

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:01 p.m. in the board room with Dr. Mantini presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregory Christofes, Earl Sleek, II, Lori Sotosky, David Strayer,
Michelle Stumpf, Alan Tresnicky (left 7:40 p.m.), Christine Troxell,
Rocco Mantini 8
MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Saylor-Stahl 1
Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, James Cascio, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Nicole Dull,
Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Rebecca Conn, Fred Mainhart, Lisa Stevens

Dr. Mantini led those present in the flag salute.

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 October 18, 2016
2. Minutes of the special school board meeting held November 7, 2016
3. Activity Fund Report for October

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.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, 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 Mr. Tresnicky, to approve payment of construction bills as listed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky, Mrs. Stumpf,
Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini 7
Nays: Mr. Strayer 1
Motion carried

Dr. Mantini acknowledged receipt of correspondence as follows:

1. Letters from the Pennsylvania Department of Education indicating approval of PlanCon Part H, "Project Financing," and PlanCon Part J, "Project Accounting Based on Final Costs," for the additions/alterations to the Elementary School.
2. Letter of resignation from Jeremy Stankan, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach.

MOTION by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to accept the resignation of Jeremy Stankan as Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach effective November 15, 2016.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Strayer, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held November 7, 2016 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NOVEMBER 7, 2016

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:09 p.m. in the board room with Dr. Mantini presiding.

Members Present: Gregory Christofes, Rocco Mantini, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Lori Sotosky, David Strayer, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell

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

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Student Education

- A. Informational Item – Discipline Reports were included with the agenda. Mr. Strayer requested that the reports be revised to contain five years of data for comparison purposes.

2. School Activities

- A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:

1. Permission for Amanda Fink/teachers to accompany Grades 4-5 students (142) to the High School for a concert rehearsal on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at a cost of \$299: \$214/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
2. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour to accompany the marching band (40) to participate in the Johnstown Christmas Parade on Friday, November 18, 2016 at a cost of \$150/travel (budgeted).
3. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour and students (5) to participate in District Band Pre-Auditions at Claysburg High School on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at a cost of \$200: \$25/registration; \$175/travel (budgeted).
4. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour and junior high/senior high band members (40) to participate in Somerset County Band at C. T. on November 30-December 1, 2016 (Wednesday-Thursday) at a cost of \$650: \$480/registration; \$170/substitutes (budgeted).
5. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany the senior high choir and brass ensemble (70) to area senior citizen centers to perform on Monday, December 19, 2016 at a cost of \$470: \$300/travel; \$170/substitutes (budgeted).
6. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany the senior high choir and brass choir (20) to perform at Laurel View Village on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at no cost to the district (Laurel View to provide transportation).

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7. Permission for Rebecca Parker to accompany the Elementary Reading Team (15) to an Interscholastic Reading Competition at Bellwood-Antis on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at a cost of \$375: \$75/registration; \$300/travel (budgeted).
8. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla/Jodi Forgas to accompany the Speech Team (10-15) to Bishop McCort High School for a competition on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at a cost of \$135/travel (budgeted).

B. Recommend approval of Saturday, May 27, 2017 as the School Picnic Day at Idlewild Park.

C. Informational Item – The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.

3. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Ratification of the Superintendent’s decision to permit Karen Cascino to attend Student Assistance Program Networking Day at the Somerset County Technology Center on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at a cost of \$133: \$25/registration; \$23/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
2. Permission for Kimberly Beblar/Candace (Croner) Donaldson to attend The Autism Consortium Professional Development Series at I. U. 8/Richland & Ebsenburg on January 12 and March 2, 2017 at a cost of \$210: \$40/travel; \$170/substitutes (budgeted).
3. Permission for Kimberly Beblar/Candace Donaldson/Maureen (Wesner) Kalfas to attend Autistic/Emotional Support Network Trainings at I. U. 8/Richland on January 25 and March 14, 2017 at a cost of \$362: \$22/travel; \$340/substitutes (budgeted).
4. Permission for Thomas Kakabar to attend the Superintendents’ Leadership Summit in Tampa, Florida on February 22-24, 2017 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$200/travel (budgeted).
5. Permission for Carl Keifer to attend the State Physical Education Conference at Seven Springs on December 1-4, 2016 (Thursday-Sunday) at a cost of \$170/substitutes (budgeted).
6. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla to attend “Gifted Question & Answer with Tonya Morrett” at I. U. 8/Richland on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at a cost of \$95: \$10/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).

B. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Robert Chippie, Sr., as the Elementary Building Custodian effective November 9, 2016.

C. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2016-2017 school year:

Edwin Borham	Rifle Team
Kylee Doyle	Technology Student Association
Shaun Gregory	Wrestling
Stephanie Haines	Grades 5-6 Boys’ Basketball
Zachary Hawkins	Wrestling
Wendy Johns	Wrestling (Mat Maids)
Michael Moyer, Jr.	Life Skills Buddies
Gina Poznanski	Grade 6 Girls’ Basketball

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Stephen Poznanski
Geoffrey Shank
Mark Trew

Grade 6 Girls' Basketball
Wrestling
Rifle Team

- D. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite for the 2016-2017 school year: Michael Barzeski (Math); Katherine Garman (Emergency Cert.); Deanne Platt (Elementary); Stephanie Straka (Emergency Cert.).
- E. Recommend approval to add the following individuals to the Substitute Support Staff lists as follows:
Jodi Lindrose (Cafeteria & Secretarial); Janet Maldet (Cafeteria).

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of the Letter of Agreement for Community Employment Services with Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley, Inc., to provide services for students with disabilities for the period from September 1, 2016 to September 1, 2017, with costs to be as outlined in the agreement.

5. Buildings & Grounds

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

- 1. Before & After School Music Lessons
Elementary School Music Room
2016-2017 School Year (8:00 – 8:30 a.m.; 4:00-5:00 p.m.)
Amanda Fink
- 2. Somerset County Band
High School Band Room/Choir Room/Auditorium
Wednesday, November 30, 2016 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, December 1, 2016 (9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Suzette Gardenhour
- 3. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Tournament
High School Gym/Locker Room/Cafeteria/Tech Shop/Concession Stand
Friday, December 9, 2016 (3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Saturday, December 10, 2016 (6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Sunday, December 11, 2016 (6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Zachary Hawkins
- 4. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Elementary Wrestling
High School Field House Wrestling Room
Monday through Friday, November 2016 through April 2017 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Zachary Hawkins
- 5. AYSO/Soccer Registration & Coach Trainings
Elementary School Cafeteria
Fridays: January 20, February 10, & March 10, 2017 (Various Times)
Saturdays: January 21 & February 18, 2017 (Various Times)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour (Saturdays only)
Stephanie/Scott Thomas

Committee of the Whole continued—

6. C. T. AYSO/Soccer Practice & Games
Elementary School Fields
April 1 through June 30, 2017 (Various Times)
Scott Thomas

- B. Informational Item – Additional Change Orders approved by Mr. Kakabar for the Field House Construction Project:

Brickley Construction

Provide & Install Disconnect Switches for Furnaces \$ 294.00

Darr Construction

Furnish & Install Galvanized Steel Hoods on Aluminum Shutters \$1,075.00

6. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification: Timothy Joseph Paugh – Totally Disabled; Phyllis M. Rohde – Retired.
- B. Recommend approval of a total transportation rate of \$432,082.68 for regular education and an average daily rate of \$1,576.21 for special education (23 buses and vans) for McIlwain School Bus Lines for the 2016-2017 school year. [Note: This amount may change during the year due to changes in bus route mileage or gasoline prices.]
- C. Discussion was held concerning rates to be paid to the Tax Collectors for the next four-year term. It was decided that the rates to be paid would be increased by five (5%) percent. The resolution concerning this item will be placed on the regular meeting agenda.

7. Other Items

- A. Mr. Kakabar distributed information on the 2016 School Performance Profile and the I. U. 08 2016-2017 Statistical Report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

1. Permission for Kelly Birkhimer to accompany ten students to Science Day at Saint Francis University on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at a cost of \$385: \$100/registration; \$200/travel; \$85/substitutes (budgeted).
2. Permission for Maureen Kalfas to accompany life skills students (10) to a grocery store/restaurant (3 trips), Roxbury Recycling, and Westmont High School Life Skills Room for community based instruction experiences on December 6, 13, 16, and 20, 2016 at a cost of \$400/travel (budgeted).
3. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany students (2) to Forest Hills High School for the District 6 Vocal Jazz Festival auditions on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at a cost of \$60: \$20/registration; \$40/travel.

4. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany students (8) to Bedford Area High School for the District 6 Chorus Festival on January 12-14, 2017 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$1,730: \$960/registration; \$200/travel (shared with other schools); \$260/lodging; \$140/meals; \$170/substitutes (budgeted).
5. Permission for Rebecca Conn to attend and present at the Pennsylvania Institute for Instructional Coaching Professional Learning Opportunity State Conference at the Penn Stater/State College on January 4-6, 2017 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$365: \$110/travel; \$255/substitutes (NOT budgeted).
6. Permission for Deborah Mishler to attend “Gifted Question & Answer with Tonya Morrett” at I. U. 8/Richland on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at a cost of \$91: \$6/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
7. Permission for Erin Stroz to attend “Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Overview” in Bedford on Friday, December 2, 2016 at a cost of \$47/travel (budgeted).
8. Permission to add Marvin Ott to the Substitute Custodial List for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.
9. Acknowledgment of receipt of a change in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Leroy P. Michalides – Retired.
10. Permission for the following additional individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2016-2017 school year:

Julie Caruso	Elementary School
Stephen Parker	Elementary Sports/High School Field Trip Chaperone
Brady Rouser	Wrestling
11. Grades 1-2 Girls’ Basketball
Elementary School Multipurpose Room
December 6, 13, 20, 2016; January 3, 9, 19, 23, 2017 (6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.)
Leisha Black

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Sotosky, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the Compensation Plan for Jarod T. Feathers as presented.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Tresnicky, to unassign \$800,000 of the Assigned Fund Balance and to transfer those funds to the Capital Projects Fund.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Tresnicky, seconded by Mr. Christofes, to approve the debt service payment of \$353,334.38 (2012 Bond Series) to The Bank of New York Mellon.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the elected tax collectors for the municipalities in the School District be paid annual fees for collection of school taxes as follows:

Conemaugh Township	\$18,900
Benson Borough	\$ 1,260
West Paint Township	\$ 2,520

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all previous motions, resolutions, or actions of the School District inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

(Note: Five percent increase over last four-year term.)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mr. Tresnicky, to change the employment status of Jill Hockycko from Kitchen Helper to Cook and increase her hourly rate to \$13.05 retroactive to the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Construction Funds Report, Field House Project Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, Cash Balance/Investment Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for September were included with the agenda. Mrs. Rembold noted that the Annual Financial Report had been completed, and the General Fund Balance had increased by \$100,000 as of the end of the 2015-2016 school year. She also noted that the state retirement rate would be increasing again.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed his list of recent activities/meetings. He noted that a copy of his goals for the current school year had been distributed to the board members and would be placed on the District website. He also stated that final inspections of the Field House would be taking place this week and it would hopefully be in use by Friday, November 18.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Mr. Tresnicky distributed copies of the “Highlights” from the last Joint Operating Committee meeting. He asked the board members to consider having a Committee or Board meeting at the CTC sometime this school year.

Mrs. Dull, Mr. Foster, and Mrs. Dabbs presented a report on the PSSA/Keystone Test results.

Mr. Tresnicky left during the above presentation at 7:40 p.m., leaving total members present—7.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Christofes, to approve David Strayer as a volunteer for the Rifle Team during the 2016-2017 school year.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Strayer noted that a robotics scrimmage would be taking place at the Elementary School.

Mr. Foster reported that a Volleyball Tournament fund-raiser would be held on November 16, 2016 to benefit an ill student. He also informed the Board about music students participating in various activities.

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There being no further business, Dr. Mantini declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary