

**CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Dr. Mantini presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bailey, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Michael Seganos,  
Lori Sotosky, David Strayer, Christine Troxell, Rocco Mantini ..... 7  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Eugene Pituch (arr. 7:13), Alan Tresnicky ..... 2  
Quorum present

Others Present: Gary Buchsen, Scott Bittner, David Koba, James Foster, Nicole Dull, Jane Jugan,  
Edward Slonka, Adam Thomas, Kelly Birkhimer, Lori Reese, Peggy McClain,  
Amber Rosado (Daily American), 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 16, 2012
2. Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2012
3. Report of Taxes Collected as of October 31, 2012
4. Activity Fund Report for October

**MOTION** by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Strayer, to approve payment of all general fund bills and payrolls, athletic bills, and cafeteria bills as listed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Seganos, Mrs. Sotosky,  
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 7  
Nays: ..... 0  
Motion carried

**MOTION** by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mrs. Sotosky, to approve payment of Capital Projects bills as listed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Seganos, Mrs. Sotosky,  
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 7  
Nays: ..... 0  
Motion carried

**MOTION** by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Seganos, to approve payment of construction bills as listed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Seganos, Mrs. Sotosky,  
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 7  
Nays: ..... 0  
Motion carried

**MOTION** by Mrs. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held November 5, 2012 as follows:

<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>
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<b>NOVEMBER 5, 2012</b>
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Dr. Mantini presiding.

Members Present: Rocco Mantini, Eugene Pituch, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Michael Seganos, Lori Sotosky, Alan Tresnicky, Christine Troxell

Others Present: Gary Buchsen, David Koba, James Foster, Nicole Dull, Jane Jugan, Edward Slonka, Adam Thomas, Lori Reese, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Reports

- A. Mr. Stahl updated the Board regarding the elementary construction project. He noted that the contractor is trying to get the addition “under decking” prior to the arrival of winter, credits had been received for various items, and billings had been accurate to date.
- B. Mr. Koba reported that the musical this year would be “All Shook Up.”
- C. Mr. Buchsen/Mr. Slonka reported that the stadium field condition was excellent despite the large amount of rain received due to Hurricane Sandy.
- D. Mr. Buchsen requested that the Board consider contracting with Epic Communications (Rosemary Enos) to assist with e-rate reimbursement; the fee would be 10% of the reimbursement received. This item will be included on the regular meeting agenda for consideration. Mr. Buchsen then reported that the WAN contract with I. U. 08 expires on June 30, 2013, and he had received a five-year proposal from Atlantic Broadband for less than half the current cost and a much faster speed. He also stated that he had been in contact with four vendors to obtain information on updating the District’s website, and the hosting cost may be eligible for reimbursement through e-rate.

2. Student Education

- A. 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 Thomas Bergman/Patricia Grzybicki to accompany the Speech Team (12-15) to Richland High School for a competition on Friday, December 14, 2012 (snow date: Dec. 18) at a cost of \$120/travel (budgeted).
  - 2. Permission for Thomas Bergman/Patricia Grzybicki and the Speech Team (12-15) to participate in a competition at Conemaugh Township Area High School on Friday, January 11, 2013 (snow date: Jan. 16) at a cost of \$100/refreshments (budgeted).

Committee of the Whole continued—

3. Permission for Thomas Bergman/Patricia Grzybicki to accompany the Speech Team (12-15) to Central Cambria High School for a competition on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 (snow date: Jan. 30) at a cost of \$190/travel (budgeted).
4. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter/Rebecca Wojtaszek to accompany students (5) to Northern Bedford High School on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 for PMEA District 6 Vocal Jazz Festival auditions at a cost of \$170: \$50/registration; \$120/travel (budgeted—travel to be shared with another area school).
5. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany Senior Choir/Brass Choir members (20) to Laurel View Village on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 to perform holiday music at no cost to the district (transportation provided by Laurel View).
6. Permission for Rebecca Wojtaszek/teachers to accompany Grades K-1 students (148) to the high school auditorium for a concert rehearsal on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at a cost of \$229: \$184/travel; \$45/half-day substitute (budgeted).

B. Recommend approval of Saturday, May 25, 2013 as the School Picnic Day at Idlewild Park.

C. Informational Item – Two students, Erin Berzonski (tied for second) and Alexis Buncich (third), placed in the “Scary Story Contest” at Fort Ligonier. There were 200 participants in the contest.

4. Human Development

A. Recommend approval to add Julie Lehman to the Substitute Aide and Secretarial Lists for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

B. Recommend approval to add Peter Berkebile, Jr. (All Subjects), Justin Ogline (Elementary/Mid-Level English/Science/Social Studies) and Robert Thomas (Technology Education) to the Substitute Teachers’ List for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

C. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2012-2013 school year:

Eric Roman	Grade 2 Basketball
Brady Rouser	Elementary Wrestling
Craig Tresnicky	Wrestling

5. Support Services (No items)

6. District or Business Planning

A. Discussion was held concerning proceeding with the high school renovation project. This item will be discussed further at a later date.

Committee of the Whole continued—

7. Buildings & Grounds

A. Recommend approval of the following Use of Facilities Request:

Speech Team/Invitational Meet (10 schools)  
High School Classrooms/Cafeteria/Faculty Dining Room  
Friday, January 11, 2013 (2:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) [Snow date: Wednesday, January 16]  
Thomas Bergman

8. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend approval of a total transportation rate of \$412,395 for regular education and an average daily rate of \$1,301.43 for special education (21 buses and vans) for McIlwain School Bus Lines for the 2012-2013 school year. [Note: This amount may change during the year due to changes in bus route mileage or gasoline prices.]
- B. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:  
Denise R. Baldwin – Housewife; Dana Brendlinger – Housewife; Randall Cable – Totally Disabled;  
Andrew T. Sendry, Jr. – Retired.

9. Other Items

- A. Executive sessions were held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:53 p.m. and Monday, November 5, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:43 p.m. to conduct business manager interviews.
- B. Mrs. Saylor-Stahl mentioned she is trying to get a C. T. Foundation Board meeting scheduled soon. She also asked if someone had spoken to the Rotary Club representatives about the concerns expressed regarding student participation. Mr. Koba stated that he had spoken with them; Mr. Buchsen noted that he would follow up with the Rotary representatives again.

An executive session was held from 8:17 p.m. to 9:25 p.m. to discuss personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Seganos, Mrs. Sotosky,  
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 7  
Nays: ..... 0

Motion carried

**MOTION** by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the following requests:

- 1. Permission for Janet Holbay to attend ACCESS Program Regional Training at PATTAN/Pittsburgh on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at a cost of \$92/travel (budgeted).
- 2. Permission to add the following individuals to the Substitute Teachers' List for the 2012-2013 school year: Scott Lehman (All Subjects); Janice Scanlon (All Subjects).
- 3. Permission for Taylor Fleegle (Wrestling), Edwin Borham, Jr. (Rifle Team), and Mark Trew (Rifle Team) to serve as volunteers during the 2012-2013 school year.

4. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Robert W. Holsopple – Retired; James L. Lehman – Retired; Stephen S. Lehman – Unemployed; John R. Mastillo – Totally Disabled; Clayton A. Moser – Retired; Doris J. Rayman – Retired.
5. Elementary Wrestling Tournament  
High School Gym/Cafeteria/Locker Rooms/Concession Stand/Restrooms  
Sunday, December 9, 2012 (6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Jarod Feathers
6. Permission to pay the construction bill from Mervac Plumbing & Heating, Inc. for Payment No. 2/HVAC Contract in the amount of \$34,242.30.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Seganos, Mrs. Sotosky,  
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 7  
Nays: ..... 0  
Motion carried

**MOTION** by Mrs. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Seganos, to enter into an Agreement with Epic Communications to provide services for E-Rate Year 16 (2013).

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Seganos, Mrs. Sotosky,  
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 7  
Nays: ..... 0  
Motion carried

**MOTION** by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mrs. Sotosky, to approve the Comprehensive Plan for the Conemaugh Township Area School District for the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Seganos, Mrs. Sotosky,  
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 7  
Nays: ..... 0  
Motion carried

**MOTION** by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the discipline of Student No. 18245 as agreed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Seganos, Mrs. Sotosky,  
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 7  
Nays: ..... 0  
Motion carried

Mr. Pituch arrived at 7:13 p.m., making total members present—8.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Buchsen commented as follows:

1. Elementary gymnasium is scheduled to be under roof by December 1; concrete is to be poured next week for the footers for the additional classrooms.
2. Letters were sent to parents today to inform them of the opening of the PowerSchool and LunchTime portals.
3. Mr. Koba attended the open house held by William Shroyer in the former Jerome school.

4. Self-funding analyses for September and October for the Health Consortium were included with the agenda. At the present time, a 15% increase is anticipated for next year.
5. Potential credits of \$31,000 for the elementary construction project will be explained/discussed at the December 4 board meeting.

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl attended the Somerset County Tax Collection Committee meeting as the alternate for Mrs. Rembold. She noted that Mrs. Rembold's replacement would have to be appointed to the committee, which meets five times per year.

An executive session was held from 7:17 p.m. to 8:31 p.m. to discuss personnel and negotiations.

There being no further business, Dr. Mantini declared the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Strayer, Secretary