

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:03 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, Christine Troxell, Rocco Mantini 8
 MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Saylor-Stahl 1
Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Daniel Rullo, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Nicole Dull,
 Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Edward Slonka, Rebecca Conn, Erin Siverd, Lisa Stevens

Dr. Mantini led those present in the flag salute. Dr. Mantini announced that an executive session was held from 6:00 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. on January 9, 2017 to conduct teacher interviews.

Michael McCaig from RBC Capital Markets attended the meeting to discuss the bond market. He reported that he is waiting for the rates to drop so that the financial target set by the Board previously can be met.

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

1. Minutes of the reorganization meeting held December 6, 2016
2. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held December 6, 2016
3. General Fund Revenue/Expenditures Reports as of November 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016
4. Tax Collection Reports as of November 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016
5. Activity Fund Reports for November and December

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

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky, Mrs. Stumpf,
 Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini7
 Nays: Mr. Strayer1
Motion carried

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Christofes, 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. Mantini7
 Nays: Mr. Strayer1
Motion carried

Dr. Mantini acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Department of Agriculture informing the District that the Single Audit Report for programs funded by their office was approved and in compliance with the Single Audit Act for the year ending June 30, 2015.

Mr. Kakabar noted that he had received thank-you notes from the two teacher candidates interviewed last week.

MOTION by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 9, 2017 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JANUARY 9, 2017

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:05 p.m. in the board room with Dr. Mantini presiding.

Members Present: Rocco Mantini, Earl Sleek, II, Lori Sotosky, David Strayer, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell

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

1. Student Education

A. Informational items were as follows:

1. Kindergarten registration is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2017, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School.
2. Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.

2. School Activities

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

1. Permission for Maureen Kalfas to accompany life skills students (10) to Richland Cinemas, Walmart, and McDonald's for community based instruction experiences on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at a cost of \$165: \$65/movie; \$100/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Maureen Kalfas to accompany life skills students (10) to a grocery store/restaurant (4 visits), Richland Lanes, Roxbury Recycling, and Clark's Store for community based instruction experiences on February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2017 at a cost of \$435: \$35/bowling; \$400/travel (budgeted).
3. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany a choir member to Hollidaysburg Area High School for the District 6 Vocal Jazz Festival on February 2-4, 2017 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$645: \$130/registration; \$150/travel; \$180/lodging; \$100/meals; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
4. Permission for Matthew Plummer to accompany TSA members (35-40) to a regional competition at Penns Valley High School on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at a cost of \$945: \$320/registration; \$625/travel (budgeted).
5. Permission for Matthew Plummer to accompany students (10-15) to a robotics competition at Forest Hills High School on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at a cost of \$275: \$120/registration; \$155/travel (budgeted).

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6. Permission for Lisa Style to accompany autistic support students (12) to Richland Cinemas and McDonald's for community based instruction experiences on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at a cost of \$198: \$78/movie; \$120/travel (budgeted).
7. Permission for Lisa Style to accompany autistic support students (13) to the Middle/High School for a community based instruction experience on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at a cost of \$107/travel (budgeted).
8. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla/Jodi Forgas to accompany the Speech Team (10-15) to Somerset Area High School for a competition on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 (or Snow Date to be determined) at a cost of \$175/travel (budgeted).
9. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla/Jodi Forgas to accompany the Speech Team (10-15) to Blacklick Valley High School for a competition on Friday, January 20, 2017 (or Snow Date to be determined) at a cost of \$260/travel (budgeted).

B. Informational Item – Board members were reminded that the annual yearbook picture had been scheduled for approximately 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

3. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Permission for Kara Borsa to attend the Student Assistance Program Winter Thematic Workshop at St. Vincent College on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at a cost of \$71: \$35/registration; \$36/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Meribeth DeBarto/Jodi Forgas/Alyssa Lyons/Kimberly Mates/Mallory McAdoo/Tamelyn McNevin/Megan Miller/Alyshia Mock/Rebecca Parker/Lori Reese to attend "Dive Into Text Dependent Analysis" at I. U. 8/Richland on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at a cost of \$750: \$250/registration; \$75/travel; \$425/substitutes (budgeted).
3. Permission for Matthew Plummer to participate as a presenter at the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association's Engineering for All/Engineering by Design Conference in Baltimore on January 13-16, 2017 (Friday-Monday) at a cost of \$85/substitute (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by National Science Foundation).
4. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla to attend Autistic/Emotional Support Network Trainings at I. U. 8/Richland on January 25 and March 14, 2017 at a cost of \$190: \$20/travel; \$170/substitutes (budgeted).

B. Recommend adjustment of the starting salary of Jennifer Custer to \$43,531 (Step 4, Bachelor's + 20), based upon receipt of an official transcript documenting the additional credits.

C. Recommend appointment of Scott Leydig as a long-term substitute Social Studies Teacher beginning January 9, 2017 and continuing for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year at a salary to be prorated based on \$20,000 per year, and including prorated sick days and one (1) personal day.

D. Recommend permission to change the employment status of Michael Burkett from Custodian to Custodial/Maintenance Worker retroactive to December 7, 2016 at a rate of \$9.50 per hour.

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- E. Recommend approval of the following additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite for the 2016-2017 school year: Jennifer Asel (Emergency Cert.), Rebecca Britton (Emergency Cert.), Susan Johnson (Emergency Cert.), Tara Klein (Emergency Cert.), Maeve Murray (Emergency Cert.), Neil Scheller (Emergency Cert.), Sarah Schrock (Emergency Cert.), Ashley Smith (Grades PK-4 Cert.), Abby Spangler (Emergency Cert.), Jessica Uzelac (Emergency School Nurse Cert.), Donald Wozniak (Emergency Cert.), and Kelly Zibura (Emergency School Nurse Cert.).
- F. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2016-2017 school year:

Craig Sprock	Rifle Team
Jeremy Stankan	Wrestling & Ski Club

4. District or Business Planning

- A. Recommend approval of Attachment to Policy No. 004 (revised Oath of Office form) and new/revised Policy Nos. 007, 251, 255 (new), 336, 436, 536, 810.2 (new), and 827.

5. Buildings & Grounds

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

- 1. Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Common Grounds Outreach/After the Buzzer
High School Cafeteria
January 5, 12, and 27, 2017 (8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.)
Loni Stankan/Kayla Zambanini
- 2. Grades 5-6 Boys' Basketball
Elementary School Gym
January 12 & February 1, 7, 14, & 21, 2017 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Stephanie Haines Shirley
- 3. Intramural Volleyball
High School Gym
Sundays, January 22 through March 12, 2017 (1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Joseph Shetler
- 4. Girl Scout Troop #42101/Thinking Day
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Library
Friday, January 27, 2017 (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Rebecca Parker
- 5. Ski Club/Fundraiser
High School Cafeteria
Saturday, February 18, 2017 (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
Loni Stankan
- 6. Common Grounds Outreach, Kaufman Mennonite & Local Churches/Silver Ring Thing
High School Auditorium
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 (7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.)
Loni Stankan

Committee of the Whole continued—

- B. Informational Item – Additional Change Orders for Darr Construction approved by Mr. Kakabar for the Accessibility and Field House Construction Projects:

Accessibility

Changes made to building foundations (credit) (\$5,000.00)

Field House

Furnish & install fire rated ceilings in Mechanical Rooms on all three floors \$3,787.00

Additional shaftwall on second floor; additional bulkhead on second floor to conceal ductwork; create pocket in bulkhead at entrance to basement \$3,020.00

6. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Charles Dennis Christie – Retired; Janet J. Maldet – Retired; Thomas Maldet – Retired.

- B. Recommend approval to contribute funds to the following organizations (same as last year):

Junior Achievement	\$200
Somerset County Library	\$300
Conemaugh Township EMS	\$300
Fire Companies:	
Conemaugh Township	\$200
Scalp Level (formerly Hollsopple)	\$200
Jerome	\$200

7. Other Items

- A. Mr. Kakabar noted that Mr. Christofes, Mr. Sleek, Mr. Tresnicky, and Mrs. Troxell would be up for reelection in 2017; petitions would be available after February 1; first day to collect signatures and file is February 14; and last day to collect signatures and file is March 7.
- B. Mr. Strayer mentioned that the Rifle and Robotics Teams were doing very well this year. He also thanked the Teachers’ Association for sending cards to the board members for Board Appreciation Month.
- C. Mr. Kakabar noted that the board members would be receiving a listing of achievements earned during the fall sports season at the February meeting.

An executive session was held from 7:18 p.m. to 8:21 p.m. to discuss personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

- 1. Acceptance of the resignation by reason of retirement of Ellen Lehman as Library/Instructional Aide effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

2. Acceptance of the resignation of Josh Hostetler as Assistant Junior High Boys' Soccer Coach effective January 3, 2017.
3. Appointment of Lori Reese as the mentor for the new elementary teacher at a salary to be prorated based on \$300 beginning January 19, 2017 and continuing for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.
4. Permission to enter into an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions/The Learning Lamp to provide an Instructional Aide (Braille) for up to 20 hours per week at a cost not to exceed \$4,697 for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year to assist a special needs student attending the Elementary School.
5. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2016-2017 school year:

Bethany Brenchak	Musical/Softball
Nicholas Croyle	Baseball
Elizabeth Good	Musical

6. Youth Baseball Practice
High School Cafeteria
February 18, 25, 28; March 4, 11, 18, 2017 (7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or time coordinated with J. Feathers)
Joseph Shetler
7. Cheerleaders/Vendor & Craft Fair
High School Gym
Friday, March 31, 2017 (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to set up)
Saturday, April 1, 2017 (12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
Taryn Kapcsos

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to appoint Jamie L. Jaber as an Elementary Teacher at a salary to be prorated based on \$36,499 (Step 1, Bachelor's) beginning January 19, 2017, pending receipt of clearances.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to create the position of School Resource Officer and approve the job description for the position.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Sotosky, seconded by Mr. Strayer, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the School District and Somerset County Children and Youth Services relating to transportation procedures for Foster Care Youth.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the Transportation Plan between the School District and Somerset County Children and Youth Services for Foster Care Youth.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mrs. Sotosky, to accept the Auditor's Report for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Christofes, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the debt service payment of \$53,506.26 (2014 Bond Series) to The Bank of New York Mellon.

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 November were included with the agenda. Mrs. Rembold noted that the High School Bond Issue Construction Fund had been exhausted, so all future bills would be paid from the Capital Projects (Reserve) Account. She and Mr. Kakabar also spoke about the proposal being considered by the State Legislature to eliminate school real estate taxes and replace them with increased income and sales taxes.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed a list of his recent activities. He also mentioned the following items: Field House utilization procedures had been established for employees; Disbrow's Construction would be repairing the shower drain/epoxy floor problems at the Field House in February, but DeGol Carpet would pay the cost of the repairs; Occupancy Permits had been received from the Township for the Field House and ADA Accessibility projects; he is meeting Friday with Brett Stahl to discuss the High School Auditorium ADA project.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Mr. Tresnicky stated that a meeting had been scheduled with a legislator to try to get funds for the school. He also noted that the CTC is trying to work with Rosebud Mining on some projects.

Mr. Strayer noted that Alex Zakucia and Maggie Zambanini had been featured in recent articles published by The Tribune-Democrat.

Mrs. Stumpf reported that the Allegany College of Maryland would be closing its Somerset campus.

Mr. Kakabar noted that copies of the proposed logos for the Field House had been distributed to the board members. He requested that they notify him by e-mail with their approval or suggestions for changes.

An executive session was held from 8:02 p.m. to 9:01 p.m. to discuss personnel.

There being no further business, Dr. Mantini declared the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary