# CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7:02 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,

Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Daniel Rullo, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Nicole Dull,

Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Edward Slonka, Ellen Doyle, Erin Siverd, 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 March 21, 2017
- 2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of March 31, 2017
- 3. Tax Collection Report as of March 31, 2017
- 4. Activity Fund Report for March

**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. Sotosky, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve payment of capital projects bills as listed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky, Mrs. Troxell,

Motion carried

**MOTION** by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Christofes, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held April 10, 2017 as follows:

# **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**APRIL 10, 2017** 

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:04 p.m. in the board room with Dr. Mantini presiding.

Members Present: Gregory Christofes, Rocco Mantini, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Lori Sotosky,

Alan Tresnicky, Christine Troxell

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Nicole Dull,

Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Edward Slonka, Frederick Mainhart, Lori Reese,

Lisa Stevens

Committee of the Whole continued—

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

- 1. Guests & Sunshine Act Public Comment Period
  - A. Declan Cullen attended the meeting to present a Speech Team demonstration.

#### 2. Student Education

- A. Recommend approval to conduct a Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program from July 3-28, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$6,500. (District funded—two certified teachers and two aides will be needed to staff this program for incoming students based on DIAL-4 scores from March.)
- B. Recommend approval to enter into an Agreement with NextTier Education to provide school district postsecondary readiness program software for use at the Middle/High School level at a cost of \$2,000 per year for the period from April 15, 2017 through August 31, 2021. [Note: No charge for use of software through August 31, 2017; First payment to be due September 1, 2017 for 2017-2018 school year; normal fee is usually \$2,500 per year.)
- C. Recommend reauthorization for Timothy D. Saylor (TDS Driving Academy, LLC) to administer the Endof-Course Skills Test to Conemaugh Township Area School District students who have purchased six hours of instruction through his driving academy. (Note: Successful completion of the test will enable students to obtain a Pennsylvania Driver's License.)
- D. Informational Item Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.

#### 3. School Activities

- A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:
  - 1. Permission for Kelly Birkhimer/Kara Borsa to accompany students (25) to UPJ for STEM Professions Day on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at a cost of \$100/travel.
  - 2. Permission for Amanda Fink/teachers to accompany students to the High School for budgeted concert rehearsals on the following dates at a cost of \$256 (\$213.50/travel; \$42.50/substitute) for each trip:

Grades K-1 (140) Tuesday, May 9, 2017 Grades 2-3 (140) Monday, May 8, 2017

- 3. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany music students (50) to the Benedum Center to attend a performance of "Wicked" on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at no cost to the district (costs paid by participants).
- 4. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany musical members (40) to perform selections from this year's musical during the "Showcase of Stars" at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at no cost to the district.
- 5. Permission for Loni Stankan/Kelly Birkhimer/Cassey DeBiase/Tara Kimmel/Frederick Mainhart to accompany the Senior Class (65) on a trip to Dave & Buster's and The Waterfront/Pittsburgh on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at a cost of \$170/substitutes (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by participants).

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- 6. Permission for Lisa Style to accompany autistic support students (12) to Best of Friends (horseback riding) for community based instruction experiences on May 16, 23, and 30, 2017 at a cost of \$750: \$360/registration; \$390/travel (budgeted).
- 7. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla/Jodi Forgas to accompany one student to the National Forensics Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 26-28, 2017 (Friday-Sunday) at a cost of \$1,447: \$50/registration; \$200/gas; \$766/lodging; \$135/meals; \$170/substitutes; \$126/rental car (budgeted).
- 8. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla to accompany one student to the Try-Math-A-Lot Tournament at Central Cambria Middle School on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at a cost of \$37: \$8/registration; \$29/travel (budgeted).
- 9. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla to accompany students (2) to a Math Competition at Penn State/Altoona on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at a cost of \$139: \$54/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
- B. Informational Item An Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.

# 4. Human Development

- A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:
  - 1. Permission for Amber Desrochers to attend "Language Sample Analysis: Assessment and Intervention Planning" at I. U. 8/Richland on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at a cost of \$85/substitute (budgeted).
  - 2. Permission for Stacy Dabbs/Nicole Dull/Jarod Feathers/James Foster to attend the 2017 Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development's Evaluation Academy at Allegheny I. U. 3 on July 12, 19, and 26, 2017 at a cost of \$2,140: \$1,860/registration; \$280/travel (budgeted).
- B. Recommend approval for Kimberly Beblar to provide home-based Extended School Year services (as a special education requirement) for one student during the summer of 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$600, plus mileage reimbursement.
- C. Recommend permission to enter into an agreement with Amber Desrochers to provide Extended School Year Services, including ACCESS billing, for speech/language impaired students for four (4) hours per day/two (2) days per week during the month of July at her regular rate of \$40.24 per hour, plus mileage reimbursement.
- D. Recommend approval for Candace Donaldson to provide home-based Extended School Year services (as a special education requirement) for one student during the summer of 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$600, plus mileage reimbursement.
- E. Recommend approval for Maureen Kalfas to provide home-based Extended School Year services (as a special education requirement) for up to three students during the summer of 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$2,000, plus mileage reimbursement for travel between homes.
- F. Recommend approval for Rebecca Parker to provide home-based Extended School Year services (as a special education requirement) for one student during the summer of 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$600, plus mileage reimbursement.

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- G. Recommend permission to enter into an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions/The Learning Lamp to provide one instructional aide to staff the Extended School Year program conducted by I. U. 08 at the Elementary School for a total of 48 hours from July 5, 2017 through July 28, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$600.
- H. Recommend permission to enter into an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions/The Learning Lamp to provide one personal care aide for a student in the Extended School Year program at the I. U. 08 MDS classroom located at Westmont High School for a total of 48 hours from July 5, 2017 through July 28, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$600.
- Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions/The
  Learning Lamp for the 2016-2017 school year: Christina Burke (Grades PK-4); Rebecca Knopsnider
  (English 7-12); Justin Ogline (Elementary & Mid-Level Citizenship-English-Science 6-9); Carolyn Shulik
  (Elementary & Mentally/Physically Handicapped); Ellen Toth (Emergency Cert.-All Subjects & School
  Nurse).
- J. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Laura Gindlesperger as Junior High Cheerleading Advisor effective April 17, 2017.
- K. Recommend approval of the following individuals as volunteers for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year:

Melissa Brenchak Elementary School

Wendy Giffin Elementary School Field Trip Chaperone

Amanda Kinney Elementary School Richard Nagy Elementary School Stephanie Oakes Elementary School

Mandy Pitera High School Field Trip Chaperone

Heidi Sarver Elementary School

Erin Siverd Elementary School Field Trip Chaperone

Erin Sotosky Track

Molly Stultz Elementary School

Michelle Stumpf High School Field Trip Chaperone

Katie Thomas Elementary School

Kayla Zambanini High School Field Trip Chaperone Sheri Zambanini High School Field Trip Chaperone

## 5. Support Services

- A. Recommend permission to execute a contract with CAMCO Physical and Occupational Therapy, LLC for PT/OT Services at a rate of \$55 per hour for the period from August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2019. (Same rate as past two years.)
- 6. Buildings & Grounds
  - A. Recommend approval of the following Use of Facilities Requests:
    - C. T. Cheerleaders/Banquet
       High School Cafeteria
       Monday, April 17, 2017 (12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
       Stephanie Edsall

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2. Senior Class/Car Wash

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High School Parking Lot Saturday, April 29, 2017 (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Loni Stankan

3. Cruisin' for Courtney Charity Event

High School Parking Lot

Sunday, May 14, 2017 (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour

Anita Rummell

4. Girl Scout Troop 46002/Paint With Me Party with Mrs. Roxby Elementary School STEAM Room

Sunday, April 30, 2017 (1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Laurie Grosik

5. C. T. PTA/2017 Color Run

High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Speaker Stand

Saturday, September 23, 2017 (7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Trisha Defibaugh

6. C. T. Soccer Boosters/J. V. Tournament

H. S. Fields/Soccer & Stadium Concession Stands/Gym & Stadium Restrooms

Saturday, September 30, 2017 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Christine Troxell

7. Camp PARC/Laps of Light Benefit Walk/5K Race

High School Stadium/Parking Lots/Restrooms/Concession Stand/Press Box

Sunday, October 8, 2017 (11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

Use of Facilities Fee: \$30.00 per hour

Christine Troxell

#### 7. Other Items

- A. Mrs. Troxell noted that a number of students in Grades 7-12 participated in the Broadway on Broad Street program.
- B. Mr. Kakabar reported that the Rotary Club had donated \$1,250 for the Post Prom program.

An executive session was held from 7:42 p.m. to 8:21 p.m. to discuss personnel and student matters.

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. Permission for Matthew Plummer to accompany students (10) on a field trip to Fallingwater on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at a cost of \$505: \$120/registration; \$300/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
- 2. Acceptance of the resignation by reason of retirement of John A. Kornprobst as Assistant Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds effective August 4, 2017.
- 3. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year:

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Tonya Bambino Elementary School

Pamela Osborne High School Field Trip Chaperone Krista Shaffer High School Field Trip Chaperone

Jeremy Stultz Baseball

Patricia Turney Elementary School Foster Grandparent

## 4. C. T. Boys' Basketball/Elementary Basketball Camp

Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room/Restrooms/Outdoor Court Monday-Friday, June 5-9, 2017 (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Charles Lesko

#### 5. C. T. Boys' Basketball/Underclassmen Basketball League

Elementary School Gym/High School Gym/Restrooms

Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 30 to June 29, 2017 (7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)

Charles Lesko

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to purchase Dishwashers for the Elementary and High School Cafeterias from Allegheny Supply at a total cost of \$52,647 (COSTARS Contract #0050734—Capital Projects Fund).

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Sotosky, to approve a salary increase of three (3%) percent for support staff employees for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

**MOTION** by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Christofes, to approve a salary increase of three (3%) percent for extracurricular/athletic personnel for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mr. Christofes, to table Agenda Item "N" until after executive session.

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

**MOTION** by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Christofes, to approve a debt service payment of \$100,834.38 (2012 Bond Issue) to The Bank of New York Mellon.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve Change Orders for the ADA Accessibility Renovation Project as follows:

#### **Darr Construction**

Add Alternate #1 to current work scope to make area near Auditorium, Band Room, and Storage Facilities ADA accessible

\$120,000.00

#### KirCon-Breco Service

Furnish and install all work addressed as Alternate H-1 within the project construction documents covering HVAC work scope for the spaces near the Auditorium/Back Stage Area, Band Room, and Storage Facilities

\$ 8,980.00

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Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, and Capital Reserve Account Report were included with the agenda. Mrs. Rembold noted that updated budget figures would be included with the May committee meeting agenda.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed his list of recent meetings and activities. He also made note of the following: scoreboard quotes are being sought for consideration at the May meeting; Pittsburgh Stage would be submitting a proposal to replace the lighting in the High School Auditorium during the fall; a link for the "Tribe News" had been placed on the District and High School websites.

Mrs. Stumpf arrived at 7:15 p.m., making total members present—7.

Mr. Strayer mentioned that the pictures on the Facebook page need to be updated.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini noted that the joint board dinner held on April 12 had gone well.

Information Item – A list of Winter Sports Accolades was included with the agenda.

An executive session was held from 7:20 p.m. to 7:34 p.m. to discuss a student matter.

**MOTION** by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the discipline of Student No. 22065 as agreed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

There being no further business, Dr. Mantini declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary