

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:04 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, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell, Rocco Mantini .....	6
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Gregory Christofes (arr. 6:50), David Strayer (arr. 6:50), Alan Tresnicky (arr. 6:05) .....	3
	Quorum present	

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, James Cascio, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Nicole Dull, Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Edward Slonka, Lorrie Callihan, Audrey Wenger, David Roman, 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 January 17, 2017
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of January 31, 2017
3. Tax Collection Report as of January 31, 2017
4. Activity Fund Report for January

**MOTION** by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Sleek, 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. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve payment of capital projects bills as listed.

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

Mr. Tresnicky arrived at 6:05 p.m., making total members present—7.

Mr. Kakabar acknowledged receipt of letters from Junior Achievement and the Somerset County Library to thank the District for its recent donations.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Sotosky, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 13, 2017 as follows:

<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 13, 2017</b>
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Dr. Mantini presiding.

Members Present:	Gregory Christofes, Rocco Mantini, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Lori Sotosky, Michelle Stumpf, Alan Tresnicky, Christine Troxell
Others Present:	Thomas Kakabar, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Nicole Dull,

Regina Rembold, Edward Slonka, Lori Reese, Erin Siverd, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Guests & Sunshine Act Public Comment Period
  - A. SADD members Erin Berzonski, Trent Troxell, and Jamie Waters, and Advisors Abby Gearhart and Geneve Tessari attended the meeting to present information concerning the Post-Prom scheduled for May 12-13, 2017 and fund-raising efforts for the event. Mr. Kakabar stated that he would research the amount of the Board's previous donation and put a motion on the agenda for consideration at the regular meeting.
2. Student Education
  - A. Recommend approval of the 2017-2018 School Calendar.
  - B. Informational Item – Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.
3. School Activities
  - A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:
    1. Ratification of the Superintendent's decision to permit Jeanette Swiokla/Jodi Forgas to accompany the Speech Team (10) to Richland High School for the District Tournament on Friday, February 3, 2017 at a cost of \$291: \$150/travel; \$56/meals; \$85/half-day substitutes (budgeted).
    2. Permission for Kelly Birkhimer/Kimberly Beblar/Cassey DeBiase/Ellen Lehman to accompany students (75) to Friedens for a College & Technical Fair on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at a cost of \$250/travel (budgeted).
    3. Permission for Kelly Birkhimer to accompany students (5) to UPJ for Education Day on Friday, March 24, 2017 at no cost to the district.
    4. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour to accompany students (3) to Richland High School for Regional Band on March 22-24, 2017 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$460: \$240/registration; \$50/meals; \$170/substitutes (budgeted & pending outcome of District Band).
    5. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour to accompany sixth grade students (9) to Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School for the District Band Fest on Friday, March 31, 2017 at a cost of \$370: \$135/registration; \$150/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
    6. Permission for Maureen Kalfas to accompany life skills students (10) to a grocery store/restaurant (4 visits), UPJ Recycling, and Glow Golf for community based instruction experiences on March 7, 13, 21, and 28, 2017 at a cost of \$430: \$30/golf; \$400/travel (budgeted).
    7. Permission for Scott Leydig to accompany ninth grade Civics students (17) to Somerset for the Courthouse Tour on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 (make-up date 4/6/17) at a cost of \$85/substitute (budgeted—Bar Association covers transportation costs).
    8. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany choir members (5) to Curwensville High School for Region III Chorus on February 23-25, 2017 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$1,430: \$650/registration; \$220/travel (shared with other County schools); \$230/lodging; \$160/meals; \$170/substitutes (budgeted).

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9. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany choir members (60) to the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center to perform with Broadway singer Kathy Voytko on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at no cost to the district. (Note: Students will be responsible for arriving at UPJ for the rehearsal and concert).
10. Permission for Kara Borsa/Jodi Forgas/James Foster/Kenneth Kusher/Alyssa Lyons/Adam Thomas to accompany students (97) to the U. S. Holocaust Memorial Museum/Washington, D. C. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at a cost of \$340/substitutes (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by Community Foundation for the Alleghenies).
11. Permission for Fred Mainhart to accompany ninth grade Civics students (60) to Somerset for the Courthouse Tour on Tuesday & Wednesday, March 28 & 29, 2017 (make-up date 4/6/17) at a cost of \$170/substitutes (budgeted—Bar Association covers transportation costs).
12. Permission for Matthew Plummer and a teacher to be determined to accompany students (13) to the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association State Competition at Seven Springs on April 19-22, 2017 (Wednesday-Saturday) at a cost of \$4,300: \$750/registration; \$450/travel; \$2,760/lodging-meals; \$340/substitutes (budgeted).
13. Permission for Lisa Style to accompany autistic support students (15) to Hogue’s Fun Factory at the Galleria Mall for a community based instruction experience on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at a cost of \$280: \$165/registration; \$115/travel (budgeted).
14. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla/Jodi Forgas to accompany the Speech Team (10) to St. Francis University for the Regional Tournament on February 27 & March 1, 2017 (Monday & Wednesday) at a cost of \$840: \$300/travel; \$200/meals; \$340/substitutes (budgeted—snow dates: Feb. 28 & Mar. 2).
15. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla/Jodi Forgas to accompany Speech Team members (2) to Bloomsburg University for the State Tournament on March 17-18, 2017 (Friday-Saturday) at a cost of \$712: \$30/registration; \$192/travel; \$200/lodging; \$120/meals; \$170/substitutes (budgeted).

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

#### 4. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Permission for Jane Jugan to attend the PDE Educational Practices that Work Conference at the Hershey Lodge on March 8-10, 2017 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$525: \$139/registration; \$176/travel; \$150/lodging (shared with Westmont); \$60/meals (budgeted).
2. Permission for Erin Siverd to attend “Science Day for PSSA” at Somerset High School on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at a cost of \$85/substitute (budgeted).
3. Permission for Thomas Kakabar to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools Annual Conference in State College on April 27-28, 2017 (Thursday-Friday) at a cost of \$524: \$270/registration; \$100/travel; \$154/lodging (budgeted).

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- B. Recommend appointment of Loni Stankan as the mentor for Jennifer Custer at a salary to be prorated based on \$300 beginning January 30, 2017 and continuing for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.
- C. Recommend appointment of Loni Stankan as Rotary Interact Club Advisor at a salary to be prorated based on \$750 for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.
- D. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite for the 2016-2017 school year: Thomas Naughton (Emergency Cert.); Amanda Petak (Emergency Cert.); Melissa Seifert (Emergency Cert.); Jane Uphouse (Emergency School Nurse Cert.); Kaitlyn Wilson (English Cert.).
- E. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2016-2017 school year:

Marcy Corella	Elementary
William Cuppett	Baseball
Michael Dilla	Musical
Daniel Eash	Musical
Kay Kauffman	Musical
Timothy McKenzie	Musical
Kimberly Meyers	Musical
Sharon Wissinger	Musical

5. District or Business Planning

- A. Recommend approval of revised Policy No. 626 and five new Attachments; No. 626.1 (new); No. 800 and Administrative Regulations 800-AR-0 and 800-AR-1 (new).

6. Buildings & Grounds

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

- 1. PIAA Somerset County Basketball Officials/Pre-Playoff Floor Meeting  
High School Gym  
Sunday, February 19, 2017 (2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)  
Rodney Jarvis
- 2. C. T. Track & Field Boosters/Meetings  
High School Classroom 110 or Stadium Concession Stand  
Monday, February 20, 2017 (Room 110)  
Wednesdays, March 22 & April 19, 2017 (Concession Stand)  
(7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and other dates/times to be determined  
Kim Showalter
- 3. Dancer's Haven/Dress Rehearsals & Dance Recital  
High School Auditorium/Band & Chorus Classrooms  
Wednesday, May 3, 2017 (4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)  
Thursday, May 11, 2017 (3:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)  
Saturday, May 13, 2017 (3:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.)  
Auditorium Rental Fee: Rehearsals \$20.00 per hour; Performance \$23.00 per hour  
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour; Classroom Rental Fee: Waived  
Sharon Wissinger

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- 4. C. T. AYSO/Soccerfest

Elementary School Multipurpose Room & Gym Area  
Friday, May 5, 2017 (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)  
Saturday, May 6, 2017 (6:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)  
Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour (Saturday only)  
Michele Roman/Scott Thomas

5. Scholastic Aptitude Testing  
High School Classrooms  
Saturday, June 3, 2017 (7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)  
Kelly Birkhimer

7. Other Items

- A. Recommend approval to change the starting time of the February 21 Board Meeting to 6:00 p.m. and to advertise this change.
- B. Mr. Kakabar reported that he and Mrs. Rembold attended a presentation on the Governor's proposed budget. He stated that the Governor has proposed increases in basic education and special education funding, but a decrease in transportation funding.
- C. Mr. Foster distributed and reviewed a list of accolades for Band/Chorus, TSA, and the Speech Team. Mr. Kakabar stated that a list of accolades for the fall sports program would be included with the regular meeting agenda.

An executive session was held from 7:27 p.m. to 8:11 p.m. to discuss student and personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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

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

1. Permission for LeeAnn Gall/Stacey Hazlett to participate in "The Missing Semester Financial Literacy Program" via live-streaming at the High School on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at a cost of \$85/half-day substitutes (budgeted).
2. Permission for Lori Reese to attend "Item Writing and Hand Scoring the PSSA" in Pittsburgh on March 22-23, 2017 (Wednesday-Thursday) at a cost of \$210: \$40/meals; \$170/substitutes (budgeted—travel, lodging, and some meals paid by PDE).
3. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2016-2017 school year:

Vicki Berloff	Musical
Francine Bivens	Musical
Maxine Cullen	Musical
Tracy Durica	Musical
Scott Fetterman	Elementary School Field Trip Chaperone
Renee Hostetler	Musical
Antoine Malvoisin	Musical
Kimberly Showalter	High School Field Trip Chaperone

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

**MOTION** by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to accept the tax exoneration lists submitted by Tina Galloway, Peggy McClain, and Joanne Wright and to exonerate them from the collection of said taxes for the

purpose of renewing their bonds, but that the taxables not be exonerated of said taxes, and that Capital Tax Collections Bureau, Delinquent Tax Collector, be empowered to collect such taxes as are collectable.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to transfer \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. (Proceeds from PDE Elementary Project Reimbursement)

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

**MOTION** by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the discipline of Student Nos. 22009, 22027, and 22065 as agreed.

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

**MOTION** by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Sotosky, to approve a contribution of \$1,000 to the SADD Club to be used for the Post Prom activities.

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

The Resolution to approve the Greater Johnstown AVTS/CTC 2017-2018 Tentative General Fund Secondary Budget was acted upon at this time.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, Field House Summary, and Self-Funding Analysis for December were included with the agenda. The Board discussed dates for a Budget Workshop and tentatively agreed on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:00). Mr. Kakabar will e-mail all board members next week to confirm the date.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed a list of his recent activities/meetings. He also noted that two wrestlers had advanced to Regionals and the Field House shower floors had been repaired, but there still may be an issue that needs resolved.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Mr. Tresnicky stated that the nursing program graduation was taking place this evening, and that 16 students had placed in the top three of the SkillsUSA Regional Competition.

A list of Fall Sports Accolades was included with the agenda. Mr. Feathers also reported that Jake Grosik, Caleb Maurer, and Trenton Troxell had been chosen to play in the Ken Lantzy Finest 40 All-Star Football Classic. Mrs. Troxell noted that an article on Annie Tomb had appeared in the newspaper, and the Rifle Team won the WestPAC championship.

An executive session was held from 6:18 p.m. to 7:01 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Christofes and Mr. Strayer arrived at 6:50 p.m., making total members present—9.

There being no further business, Dr. Mantini declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary