

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregory Christofes, Rocco Mantini, Eugene Pituch, Earl Sleek, II,
 Lori Sotosky, David Strayer, Alan Tresnicky, Christine Troxell,
 Susan Saylor-Stahl 9

MEMBERS ABSENT: 0

Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Scott Bittner, Stacy Dabbs, David Koba, James Foster, Nicole Dull,
 Regina Rembold, Edward Slonka, Rebecca Conn, Melissa Wilson, Dylan Johnson (Daily
 American), Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl led those present in the flag salute.

Brett Stahl attended the meeting to review some of the drawings for the proposed field house project.

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 July 15, 2014
2. Minutes of the special school board meeting held August 11, 2014
3. Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2014
4. Report of Taxes Collected as of July 31, 2014
5. Cafeteria Report as of July 31, 2014
6. Activity Fund Report for July

MOTION by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mr. Christofes, to approve payment of all general fund bills and payrolls, athletic bills, and cafeteria bills as listed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Dr. Mantini, Mr. Pituch, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
 Mr. Strayer, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl 9
 Nays: 0

Motion carried

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve payment of construction bills as listed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Dr. Mantini, Mr. Pituch, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
 Mr. Strayer, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl 9
 Nays: 0

Motion carried

MOTION by Mrs. Sotosky, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held August 11, 2014 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

AUGUST 11, 2014

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:22 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Members Present: Gregory Christofes, Rocco Mantini, Eugene Pituch, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Lori Sotosky, David Strayer, Alan Tresnicky, Christine Troxell

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, David Koba, James Foster, Nicole Dull, Regina Rembold, Edward Slonka, Lori Reese, Erin Siverd, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Reports

- A. Mr. Kakabar reported that the Architectural Design & Construction Documents Proposal from Althouse, Martin & Associates and the Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Design Services Proposal from East Hills Engineering Associates for the High School Locker Room Renovations would be placed on the regular meeting agenda for discussion/consideration.
- B. Mr. Slonka presented an update on the status of the summer renovation projects. A tour of the projects completed at the High School was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

2. Student Education

- A. Recommend adoption of the Elementary & Middle/High School Student Handbooks for the 2014-2015 school year as presented.

3. School Activities

- A. Recommend permission for Maureen Wesner to accompany life skills students (8) to a grocery store/restaurant (5 visits), Johnstown Library, and the YMCA for community based instruction experiences on September 2, 9, 15, 16, 23, 29, and 30, 2014 at a cost of \$725: \$25/registration; \$700/travel (IDEA funds).
- B. Informational Item – The following students completed the Camp Cadet program this summer: Shaun Berzonski, John Hostetler, Isaiah Johnson, Antonio Kordell, McKenzie Ly, Meagan Ott, Eli Reese, and Lauren Sprock. It was also noted that Erin Berzonski completed the state program.

4. Human Development

- A. Recommend approval for Thomas Kakabar to attend the PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on October 22-24, 2014 at a cost of \$917: \$384/registration; \$175/travel; \$358/lodging (budgeted).
- B. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with The Learning Lamp to staff an Elementary Behavior Support Classroom, which will be located at Forest Hills Middle School, to provide a combination of intense, individualized academic instruction and behavior modification counseling to assist students in Grades 4-6 to return successfully to the regular classroom at a cost of \$4,636.34 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Other participating districts are Forest Hills, Ferndale, Richland, Windber, and Conemaugh Valley.)

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- C. Recommend approval to revise the contract with The Learning Lamp approved at the July 15 meeting for a part-time personal care aide (180 days/7 hours per day) to provide assistance for a special needs student in the secondary life skills class at a cost of \$16,363.46 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Increased from \$15,737.82 due to error in hourly pay rate.)
- D. Recommend approval to revise the contract with The Learning Lamp approved at the July 15 meeting for a part-time personal care aide (33 hours per week/36 weeks) to provide assistance for a special needs student attending the Westmont Elementary School at a cost of \$15,325.72 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Decreased from \$16,160.55 due to change in hours and relocation from Conemaugh Valley.)
- E. Recommend approval of aide assignments as follows for the 2014-2015 school year:

Tracie Aurandt (Instructional-Spec. Ed/Suspension)	High School	6.75 hours
Marylee Blough (Instructional-Special Ed.)	High School	6.75 hours
Renee Hostetler (Instructional-Special Ed/Autistic)	Elementary School	6.75 hours
Jennifer Kaltreider (Instructional-Special Ed.)	Elementary School	6.75 hours
Ellen Lehman (Instructional-Sped. Ed/ HS Library)	Elementary/High School	6.75 hours
Allison Luprek (Instructional-Special Ed.)	Elementary School	6.75 hours
Beth Ott (Instructional-Special Ed.)	Elementary School	6.75 hours
Kathy Parrott (Instructional-Special Ed/Life Skills)	High School	6.75 hours
Neysa Stumpo (Personal Care)	Elementary School	6.75 hours
Sonya Tresnicky (Instructional-Special Ed.)	Elementary School	6.75 hours

- F. Recommend approval to compensate Samantha Miller (teacher-\$23/hour) and Jennifer Kaltreider (aide-\$8.74/hour) for an additional twelve (12) hours required for the operation of the Extended School Year Program at the Elementary School.
- G. Recommend approval of Support Staff Substitute Employee Lists for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

Aide	Cafeteria	Custodial	Secretarial
Jayni Blough*	Jayni Blough*	Susan Kolesar	Maryann Ackman
Dana Brendlinger	Velma Brown	Jacob Kornprobst	Barbara Cotchen
Velma Brown	Michelle Kosis	Michelle Kosis	Barbara Gregorich
Barbara Cotchen	Marianne Pauley	Jean Lawrence	Julie Lehman
Barbara Gregorich	Deborah Yingling		Marianne Pauley
Julie Lehman			Sonya Tresnicky
Marianne Pauley			
Betty Petrosky			

*Pending receipt of clearances.

- H. Recommend approval of volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

Eugene Clancy	Varsity Boys' Soccer
Jeanne Cober	Elementary School
Vivian Lehman	Elementary School
Nicole Moser	Elementary School
Lisa Mull	Elementary School/Copy Assistance

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Thomas Reckner, Jr.	Junior High Football
Evan Shourds, Jr.	Varsity Boys' Soccer
Elizabeth Stumpf	Elementary School/Library
Debra Thomas	Elementary School/Copy Assistance

- I. Recommend appointment of Steven Risch as Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach at a salary of \$4,017 for the 2014-2015 school year.
 - J. Recommend authorization to post and advertise for vacant positions as needed for the 2014-2015 school year.
5. Support Services
- A. Recommend approval of the list of bus drivers and bus schedules for the 2014-2015 school year as presented. (Complete bus routes are available from the Transportation Director.)
 - B. Recommend approval of the Agreement with Bedford-Somerset MH/MR to provide Student Assistance Program and Consultation Services for the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$54 per hour for up to 45 hours of service. (same as last year)
 - C. Recommend approval of Income Eligibility Guidelines for the Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program as presented.
6. Buildings & Grounds
- A. Recommend permission to purchase a new Exmark Mower with Ultravac System from Ray's Lawnmower Sales & Service, Inc., for the Elementary School at a cost of \$15,885.30 (Budgeted--State Contract #4400011382).
 - B. Recommend approval of the following Use of Facilities Requests:
 1. PTA/Cherrydale Pick Up
Elementary School Cafeteria
Thursday, October 23, 2014 (1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Nicole Moser
 2. PTA/Cherrydale Mega Event
Elementary School Gym
Friday, October 24, 2014 (2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Nicole Moser
 3. C. T. Football Boosters/Junior High Football Banquet
High School Cafeteria/Auditorium
Thursday, November 6, 2014 (5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Barbara Adams
7. Budget & Finance
- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:
Susan G. Blank – Retired; Dennis L. Shaffer – Retired; Charles G. Speicher – Retired.

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8. Other Items

- A. Mr. Kakabar reported that the new copiers and printers had been installed.
- B. Mrs. Troxell noted that the Football Boosters would be conducting a blood drive on August 18, 2014 at the Elementary School.
- C. Mr. Strayer stated that the pictures on the District website need to be updated. The administration/Mr. Andolina are investigating this issue.
- D. Mr. Strayer mentioned that he would like the Cub Scouts to be permitted to have a display at the Elementary Open House and also to conduct a flag raising/lowering ceremony at a home football game or games.
- E. Mr. Sleek reported that Michael Buncich had informed him that the C. T. Foundation needs a new member.

An executive session was held from 7:50 p.m. to 9:35 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Dr. Mantini, Mr. Pituch, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

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

- 1. Appointment of Charles Lesko as the Mentor for Matthew Plummer under the Teacher Induction Plan at the rate of \$300 as per the Professional Agreement.
- 2. Permission for Loni Stankan to attend “ESL Program Specialist Certification” classes at I. U. 8/Ebensburg on September 2, 9, and 16, 2014 (Tuesdays) at a cost of \$327: \$72/travel; \$255/substitutes (not budgeted).
- 3. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2014-2015 school year:

Benjamin Blasko	Marching Band
Todd Cover	Football
Kristina Marinkovich	Marching Band
Shane Riley	Marching Band

- 4. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Matthew J. Clites – Totally Disabled; Calvin Hearn – Retired; Marlene D. Hearn – Retired; James P. Hilands – Unemployed; Cecil R. Lucas – Retired; John N. Pollock – Retired; Sharon Pollock – Retired; Rebecca A. Speranza – Retired.
- 5. C. T. Soccer Boosters/Tournament
Varsity Soccer Field/Gym Restrooms
Saturday, September 20, 2014 (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Lisa Williams

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Dr. Mantini, Mr. Pituch, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve PlanCon Part H for the Elementary School Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Dr. Mantini, Mr. Pituch, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

MOTION by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the list of Substitute Teachers for the 2014-2015 school year submitted by The Learning Lamp.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Dr. Mantini, Mr. Pituch, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

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 2014-2015 school year as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Dr. Mantini, Mr. Pituch, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to change the Attendance Secretary position at the Middle/High School from a ten-month to a twelve-month position.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Dr. Mantini, Mr. Pituch, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to accept the proposals as presented for architectural and engineering costs related to the High School Locker Room Renovation Project:

- Althouse, Martin & Associates: \$19,450 (Architectural Design & Construction Documents)
- East Hills Engineering Associates: \$19,500 (Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Design Services)
- East Hills Engineering Associates: \$2,300 (Construction Services if needed)

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Dr. Mantini, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl 7
Nays: Mr. Pituch, Mr. Strayer 2
Motion carried

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Construction Funds Reconciliation, and Self-Funding Analyses for June and July were included with the agenda. Mrs. Rembold noted in her Newsletter that the District had earned over \$5,500 in interest during the month of July on the general fund account at 1st Summit Bank; interest earned at First National Bank on the same account was only \$1,002 for all of 2013. She stated that the transfer of all funds to 1st Summit should be completed by the end of September. Mrs. Rembold also reported that she is still in the process of investigating new financial software for the District. In addition, she stated that all of the building improvement projects completed this summer had been financed with funds remaining in the elementary construction project account. Mr. Kakabar added that due to the improvements made this summer, the District would be enforcing the rule prohibiting food and drink in the high school gymnasium.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed a list of his recent meetings/activities. He commended the building principals, the secretarial staff, and the buildings/grounds staff for all of the hard work done this summer to prepare for the new school year. He also commended Mrs. Rembold for orchestrating the change of banks. He noted that the exit conference for the State Audit would be held on September 9, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. and invited interested board members to attend.

Mrs. Dabbs updated the Board on her activities related to PIMS, PowerSchool, and curriculum-related items since joining the District.

Mrs. Dull reported that the special area courses (music, gym, etc.) would be on a six-day rotation schedule this year.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Mr. Tresnicky stated that the CTC enrollment had increased by five students over last year. Dr. Mantini noted that one of the biggest challenges being faced by the CTC is the difference in the number of students attending in the morning (one-third) versus the afternoon (two-thirds).

Mr. Pituch asked about the rain garden work. Mr. Slonka stated that the areas had been planted and it appears that the rainfall is being absorbed properly.

Mrs. Troxell informed the Board that the Laps of Light fundraiser was being moved to Jennerstown Speedway this year due to the number of people involved. She thanked the Board for allowing use of the stadium in past years for this event.

Mr. Strayer requested that the board members be informed by e-mail of upcoming non-athletic activities.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to accept the resignation of Briana Flynn as a Secondary Business/Computer/Information Technology Teacher, conditioned upon her continued employment in the District for a period of up to sixty (60) days from the date of this Motion in accordance with her Professional Employee Contract and the requirements of Pennsylvania School Code Section 24 PS §11-1121(c).

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Dr. Mantini, Mr. Pituch, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

MOTION by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mr. Tresnicky, to appoint Kimberly Moldovan as Attendance Secretary at a rate of \$9.50 per hour for eight (8) hours per day/twelve (12) months per year beginning as soon as she is available, with benefits as outlined in the Secretarial Employees’ Handbook, and pending receipt of clearances.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Dr. Mantini, Mr. Pituch, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

An executive session was held from 8:38 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary