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$724: \$295/registration; \$173/travel; \$256/lodging-meals (budgeted).
6. Permission for Amber Roxby to attend “Designing with littleBits” at I. U. 8/Richland on Friday, September 9, 2016 at a cost of \$10/travel (budgeted—substitute cost covered by I. U. 8).
7. Appointment of Samuel Zambanini as the Mentor for Geneve Tessari under the Teacher Induction Plan at the rate of \$300 as per the Professional Agreement.
8. Changes in Salary Schedule Placement in accordance with Article VIII, Section 6, of the Professional Agreement as follows: Alyshia Brehm – Bachelor’s + 20; Christine Magistro – Bachelor’s + 20.
9. Adoption of the Elementary and Middle/High School Student Handbooks for the 2016-2017 school year.
10. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2016-2017 school year:

Brian Byer	Elementary Basketball & Elementary/Middle School
Melanie Byer	Elementary Basketball & Elementary/Middle School
Todd Cover	Football
Trisha Defibaugh	Elementary School
Scott Fetterman	Varsity Girls’ Soccer
Michael Gindlesperger	Varsity Football
John Scott Hostetler	Varsity Girls’ Soccer
Misty Huber	Elementary Basketball & Elementary School
Charles Lesko	Golf
Marya Pepoy	Music Department
Kelly Price	Elementary School & Middle School
Kristi Purdy	Elementary School
Jennifer Snoeberger	Elementary School

Jessica Thorne  
Danyelle Weber

Elementary School  
Elementary Boys' Basketball & Elementary School

11. Acceptance of the resignations of the following individuals:

Tara Kimmel	SADD/TATU Co-Advisor	Effective August 1, 2016
James Otten	Head Varsity Wrestling Coach	Effective August 8, 2016

12. List of Substitute Teachers for the 2016-2017 school year submitted by Ignite Education Solutions/The Learning Lamp.

13. Authorization to post and advertise for vacant positions as needed for the 2016-2017 school year

14. List of bus drivers and bus schedules for the 2016-2017 school year. [Note: Complete bus routes are available from the Transportation Director.]

15. Income Eligibility Guidelines for the Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program.

16. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Donald L. Allen – Retired; Geoffrey A. Giles – Retired; Malinda A. Lloyd – Retired; Gino F. Marisa – Retired; Alexander M. McLachlan – Retired; Judy Miller – Retired; David P. Podrasky – Retired; Robert M. Rubal – Retired; Alden Seese – Retired; Samuel C. Speranza - Retired.

17. Appointment of Kelly Birkhimer as the Mentor for Kara Borsa under the Teacher Induction Plan at the rate of \$300 as per the Professional Agreement.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

**MOTION** by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve requests for Use of School Facilities as follows:

1. Grades 3-4 Boys' Basketball  
High School Cafeteria  
October to December, 2016 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) [dates to be coordinated with L. McGough]  
Danyelle Weber
2. Grades 3-4 Boys' Basketball  
Elementary School Gym  
October 4, 11, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2016 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
Danyelle Weber
3. Camp PARC/Laps of Light  
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Press Box/Bathrooms/Parking Lots  
Saturday, October 8, 2016 (10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30 per hour (unless custodian volunteers services)  
Christine Troxell
4. Conemaugh Township PTA/Color Run 5K Fun Walk/Run  
High School Stadium/Parking Area  
Saturday, October 15, 2016 (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)  
Trish Defibaugh

5. C. T. Soccer Boosters/Kick-Off Picnic  
High School Soccer Field or Cafeteria (in case of inclement weather)  
Wednesday, August 17, 2016 (6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)  
Matt Walerysiak
6. Cambria-Somerset Outstanding Young Woman/Preliminary Competition  
High School Auditorium/Band Room/Two Classrooms/Main Lobby  
Saturday, November 19, 2016 (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)  
Rental Fee: Request waiver (as in past years)  
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour  
Kristina Marinkovich

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Sotosky, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, that in accordance with the “Articles of Agreement,” the listing of teachers’ salaries be adopted for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Strayer, to approve the request from John Yoder to complete an Eagle Scout service project to beautify the “Path of Pride” area at the Middle/High School.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to accept the bid from G & G Fitness to provide equipment for the weight room at a total cost of \$90,499.86, with payment to be divided evenly over a three-year period. (COSTARS Contract No. 014-053)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed his list of recent activities/meetings. He also reported that a school police officer with arresting power and the authority to possess a weapon would have to be a school district employee or hired as a Resource Officer through the Conemaugh Township Police Department.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve changes in Salary Schedule Placement in accordance with Article VIII, Section 6, of the Professional Agreement as follows: Amanda Fink – Master’s; Jennifer Omahne – Master’s + 10.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl asked about enrollment numbers for kindergarten. Mrs. Dull reported that 74 students had enrolled to date.

Mrs. Troxell reported that eleven booster clubs would be sponsoring signs for various extracurricular activities to be placed on the side of the Thomahawk during the upcoming year. She noted that one slot in the summer would be available in the event the District would like to sponsor a sign to congratulate the graduates/welcome kindergartners next year.

Mr. McGough stated that the “Silver Shovel” yearly football competition between Conemaugh Township, Shade, and Windber would be resurrected this year.

Mrs. Sotosky stated that she felt more information should be made available on the District’s website for parents concerning support services and early learning opportunities for children.

An executive session was held from 8:29 p.m. to 9:12 p.m. to discuss contractual and personnel matters.

There being no further business, Dr. Mantini declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary