

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

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 15, 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, Earl Sleek, II, Lori Sotosky,  
 David Strayer, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell, Rocco Mantini ..... 8  
 MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Tresnicky ..... 1  
Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Daniel Rullo, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Lance McGough,  
 Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Edward Slonka, Rebecca Conn, Erin Siverd,  
 Interested Citizens, Lisa Stevens

Dr. Mantini led those present in the flag salute.

Rifle Team Coaches Brian Spory and John Binnie and members Kaitlyn Garrety, Olivia Marisa, Lauren Sprock, Seth Strayer, and Annie Tomb attended the meeting. The team won the state championship in the smallbore three position division for the third time, and second place in the air rifle division. They also won the Somerset County Cup for the seventh time. The Board congratulated the team/coaches on their success.

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 February 16, 2016
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of February 29, 2016
3. Tax Collection Report as of February 29, 2016
4. Activity Fund Report for February

**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, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 8  
 Nays: ..... 0  
Motion carried

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,  
 Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Stumpf, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 8  
 Nays: ..... 0  
Motion carried

**MOTION** by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to approve payment of construction bills as listed.

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

Nays: ..... 0  
Motion carried

Dr. Mantini acknowledged receipt of notes from junior high students to thank the Board for approving the establishment of a junior high track team.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Christofes, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 7, 2016 as follows:

<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>	<b>MARCH 7, 2016</b>
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, March 7, 2016 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, David Strayer, Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Lance McGough, Nicole Dull, Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Edward Slonka, Katelin Lindrose, Christine Magistro, Melissa Wilson, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Guests & Sunshine Act Public Comment Period
  - A. Katelin Lindrose & Christine Magistro attended the meeting to present a progress report on the Outdoor Classroom/Pavilion Project.
2. Student Education
  - A. Recommend approval of the 2016-2017 School Calendar.
  - B. Informational items were as follows:
    1. To date, 59 children have been registered for kindergarten.
    2. Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.
3. School Activities
  - A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:
    1. Permission for Amanda Bee/teachers to accompany fifth grade students (63) to the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center to attend a Young People’s Concert by the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at a cost of \$42.50/half-day substitute (budgeted—travel costs paid by PTA).

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2. Permission for Amanda Bee/teachers to accompany students to the High School for budgeted concert rehearsals on the following dates at a cost of \$254.50 (\$212/travel; \$42.50/substitute) for each trip:  

Grades K-1 (138)	Thursday, May 5, 2016
Grades 2-3 (153)	Thursday, April 28, 2016
3. Permission for Amanda Bee to accompany elementary music students (6) to Berlin Brothersvalley Senior High School for the Elementary Song Fest on Friday, May 6, 2016 at a cost of \$355: \$120/registration; \$150/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
4. Permission for Kimberly Beblar to accompany the Junior Class Officers (4) to Green Gables for a prom consultation on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at a cost of \$13/travel (budgeted).
5. Permission for Alyshia Brehm/Jacqueline Feathers/Jennifer Omahne to accompany fourth grade students (62) on a field trip to Lincoln Caverns on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at no cost to the district (PTA-funded).
6. Permission for Lorrie Callihan/Kristy Curry/Kelly Digon/Christine Magistro to accompany third grade students (79) on a field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at no cost to the district (PTA-funded).
7. Permission for Lorrie Callihan/Kristy Curry/Kelly Digon/Christine Magistro to accompany third grade students (79) on a field trip to the Somerset Historical Center on Friday, May 20, 2016 at no cost to the district (funded by PTA & Somerset Trust Grant).
8. Permission for Emily Del Signore/Ellen Doyle/Tamelyn McNevin/Christine Shroyer to accompany second grade students (74) on a field trip to Old Bedford Village on Friday, May 6, 2016 at no cost to the district (PTA-funded).
9. Permission for Nicole Dull/Jarod Feathers/Lori Reese/Audrey Wenger to accompany fifth grade students (63) to the High School for promotion practice on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at a cost of \$300/travel (budgeted).
10. Permission for Jarod Feathers/Lori Reese/Audrey Wenger to accompany fifth grade students (63) on a field trip to Fort Ligonier on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at no cost to the district (funded by PTA & Somerset Trust Grant).
11. Permission for Jarod Feathers/Lori Reese/Audrey Wenger to accompany fifth grade students (63) on a field trip to the Carnegie Science Center on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at no cost to the district (PTA-funded).
12. Permission for Stacy Dabbs/Ruth Hostetler/Katelin Lindrose/Michele Roman/Amy Stone to accompany kindergarten students (78) on a field trip to Valewood Farms/Loretto on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at no cost to the district (PTA-funded).
13. Permission for Deborah McMillan/Megan Miller/Lindsey Naglic to accompany first grade students (61) to Camp Sequanota on Friday, May 20, 2016 at no cost to the district (PTA-funded).
14. Permission for Rebecca Parker to accompany the Reading Team (15) to Forest Hills Middle School for an Interscholastic Reading Competition on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at a cost of \$375: \$75/registration; \$300/travel (budgeted).

Committee of the Whole continued—

15. Permission for Matthew Plummer/Ellen Doyle to accompany students (7) to the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association State Competition at Seven Springs on April 13-16, 2016 (Wednesday-Saturday) at a cost of \$4,872: \$450/registration; \$490/travel; \$3,422/lodging-meals; \$510/substitutes (budgeted).
16. Permission for Maureen Wesner to accompany life skills students (10) to a grocery store/restaurant (4 visits), UPJ Recycling, the Humane Society, and the YMCA for community based instruction experiences on April 4, 5, 12, 18, 19, and 26, 2016 at a cost of \$625: \$25/YMCA; \$600/travel (budgeted).

B. Informational items were as follows:

1. Included with the agenda was a cost summary for the elementary field trips. Mrs. Dull made note of the fact that the PTA would be spending over \$10,264 to cover the cost of the trips.
2. The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.
3. Eric Kmett was named the Regional Forensics Champion in Commentary and has qualified for the National Competition to be held in Sacramento, California.
4. Reminder—The Board’s annual yearbook picture has been rescheduled for approximately 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

4. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Permission for Rebecca Conn to attend the Pennsylvania Institute for Instructional Coaching Conference at Penn State on May 2-4, 2016 (Monday-Wednesday) at a cost of \$365: \$110/travel; \$255/substitutes (budgeted).
2. Permission for Stacey Hazlett to attend North-Eastern Cloud Collaborative Training at the Greater Johnstown CTC on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at a cost of \$42.50/substitute (budgeted).
3. Permission for Jane Jugan to attend “Special Education Law Day” at I. U. 8/Altoona on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at a cost of \$45/travel (budgeted).
4. Permission for Becky Lough to attend “Dyslexia Today 2016: Learning & Living with Dyslexia” in Monroeville on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at a cost of \$220: \$139/registration; \$81/travel (budgeted).
5. Permission for Regina Rembold to attend a Child Accounting Workshop in Cranberry on Friday, April 1, 2016 at a cost of \$132/travel (budgeted).

B. Recommend approval for Katelin Lindrose 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).

C. Recommend approval for Maureen Wesner to provide home-based Extended School Year services (as a special education requirement) for up to four students during the summer of 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$2,000, plus mileage reimbursement for travel between homes.

Committee of the Whole continued—

D. Recommend approval of the list of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp for the 2015-2016 school year.

- E. Recommend approval to add Michael Burkett to the Substitute Custodial List.
- F. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with The Learning Lamp to provide substitute custodians as needed at a rate of \$83.20 per day.
- G. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2015-2016 school year:

Brian Byer	Elementary School
Nicholas Croyle	Baseball
Eric Dinyar	Elementary School
Stephanie Edsall	Softball
Scott Fetterman	Grade 6 & Elementary School
Stacey Hazlett	Softball
Penny Hoffman	Music
Misty Huber	Elementary School
Christine Mankamyer	Music
Thomas Mitchell	Elementary School
Gina Poznanski	Elementary School
Alicia Quezada	Music
Vanessa Risch	Softball
Sheri Roberts	Music
Eric Roman	Elementary School
Patti Sanchez	Music
Scott Shirley	Elementary School
Crystal Sprock	Music
Sonja Stevens	Grade 6
Brandy Stultz	Music
Renee Teeter	Elementary School
Danyelle Weber	Elementary School

5. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. C. T. Youth Football/Player & Cheerleader Registration  
Elementary School Cafeteria  
Thursdays, April 14 & 21, 2016 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
Kristi Purdy
2. C. T. Youth Football/Equipment & Uniform Distribution  
Elementary School Cafeteria/Breezeway Area  
Wednesday, July 20, 2016 (5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)  
Kristi Purdy

Committee of the Whole continued—

3. C. T. Youth Football & Cheerleading/Practices  
Elementary School Fields/Parking Lots  
Mondays-Fridays, August 1, 2016 - October 28, 2016 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

Note: Will work around Junior High practices/games and school events.  
Kristi Purdy

6. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: David M. Lubinsky – Retired; Lynn K. Lubinsky – Retired; Ronald Punako – Retired; Terry A. Thomas - Retired.
- B. A Budget Workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (dinner at 6:00 p.m.).

7. Other Items

- A. Mr. Strayer reported that both the Robotics Team and the Rifle Team won state championships.
- B. Mrs. Troxell noted that three wrestlers and one band member had participated in regional competitions. She also stated that 85 students were involved in this year’s musical, which was excellent and sold out for all of the performances.
- C. Mr. Foster noted that Hunter Thomas was the local winner of the Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest. He also noted that seven students would be participating in the State TSA competition.

An executive session was held from 7:56 p.m. to 9:28 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,  
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Stumpf, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 8  
Nays: ..... 0  
Motion carried

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

- 1. Permission for Donna Greig to take intermittent leave from March 31, 2016 through March 31, 2017 under the Family and Medical Leave Act and in accordance with Policy No. 535.
- 2. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla to take a leave of absence beginning on or about May 23, 2016 and continuing for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.
- 3. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla to attend “Gifted Boot Camp” at I. U. 8/Altoona on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at a cost of \$153: \$25/registration; \$43/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
- 4. Acceptance of the resignation of Jennifer Kaltreider as an instructional aide at the elementary school effective March 18, 2016.
- 5. Acceptance of the resignation of Stacey Hazlett as Head Varsity Girls’ Basketball Coach effective March 8, 2016.
- 6. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year:

Dana Brendlinger  
Velma Brown

Elementary School & High School Field Trip Chaperone  
Elementary School

Maxine Cullen	Music & Elementary School
Benoit Denault	Elementary School
Sonya Eppley	Music
Georgetta Frederick	Elementary School
Annette Hofecker	Elementary School & High School Field Trip Chaperone
Renee Hostetler	High School Field Trip Chaperone
Jennifer Kaltreider	High School Field Trip Chaperone
Amy Kinsey	Music
Jenilee Lasure	Elementary School
Alison Luprek	Elementary Field Trip Chaperone
Rosemarie Marinkovich	Music
Kelly McCall	Elementary Field Trip Chaperone
Lauren McClemens	Elementary School
Michelle Miller	Elementary School & High School Field Trip Chaperone
Stephen Parker	High School Field Trip Chaperone
Michele Roman	Elementary Field Trip Chaperone
Amy Rouser	Elementary School & High School Field Trip Chaperone
William Rouser	Elementary School & High School Field Trip Chaperone
Erin Sotosky	Elementary School
Lisa Williams	High School Field Trip Chaperone
Tracy Yoder	Music

7. Dancer’s Haven/Dance, Dress Rehearsal, & Recital  
 High School Auditorium/Band & Chorus Classrooms  
 Monday & Wednesday, May 2 & 4, 2016 (3:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)  
 Saturday, May 7, 2016 (11:00 a.m. to 6:30 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

8. Youth Baseball Practice  
 High School Baseball or Softball Field  
 Sundays, March – July (1:00-3:00 p.m., 3:00-5:00 p.m., or 5:00-7:00 p.m.)  
 Joseph Shetler

9. AYSO Soccer Practice  
 Elementary School Gym  
 April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2016 (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)  
 Eric Roman

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,  
 Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Stumpf, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 8  
 Nays: ..... 0  
 Motion carried

**MOTION** by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to approve the starting hourly wages and hourly wage adjustments for support staff personnel effective July 1, 2016 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,  
 Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Stumpf, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 8  
 Nays: ..... 0  
 Motion carried

**MOTION** by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the Appalachia I. U. 8 General Fund Budget for 2016-2017 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Christofes, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, Mr. Sleek, Mrs. Sotosky,  
Mr. Strayer, Mrs. Stumpf, Mrs. Troxell, Dr. Mantini ..... 8  
Nays: ..... 0  
Motion carried

Ballots for the election of I. U. 8 Directors were distributed and completed by the board members.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Summary, Capital Reserve Account Summary, High School Construction Fund Summary, 2012/2014 Bond Payment Schedules, and Self-Funding Analysis for January were included with the agenda. Mrs. Rembold reminded the board members that the budget workshop would be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (dinner at 6:00).

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed a list of his recent activities/meetings. He also reminded the Board that he had previously been given permission to approve change orders for up to \$5,000 (with ratification at the next meeting) to avoid delaying the progress of the construction projects.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini distributed the “Highlights” from the February Joint Operating Committee meeting.

Mr. Slonka reported that the stadium lights would be turned off until the excavation work for the field house project is completed. He is hopeful that the lights will be back on by April 1, 2016.

Mrs. Troxell distributed items pertaining to Reading Night, which is scheduled for March 31, 2016.

Mr. Strayer noted that an article on the “Hoops for Heart” fundraiser had been in the Daily American.

An executive session was held from 7:46 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel.

There being no further business, Dr. Mantini declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary