

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:01 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregory Christofes, Earl Sleek, II, Lori Sotosky, David Strayer,
Michelle Stumpf, Christine Troxell 6
MEMBERS ABSENT: Rocco Mantini, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Alan Tresnicky (arr. 7:09) 3
Quorum present

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, James Cascio, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers,
Nicole Dull, Jane Jugan, Edward Slonka, Rebecca Conn, Fred Mainhart,
Interested Citizens, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Troxell led those present in the flag salute.

Karen Devine from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association attended the meeting to distribute packets and inform the Board about the various services provided by the organization. Mr. Tresnicky arrived during this presentation at 7:09 p.m., making total members present—7.

The Rifle Team and Coaches attended the meeting. The team won the state championship in the air rifle division and placed second in the smallbore division. The Board congratulated the team/coaches on their success.

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

1. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held February 21, 2017
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of February 28, 2017
3. Tax Collection Report as of February 28, 2017
4. Activity Fund Report for February

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

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Kakabar and Mrs. Troxell noted receipt of correspondence as follows:

1. Letter from PDE stating that the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 was approved as being substantially in compliance with relevant federal and Commonwealth policy.
2. 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, 2016.
3. Note from the SADD Club to thank the Board for supporting their post prom program.

4. Letters from two students, Grant McClemens and Jonathan Fochtman, sent to the Board as part of their fifth grade writing project.

MOTION by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 13, 2017 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MARCH 13, 2017

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, March 13, 2017 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, Christine Troxell

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

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Student Education

- A. Recommend permission for Alex Terrell (Grade 3) to attend Conemaugh Township Area Elementary School as a tuition student beginning March 22, 2017 and continuing for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year in accordance with Policy No. 202 at a rate to be prorated based on the annual tuition rate of \$8,035.40, with any additional costs such as an aide, outside placement, etc., to be billed to his parents. Equal monthly payments shall be required, with the first payment to be made immediately and the total amount due to be paid on or before May 1, 2017.

- B. Recommend approval to add the following course for the 2017-2018 school year:

Technical Writing 9, .25 Credit, Grade 9

- C. Informational Items were as follows:

1. To date, 65 children have been registered for kindergarten (six more than last year at this time).
2. A revised 2017-2018 Curriculum Guide for Grades 9-12, including a summary of the changes in the Guide, was included with the agenda.
3. Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.

2. School Activities

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

1. Permission for Lorrie Callihan/Kristy Curry/Kelly Digon/Audrey Wenger to accompany third grade students (75) on a field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at no cost to the district (PTA-funded).

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2. Permission for Lorrie Callihan/Kristy Curry/Kelly Digon/Audrey Wenger to accompany third grade students (74) on a field trip to the Somerset Historical Center on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at no cost to the district (funded by PTA & Grant).
3. Permission for Meribeth DeBarto/Cassey DeBiase/Candace Donaldson/Stephanie Edsall/Melissa Wilson to accompany students (60) to the Ferndale Sportsmen's Club to release trout raised in Mrs. Wilson's science classes on Monday, May 15, 2017 at a cost of \$175/travel (not budgeted).
4. Permission for Emily Del Signore/Ellen Doyle/Christine Shroyer to accompany second grade students (61) on a field trip to Old Bedford Village on Friday, May 5, 2017 at no cost to the district (PTA-funded).
5. Permission for Nicole Dull/Jacqueline Feathers/Alyshia Mock to accompany Elementary Student Council members (24) to Laurel View Village to distribute tissue boxes to residents on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at no cost to the district (transportation donated by McIlwain).
6. Permission for Nicole Dull/Jamie Jaber/Tamelyn McNevin/Lori Reese to accompany fifth grade students (64) to the High School for promotion practice on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at a cost of \$214/travel (budgeted).
7. Permission for Jacqueline Feathers/Megan Miller/Alyshia Mock/Jennifer Omahne to accompany fourth grade students (76) on a field trip to Lincoln Caverns on Friday, May 12, 2017 at no cost to the district (PTA-funded).
8. Permission for Suzette Gardenhour to accompany one band member to Erie for All-State Band on April 19-22, 2017 (Wednesday-Saturday) at a cost of \$1,515: \$360/registration; \$250/travel; \$400/lodging; \$250/meals; \$255/substitutes (budgeted).
9. Permission for Ruth Hostetler/Katelin Lindrose/Michele Roman/Amy Stone/Lisa Style to accompany kindergarten students (73) on a field trip to Valewood Farms/Loretto on Friday, May 19, 2017 at a cost of \$85/substitute for Mrs. Style (remainder of costs PTA-funded).
10. Permission for Jamie Jaber/Tamelyn McNevin/Lori Reese to accompany fifth grade students (65) on a field trip to the Carnegie Science Center on Friday, May 12, 2017 at no cost to the district (PTA-funded).
11. Permission for Jamie Jaber/Tamelyn McNevin/Lori Reese to accompany fifth grade students (65) on a field trip to Fort Ligonier on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at no cost to the district (funded by PTA & Somerset Trust Grant).
12. Permission for Maureen Kalfas to accompany life skills students (10) to a grocery store/restaurant (4 visits), Roxbury Recycling, UPJ Swimming, and Flair of Country for community based instruction experiences on April 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2017 at a cost of \$422.50: \$22.50/UPJ; \$400/travel (budgeted).
13. Permission for Maureen Kalfas to accompany life skills students (10) to a grocery store/restaurant (4 visits), UPJ/Roxbury Recycling, Mountain Playhouse, First National Bank, and Stackhouse Park for community based instruction experiences on May 2, 8, 9, 16, 22, 23, and 25, 2017 at a cost of \$715: \$65/Mountain Playhouse; \$600/travel; \$50/Stackhouse supplies (budgeted).

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14. Permission for Christine Magistro/Deborah McMillan/Lindsey Naglic to accompany first grade students (67) to Camp Sequanota on Friday, May 19, 2017 at no cost to the district (PTA-funded).
15. Permission for Lisa Style to accompany autistic support students (20) to Greenhouse Park for a community based instruction experience on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at a cost of \$207: \$107/travel; \$100/meals (budgeted).

B. Informational Item – The Elementary Newsletter was included with the agenda.

3. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Permission for Kelly Birkhimer/Kara Borsa/Erin Stroz to attend “Counselor Network” at I. U. 8/Altoona on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at a cost of \$50/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Abby Gearhart to attend the Westmoreland I. U. 7 Advanced Placement Summer Institute at St. Vincent College on July 10-13, 2017 (Monday-Thursday) at a cost of \$1,109: \$799/registration; \$50/travel; \$160/lodging; \$100/meals (not budgeted).
3. Permission for Matthew Plummer to attend the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association’s STEM Conference in Dallas, Texas on March 15-18, 2017 (Wednesday-Saturday) at a cost of \$255/substitutes (not budgeted—remainder of costs paid by ITEEA).

B. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by The Learning Lamp/Ignite for the 2016-2017 school year: Cassandra Defibaugh (Music Cert.); Deborah Hite (Elementary Cert.); Jodie Schatz (Emergency School Nurse Cert.); Stephen Spruell (Emergency Cert.); Amy Stein (Emergency School Nurse Cert.).

C. Recommend approval to declare open and post the Assistant Junior High Boys’ Basketball Coach position.

D. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2016-2017 school year:

Melissa Baker	Elementary School
James Bilitski, Jr.	Musical
Chelsea Brenneman	Elementary School
Eric Dinyar	Elementary School
Jennifer Gardenhour	Elementary School
Jennifer Gardner	Track & Field
Benjamin Goggin	Elementary School
Laurie Grosik	Elementary School
Annette Hofecker	Elementary School
Pamela Huffman	Elementary School
Lisa Jerin	Elementary School
Bethanie Johns	Elementary School
Samantha Kane	Elementary School
Eric Konieczny	Elementary School
Jennifer Konieczny	Elementary School
Victoria Kramer	Elementary School
Jill Lehman	Elementary School

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Ethan Leydig	Musical
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Danyel Lohr	Elementary School
Kayla Luprek	High School Field Trip Chaperone
Amy Mackanick	Elementary School
Frederick Mainhart	High School Field Trip Chaperone
Lisa Malicki	Elementary School
Christine Susan Mankamyer	Elementary School
Shelly Marsh	Elementary School
Lauren McClemens	Elementary School
Angela McKool	Elementary School
Beth Ott	Elementary School
Paul Petrilli	Elementary School
Gina Poznanski	High School Field Trip Chaperone
Daniel Richardson	Elementary School
Kirsten Schlabach	Elementary School
Somer Shetler	Elementary School
Earl Sleek, II	High School Field Trip Chaperone
Loni Stankan	Elementary Field Trip Chaperone
Amy Stein	Elementary School
Adam Thomas	High School Field Trip Chaperone
Georgann Thomas	Elementary School
Jodi Tresnicky	Elementary School
Jennifer Valentine	Elementary School

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend permission to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The Learning Lamp to collaborate to offer summer camp child care services from June 5, 2017 through August 25, 2017 for K-5 students attending the district.

5. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Ratification of the Superintendent's decision to permit those participating in the Musical to use the High School Cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to hold a luncheon during the all-day practice session on Saturday, March 4, 2017.
2. Ratification of the Superintendent's decision to permit the parents of students involved in the Musical to conduct a Cast Party at the Elementary School from 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, to 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, 2017.
3. PTA Outdoor Classroom Committee/Vendor & Craft Fair Fundraiser
Elementary School Gym
Sunday, March 26, 2017 (11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Katelin Lindrose
4. Elementary Girls' Basketball
Elementary School Gym
April 6, 11, & 18, 2017 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Brian Byer

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5. PTA/Read-a-Thon Night
Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room/Library

Friday, April 7, 2017 (4:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.)
Jennifer Valentine

6. C. T. Youth Football/Player & Cheerleader Registration
Elementary School Cafeteria/Multipurpose Room
April 11 & 19, 2017 (5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Kristi Purdy
7. PTA/Reading Night
Elementary School & High School Parking Lot
Thursday, April 20, 2017 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Michelle Wozniak
8. Junior High Volleyball/End of Season Potluck Dinner
High School Cafeteria
Thursday, April 27, 2017 (4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Patricia Miller
9. PTA/Scrapbooking Weekend
Elementary School Cafeteria/Multipurpose Room/Library/Lobby
Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, 2017 (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.)
Kimberly Meyers
10. PTA Outdoor Classroom Committee/LulaRoe Bingo Fundraiser
Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room
Sunday, May 7, 2017 (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Katelin Lindrose
11. Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8/Extended School Year Program
Elementary School Special Education Classrooms (2)
Three days per week, July 5-27, 2017 (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
Barbara Cassel

6. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend approval to extend the banking service agreement with 1st Summit Bank under the terms and conditions of the current agreement from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.
- B. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:
David M. Lubinsky – Totally Disabled; Deborah A. Rininger – Retired; Rickie D. Shull - Retired.

7. Other Items

- A. Mr. Kakabar stated that the musical was impressive and expressed congratulations to all those involved in the production. He also reported that a 1945 graduate, Mary Samole Mawyer, had passed away in September 2016 and bequeathed \$100,000 to the School District to establish a scholarship fund for underprivileged students of Eastern European descent. When the funds are released from her estate, the scholarship will be set up through the Community Foundation, with the first award planned for 2018. The administration will develop the award criteria for the scholarship.

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- B. Mr. Strayer mentioned articles published in the Daily American concerning the musical, Jarod Feathers' promotion to Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, and Daniel Rullo's run for election as judge. He also

noted that the Rifle Team won the state Air Rifle championship and placed second in the smallbore competition.

C. Mrs. Troxell noted that she had distributed information to the board members regarding the Township Stampede scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017.

D. Mr. Foster reported that Declan Cullen had qualified for the National Forensics Tournament.

An executive session was held from 7:50 p.m. to 9:42 p.m. to discuss personnel and student matters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

1. Permission for Rebecca Parker to accompany the Reading Team (12) to Forest Hills Middle School for an Interscholastic Reading Competition on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at a cost of \$470: \$70/registration; \$400/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Loni Stankan/Jodi Forgas to accompany the Scholastic Quiz Team (12) to a competition at Meyersdale High School on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at a cost of \$420: \$250/travel; \$170/substitutes (budgeted).
3. Permission for Deborah Mishler to attend “Raspberry Pi – Robots” at I. U. 8/Richland on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at a cost of \$144: \$50/registration; \$9/travel; \$85/substitute (budgeted).
4. Permission to enter into an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide an English as a Second Language Teacher at a rate of \$24/hour for up to two hours per week of direct ESL instruction and a rate of \$12/hour for up to two hours per week of extra help when needed, retroactive to the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.
5. Appointment of Pamela Brehm and Jeffery Haer as Custodians at a rate of \$8.50 per hour effective April 3, 2017, with benefits as outlined in the Buildings and Grounds Employees’ Handbook, and pending receipt of clearances.
6. Acceptance of the resignations of J. Scott Cable as Head Golf Coach effective March 13, 2017 and Nicole Babik as Head Junior High Girls’ Soccer Coach effective March 15, 2017.
7. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year:

Daniel Conn, II	Elementary School
David McMillan	High School Field Trip Chaperone
Anna Meyers	Elementary School
Joel Valentine	Elementary School

8. Acceptance of the Offer to Purchase Property at Private Sale from Richard P. Krassnoski for Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-012970 at a sum of \$413.50.
9. Laurel Highlands U-19 Girls’ Rampage Travel Team/Practices
High School Front Soccer Practice Field
March 27 through May 24, 2017 (6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.—when not in use for school events)
Curtis Lichtenfels

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Christofes, to change the date of the April Board Meeting to Monday, April 17, 2017 and to advertise this change.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Strayer, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the Appalachia I. U. 8 General Fund Budget for 2017-2018 as presented.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, and Self-Funding Analyses for January and February were included with the agenda. Mr. Kakabar reminded the board members that the budget workshop would be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:00).

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Kakabar reviewed a list of his recent activities/meetings. He also made note of the following: he hopes to have a Resource Officer in place for the 2017-2018 school year; Stephanie Haines Shirley would be presenting two awareness programs to students in grades 6-12 before the end of the year concerning heroin and sexting/inappropriate use of social media; due to weather cancellations, the last day of school/graduation is currently projected to be June 1, 2017.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Mr. Tresnicky noted that a Clay Pigeon Shooting Club had been formed at the CTC. Mr. Kakabar stated that due to the closure of the Pennsylvania Academy of Cosmetology, the CTC would be expanding its cosmetology program.

Mrs. Troxell reported that Community Foundation representatives would be meeting with the booster groups and other interested school organizations on March 27 in the High School Library. She also requested that the administration make another effort to get more students involved with the “Remembering Adam” program.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary