

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Dr. Mantini presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregory Christofes, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Lori Sotosky, David Strayer,
 Michelle Stumpf, Alan Tresnicky, Christine Troxell, Rocco Mantini 8
 MEMBERS ABSENT: Earl Sleek, II (arr. 7:03) 1
Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, James Cascio, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Lance McGough,
 Nicole Dull, Regina Rembold, Rebecca Conn, Erin Siverd, Dylan Johnson (Daily
 American), Lisa Stevens

Dr. Mantini led those present in the flag salute.

Leisha Tresnicky and Kristi Purdy attended the meeting to present a request from the Youth Football League to display sponsor signs at their home games. The signs will be hung and then removed each game day. None of the board members expressed an objection to this request, so Dr. Mantini stated that the group could proceed.

Mr. Sleek arrived during the above presentation at 7:03 p.m., making total members present—9.

Brett Stahl presented the field house project bid results. He stated that the proposed deadline for the project to be finished is August 12, 2016.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to award the bids for the Field House Project as listed, conditioned upon confirmation that all requirements are met and authorizing the board officers to execute the necessary contracts.

GENERAL CONTRACT

Darr Construction	Base Bid	\$1,462,600			
	Alternate #1	\$ 6,500			
	Ice Stopper Units (208)	\$ 2,500	Total Bid		\$1,471,600

HVAC CONTRACT

First American Industries		Total Bid	\$ 183,700
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PLUMBING CONTRACT

Hinkle Plumbing & Heating		Total Bid	\$ 184,130
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FIRE PROTECTION (SPRINKLER) CONTRACT

LCB Mechanical		Total Bid	\$ 67,500
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ELECTRICAL CONTRACT

Brickley Construction, Inc.		Total Bid	\$ 148,000
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SPECIALTY FLOORING CONTRACT

Degol Carpet		Total Bid	\$ 27,440
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Field House Bids continued—

ELEVATOR CONTRACT

Eastern Elevator Company	Total Bid	\$ 72,700
	GRAND TOTAL	\$2,155,070

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mrs. Stumpf, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini 8
Nays: Mr. Strayer 1
Motion carried

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 19, 2016
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of January 31, 2016
3. Tax Collection Report as of January 31, 2016
4. Activity Fund Report for January

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Stumpf, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve payment of the capital projects bill as listed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Stumpf, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

Dr. Mantini acknowledged receipt of a letter from Junior Achievement to thank the District for its recent donation and a letter from Appalachia I. U. 8 concerning the Region X Board Representative.

MOTION by Mrs. Sotosky, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 8, 2016 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	FEBRUARY 8, 2016
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:01 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, Alan Tresnicky, Christine Troxell

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Lance McGough, Nicole Dull, Jane Jugan, Edward Slonka, Lori Reese, Melissa Wilson, Lisa Stevens

Committee of the Whole continued—

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Student Education

A. Informational items were as follows:

1. Information on the Every Student Succeeds Act (replaces No Child Left Behind) was included with the agenda. Mr. Kakabar noted that a two-year moratorium had been declared pertaining to the use of Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement.
2. The Board received a calendar with the dates for final exams and Keystone testing with their agendas. Mr. Foster explained the procedures to be followed during the two weeks of testing.
3. Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.

2. School Activities

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

1. Permission for Kristine Bartoletti to accompany students (6) to Students Against Destructive Decisions Training at the Somerset County Tech Center on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at a cost of \$96: \$11/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
2. Permission for Kelly Birkhimer/Kara Borsa/Tara Kimmel/Ellen Lehman to accompany the Junior Class (65) to the Somerset Armory for a College Fair on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at a cost of \$260/travel (budgeted).
3. Permission for Jodi Forgas/Jeanette Swiokla to accompany the Speech Team (10) to Greater Johnstown High School for the District Tournament on Friday, February 26, 2016 at a cost of \$291: \$150/travel; \$56/meals; \$85/half-day substitutes (budgeted).
4. Permission for Jodi Forgas/Jeanette Swiokla to accompany the Speech Team (10) to St. Francis University for the Regional Tournament on February 29 & March 2, 2016 (Monday & Wednesday) at a cost of \$840: \$300/travel; \$200/meals; \$340/substitutes (budgeted—snow dates: March 1 & 3).
5. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour to accompany a student to State College High School for Regional Orchestra on February 25-27, 2016 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$740: \$120/registration; \$150/travel; \$200/lodging; \$100/meals; \$170/substitutes (budgeted).
6. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour to accompany students (3) to Juniata Valley High School for Region III Band on March 10-12, 2016 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$1,115: \$345/registration; \$225/travel; \$225/lodging; \$150/meals; \$170/substitutes (budgeted).
7. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour to accompany band members (2) to Hershey for All-State Band on March 30-April 2, 2016 (Wednesday-Saturday) at a cost of \$1,805: \$600/registration; \$250/travel; \$550/lodging; \$150/meals; \$255/substitutes (budgeted & pending results of Regional Band).
8. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour or Amanda Bee to accompany sixth grade students (11) to Northern Cambria School District for the District 6 Sixth Grade Band Fest on Friday, April 8, 2016 at a cost of \$385: \$150/registration; \$150/travel; \$85/substitutes (budgeted).

Committee of the Whole continued—

9. Permission for Fred Mainhart to accompany ninth grade Civics students (75) to Somerset for the Courthouse Tour on March 18, 30, & April 1, 2016 at a cost of \$255/substitutes (budgeted—Bar Association covers transportation costs).

10. Permission for Renee Santa to accompany ninth grade Civics students (24) to Somerset for the Courthouse Tour on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at a cost of \$85/substitute (budgeted—Bar Association covers transportation costs).
 11. Permission for Lisa Style to accompany autistic support students (11) to Glow Golf/Galleria Mall for a community based instruction experience on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at a cost of \$143: \$33/golf; \$110/travel (budgeted).
 12. Permission for Maureen Wesner to accompany life skills students (10) to a grocery store/restaurant (4 visits), YMCA job skills, Roxbury Recycling Center, and Glow Golf for community based instruction experiences on March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, and 21, 2016 at a cost of \$630: \$30/golf; \$600/travel (budgeted).
- B. Recommend approval to establish a junior high track and field team for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. McGough stated that there would be six meets during the season.
- C. The board members decided to have the annual yearbook picture retaken prior to the February 16 meeting at 6:45 p.m.
- D. Informational items were as follows:
1. Junior high volleyball has been moved from fall to spring for the 2016-2017 school year.
 2. The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.
3. Human Development
- A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:
1. Permission for Kelly Birkhimer/Rebecca Conn/Stacy Dabbs/Meribeth DeBarto/Nicole Dull/Tracy Durica/Tamelyn McNevin/Lori Reese/Audrey Wenger to attend the Introduction to Collins Writing Program Workshop at I. U. 8/Altoona on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at a cost of \$1,860: \$1,125/registration; \$225/travel; \$510/substitutes (budgeted).
 2. Permission for Amber Desrochers/Kristen Russo to attend the Pennsylvania State Speech Language Convention at Sheraton Station Square/Pittsburgh on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at a cost of \$722: \$500/registration; \$107/travel; \$30/meals; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
 3. Permission for Tracy Durica to attend the Collins Math Writing Grades 6-12 Workshop at I. U. 8/Altoona on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at a cost of \$281: \$125/registration; \$61/travel; \$10/meals; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
 4. Permission for Jarod Feathers to attend Data Quality Network meetings in Johnstown or Altoona on February 17, March 16, and April 20, 2016 (Wednesdays) at a cost of \$270/substitutes (not budgeted).

Committee of the Whole continued—

5. Permission for Deborah Mishler to attend Gifted Boot Camp/Writing GIEP Plans at I. U. 8/Altoona on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at a cost of \$164: \$25/registration; \$54/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).

6. Permission for Thomas Kakabar to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools Annual Conference in State College on April 27-29, 2016 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$494: \$250/registration; \$90/travel; \$154/lodging (budgeted).
- B. Recommend permission for the District to reimburse Amber Desrochers for her annual dues payment of \$250 for the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (same as last year). [Note: This Certificate is not required for her to continue employment with the District, but it is necessary in order for the District to bill ACCESS for the speech therapy services that she provides.]
- C. Recommend permission for Kelly Kramer to serve as a Before and After School Tutor at a rate of \$24 per hour for the 2015-2016 school year (Title I and District Funds).
- D. Recommend approval of the list of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp for the 2015-2016 school year.
- E. Recommend acceptance of the resignation by reason of retirement of Albert Potter, Jr., as a custodian effective February 2, 2016.
- F. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2015-2016 school year:

Lucas Bailey	Baseball
Elizabeth Good	Musical
Jennifer Kaltreider	Musical
Kay Kauffman	Musical
Antoine Malvoisin	Musical
Kimberly Meyers	Musical
Patricia Miller	Musical
Beth Ott	Musical
Kristin Rabbitt	Swimming
Ryan Shifflett	Varsity Wrestling
Kimberly Showalter	Guidance

4. Support Services

- A. Discussion was held concerning the Bittner Vending contract. It was decided that Mr. Kakabar would notify Bittner of the District's intention to cancel the agreement by certified mail at the start of the 2016-2017 school year, but no later than October 1, 2016.

5. District or Business Planning

- A. Recommend approval of new/revised Policy Nos. 115, 317, 417, 517, 806, 824 (new), and 916 (new).
- B. Mr. Kakabar mentioned that the Solicitor felt it would be advisable for board members to have school e-mail accounts to receive information pertaining to district business. The Board was agreeable with this arrangement, so Mr. Kakabar will contact InShore to set up the accounts and obtain the necessary log-in information.

Committee of the Whole continued—

6. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Grades 5, 6, & 7 Volleyball Camp
High School Gym
Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2016 (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
Candace Croner
2. Musical Meet/Greet
Covered Dish Dinner (Saturday only)
High School Cafeteria
Saturday, February 27, 2016 (10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Sunday, February 28, 2016 (12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Christine Troxell/Patricia Miller
3. Musical Cast Party Lock-In
Elementary School
Saturday-Sunday, March 5-6, 2016 (11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.)
Jennifer Kaltreider
4. Scholastic Aptitude Testing
High School Cafeteria
Saturday, June 4, 2016 (7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
Kelly Birkhimer
5. C. T. Track & Field Boosters/Meetings
High School Classroom or Stadium Concession Stand
Friday, February 5, 2016 (4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Monday, March 14, 2016 (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) and other dates/times to be determined
Christine Troxell
6. C. T. Junior High Track Camp
High School Stadium & Cafeteria
Monday-Friday, July 18-22, 2016 (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
Melissa Wilson
7. Budget & Finance
 - A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:
Bernard J. Seth, II – Retired; Mary Theresa Seth – Retired.
8. Other Items
 - A. Mr. Kakabar reminded the Board that the bid opening for the field house project would be on Friday, February 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the board room.
 - B. Dr. Mantini mentioned that he had received information from the Twin Lakes Center regarding the Daily American 10k/5k Fitness Challenge.
 - C. Mrs. Troxell distributed registration forms for the Township Stampede 5k scheduled for April 2, 2016.
Committee of the Whole continued—
 - D. Mr. Strayer mentioned that the PIAA Rifle Championship would be held at the Jerome Sportsmen’s Club during the last weekend in February.

An executive session was held from 7:53 p.m. to 8:47 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Stumpf, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

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

1. Permission for Jodi Forgas/James Foster/Alyssa Lyons/Loni Stankan and two employees to be determined to accompany Grade 8 English students (85) to the U. S. Holocaust Memorial Museum/Washington, D. C. on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at a cost of \$340/substitutes (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by Community Foundation for the Alleghenies).
2. Permission for Kimberly Beblar/Jane Jugan/Lisa Style/Maureen Wesner to attend “Autism: Putting the Pieces Together” at Saint Francis University on Friday, April 1, 2016 at a cost of \$655: \$300/registration; \$100/travel; \$255/substitutes (budgeted).
3. Appointment of Loni Stankan as Senior Class Advisor at a salary to be prorated based on \$750 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.
4. Permission to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The Learning Lamp to collaborate to offer summer camp child care services from June 6, 2016 through August 19, 2016 for K-5 students attending the district.
5. C. T. Football Boosters/Monthly Meetings
High School Classroom
March through December (7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Michelle Stumpf

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Stumpf, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

MOTION by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mr. Christofes, 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.

VOTE: Ayes – Unanimous

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Strayer, to increase the pay rate of David Walat to \$12.00 per hour retroactive to Tuesday, January 19, 2016, due to his reassignment to the position of Elementary Building Custodian (Day Shift).

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Stumpf, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to increase the pay rate of Maryann Ackman (substitute secretary) to \$8.25 per hour retroactive to Tuesday, February 2, 2016, and continuing for the duration of Justine Bowden’s leave of absence.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,

Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Stumpf, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Christofes, to approve the debt service payment of \$55,106.26 (2014 Bond Series) to The Bank of New York Mellon.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Stumpf, Mr. Tresnicky, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried

The Resolution to approve the Greater Johnstown AVTS/CTC 2016-2017 Tentative General Fund Secondary Budget was acted upon at this time.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Summary, Capital Reserve Account Summary, High School Construction Fund Summary, and Self-Funding Analysis for December were included with the agenda.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed a list of his recent activities/meetings. He noted that the staff has been concentrating on curriculum development this year.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Mr. Tresnicky informed the Board that a law had been passed to prevent home school districts from holding students back from attending vocational schools due to testing or remediation issues. It was also noted that our students would be attending the CTC during the morning next year to help alleviate the disparity between the morning and afternoon class enrollments.

Mr. Kakabar distributed a copy of his yearly goals to the board members.

Mr. Foster reported that the students would be presenting their graduation projects on March 14-17, 2016. He asked the board members to contact him if interested in serving as an evaluator.

Mr. Strayer thanked the Teachers’ Association for the notes of appreciation sent to the board members during board appreciation month.

There being no further business, Dr. Mantini declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary