

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:01 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Rocco Mantini, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Lori Sotosky, Michelle Stumpf, Alan Tresnicky, Justin Zahorchak, Christine Troxell	8
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Earl Sleek, II	1
Quorum present		

Others Present: Thomas Kakabar, James Cascio, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers,
Nicole Dull, Jane Jugan, Regina Rembold, Edward Slonka, Stacey Hazlett,
Frederick Mainhart, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Troxell led those present in the flag salute.

New employees, Lindsie Hammaker, Seth Keafer, Ashley Kopp, Matthew Phillippi, Rose Thomas, and Alan Tresnicky, II, attended the meeting to be introduced to the Board.

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 August 12, 2019
2. Minutes of the special school board meeting held August 28, 2019
3. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of August 31, 2019
4. Tax Collection Report as of August 31, 2019
5. Activity Fund Report for August

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

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Zahorchak, seconded by Mrs. Stumpf, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held September 9, 2019 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:04 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Troxell presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Rocco Mantini, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Lori Sotosky,
Michelle Stumpf, Alan Tresnicky, Justin Zahorchak, Christine Troxell

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

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Student Education

- A. Recommend permission to provide a Before and After School Tutoring Program for students in Grades K-12 and to post for certified teachers to staff the program at a rate of \$25 per hour (Title I and District Funds).
- B. Informational Item - The children living with non-resident employees and attending classes in our district this year on a non-tuition basis in accordance with Policy No. 202 are: Jennifer Durica (12), Dillon Hazlett (K), Kelson Kramer (3), Kendall Kramer (7), Grayson Kusher (6), Hayden Lingenfelter (8), Kadiya Lingenfelter (11), Elisabeth McCall (6), Maura McCall (3), Ivan Stankan (4), and Rourie Stankan (6).

2. School Activities

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

- 1. Permission for Tracie Aurandt/Kelly Birkhimer/Kara Borsa/Jodi Forgas to accompany students (70) to a College and Career Fair at the Pasquerilla Center on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at a cost \$230/travel (budgeted).
- 2. Permission for Kelly Birkhimer to accompany students (6) to the Clara Barton Forum in Johnstown on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at a cost of \$30/travel (budgeted).
- 3. Permission for Catherine Kasun to accompany the Marching Band (41) to participate in the following budgeted competitions:

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Trans. Cost</u>
Brockway High School	09/28/19	\$ 625
Tyrone High School	10/05/19	\$ 460
Greater Johnstown High School	10/12/19	\$ 250
IUP/Chapter Championships	10/19/19	\$ 350

- 4. Permission for Catherine Kasun/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany the Senior High Choir and instrumental groups (60) to area senior citizen centers to perform on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at a cost of \$404: \$290/travel; \$114/substitute (budgeted).
- 5. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany Senior High Choir members (17) to the PMEA District 6 Chorus Pre-Auditions at Chestnut Ridge High School on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at a cost of \$285: \$85/registration; \$200/travel (budgeted).
- 6. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany Senior High Choir members (20) and Junior High Chorus members (12) to the Somerset County Chorus Festival at Meyersdale High School on November 25-26, 2019 (Monday-Tuesday) at a cost of \$1,298: \$640/registration; \$430/travel; \$228/substitutes (budgeted).

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7. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany the Senior High Choir (60) to the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center to perform with the River City Brass on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at no cost to the District (students/parents responsible for own transportation; participation is not mandatory).
8. Permission for Erin O'Donnell to accompany the Spanish Club (30) to the Elementary School once per month to teach Spanish lessons during the 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$50/travel per trip (budgeted).
9. Permission for Wonda Piskuric to accompany learning support students (12) to Pappy's Pizza and Mini Golf for community based instruction experiences on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at a cost of \$138: \$114/travel; \$24/golfing (budgeted).
10. Permission for Wonda Piskuric to accompany learning support students (12) to the Conemaugh Township EMS building for a community based instruction experience on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at a cost of \$114/travel (budgeted).
11. Permission for Wonda Piskuric to accompany learning support students (12) to Richland Cinemas and Pappy's Pizza for community based instruction experiences on Friday, November 22, 2019 at a cost of \$211: \$120/travel; \$91/movie tickets (budgeted).
12. Permission for Bethany Brenchak Spengler to accompany art students (33) to The Mattress Factory (contemporary art museum) in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at a cost of \$589: \$425/travel; \$114/substitute; \$50/deposit (budgeted).

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

3. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference/Workshop Requests:

1. Permission for Kelly Birkhimer/Kara Borsa/Erin Stroz to attend Chapter 339 Guidance Training at I. U. 8/Altoona on October 31, 2019 and March 24, 2020 at a cost of \$180: \$90/registration; \$90/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Michael Buncich to attend Basic School Resource Officer Training on October 28-November 1, 2019 (Monday-Friday) at a cost of \$717: \$445/registration; \$232/travel; \$40/National Assoc. of School Resource Officers Membership (not budgeted, but mandatory).
3. Permission for Stacy Dabbs/Jane Jugan/Rose Thomas to attend the PennData/PIMS Workshop at I. U. 8/Richland on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at a cost of \$99: \$19/travel; \$80/substitute (budgeted).
4. Permission for Nicole Dull/Thomas Kakabar to attend a School Law Workshop in State College on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at a cost of \$298: \$198/registration; \$100/travel (budgeted).
5. Permission for Maureen Kalfas to attend Learning Support/Multi Disability Support Services Networking meetings at I. U. 8/Richland on 12/5/19, 2/19/20, and 4/8/20 at a cost of \$382: \$40/travel; \$342/substitutes (budgeted).

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6. Permission for Regina Rembold to attend the Annual Child Accounting Conference in Hershey on November 13-15, 2019 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$844: \$325/registration; \$203/travel; \$316/lodging & meals (budgeted).
- B. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Stephanie Edsall as a Math Teacher, Act 48 Continuing Professional Education Chairperson, and Middle School Student Council Advisor, conditioned upon her continued employment in the District for a period of up to sixty (60) days from August 12, 2019 in accordance with her Professional Employee Contract and the requirements of Pennsylvania School Code Section 24 PS §11-1121(c). (Mr. Kakabar noted that Ms. Edsall's last day would likely be September 16, 2019.)
- C. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Brady Rouser as Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach effective August 26, 2019.
- D. Recommend approval to add Jackie Weaver to the Substitute Cafeteria and Secretarial Lists for the 2019-2020 school year.
- E. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions/The Learning Lamp for the 2019-2020 school year: Kathryn Buonantony (Emergency); Sandra Domonkos (Emergency); Andrea Seitz (Emergency); Daniel Tarr (Social Studies); Jennifer Valentine (Elementary).
- F. Recommend appointment of the following individuals as Mentors under the Teacher Induction Plan at the rate of \$300 as per the Professional Agreement:

Tracy Durica – Alan Tresnicky, II
Maureen Kalfas – Lindsie Hammaker
Maureen Kalfas – Ashley Kopp
Kenneth Kusher – Matthew Phillippi
Rebecca Parker – Seth Keafer

- G. Recommend appointment of the following bona fide volunteers with compensation to be as listed for the 2019-2020 school year:

Jennifer Custer	Speech Team Co-Advisor	\$928
Shaina Sanderson	Middle School Student Council Advisor	\$773

- H. Recommend approval of changes in Salary Schedule Placement in accordance with Article VIII, Section 6, of the Professional Agreement:

Andrew Byer	Master's + 10
Rebecca Conn	Master's + 30
Ashley Kopp	Bachelor's + 20
Gary Sechrengost	Master's + 20

- I. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year:

Cody Aurandt	Boys' Varsity Soccer
John Binnie	Rifle Team
Gary Black, Jr.	Elementary School/Elementary Basketball/High School Field Trips
Leisha Black	Elementary School/Elem. Basketball/J. H. Football/Music Dept./H. S. Field Trips
Angela Blough	Elementary School
Julie Caruso	Elementary School
Jessica Claycomb	Elementary School

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Jeanne Cober	Elementary School
Marcy Corella	Elementary School
Lori Denault	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Mark DeSantis	Elementary School
Rebecca DeSantis	Elementary School
Terri Duffy	Elementary School
Kristen Furman	Elementary School
Amy Glover	Elementary School/Music Department/High School Field Trips
Jeri Lynn Hunsberger	Elementary School/Music Department/High School Field Trips
Theresa Jarosick	Elementary School
Ashlee Johnson	Music Department
Eric Konieczny	Elementary School
Victoria Kramer	Elementary School
Cynthia Krassnoski	Elementary School
Debra Larkin	Elementary School
Jenilee Lasure	Elementary School
Jill Lehman	Elementary School/Music Department/High School Field Trips
Dawn Levadnuk	Elementary School
Ean Levadnuk	Elementary School
Lynda Lockhart	Music Department
Danyel Lohr	Elementary School
Stephanie Maluchnik	Elementary School
Monica Matera	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Mary Mauzy	Elementary School
Terry McClemens, Jr.	Grades 5-6 Basketball/Junior High Golf/Junior High Baseball
Amy McIntosh	Elementary School
Virginia Miller	Elementary School
Annie Nemeth	Elementary School
Stephen Parker	Music Department/H.S. Field Trips/Soccer/Baseball/Softball
Billie Polonia	Elementary School
Johna Pongrac-Baroni	Elementary School
Kelly Price	Elementary School/High School Field Trips/Soccer
Bryan Purdy	Elementary School
Kristi Purdy	Elementary School
Michele Roman	High School Field Trips
Shea Sala	Elementary School
Kirsten Schlabach	Elementary School
Olivia Schlosser	Elementary School
Lori Shropshire	Elementary School
Erin Sotosky	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Stephen Sotosky	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Valerie Smith	Elementary School
Amanda Tercek	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Gregory Tunstall	Elementary School
Robin Tunstall	Elementary School
Amanda Walters	Elementary School
Jenny Waterhouse	Elementary School
Randell Whetzel, Jr.	Elementary School
David Worst	Elementary School/Music Department/High School Field Trips
Sarah Worst	Elementary School/Music Department/Varsity Boys' Soccer
Jessica Zellam	Elementary School
Herman Zilch, III	Swimming/High School Field Trips
Michele Zoldey	Elementary School

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4. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Epic Communications to provide services for E-Rate Year 23 (2020-2021).
- B. Recommend approval of the proposal from IMR Digital to convert special education files to PDF images at an estimated cost of \$6,350. [Note: Does not include Single-pass OCR option of \$1,200.]
- C. Discussion was held concerning PSBA Officer Elections. The Board must decide by majority vote how to cast its votes for the Officers at the September meeting, so this item will be placed on the regular meeting agenda.

5. Buildings & Grounds

- A. Recommend approval of the following Use of Facilities Requests:
 - 1. Girl Scout Troop No. 46313/Movie Night & Pavilion Ribbon Cutting
Elementary School Gym/Cafeteria/Multipurpose Room
Thursday, September 19, 2019 (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Leisha Black
 - 2. Girl Scout Troop No. 46313/Meetings
Elementary School Library/Lunch Bunch Room/Cafeteria
First, Third & Fifth Mondays, October 2019 through May 2020 (3:35 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.)
Nicole Moser
 - 3. Girl Scouts/Daisy Launch & Registration Night
Elementary School Cafeteria
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Lisa Bulas
 - 4. C. T. Football Boosters/Football Team Dinners
High School Cafeteria
Thursdays, September 26; October 3, 10, & 17, 2019 (4:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.)
Barbara Adams
 - 5. PTA/Cherrydale Delivery
Elementary School Cafeteria
Wednesday, October 30, 2019 (12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
Nicole Moser
 - 6. PTA/Mega Event
Elementary School Gym/Restrooms
Friday, November 1, 2019 (12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Nicole Moser
 - 7. Euro Club/Vendor Fair
High School Gym/Concession Stand
Sunday, November 3, 2019 (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
Bethany Brenchak

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- B. Informational Item – The Class of 1968 has donated \$1,000 toward the cost of the new flagpoles at the High School. A thank-you letter has been sent to the Class.

6. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification: Carol L. Allison – Retired; Lynette Byer – Retired; Esther L. Gorden – Retired; Joseph F. Gorden – Retired; Thomas James Holbay – Retired; William J. Holbay, Jr. – Retired; Lauren M. McClemens – Housewife; Bonnie L. Platt – Retired; Jeffrey J. Podrasky – Retired; Diann M. Schubert – Retired; Richard A. Schubert – Retired; Delmas D. Schlosser – Retired; Susan D. Stahl – Retired; Virginia Ann Stephen – Housewife; Daniel R. Yoder - Retired.
- B. Recommend approval of the request from St. Francis Sharing & Caring, Inc., for forgiveness of school real estate taxes for the 2017 and 2018 tax years.

7. Other Items

- A. Mr. Kakabar stated that the new teachers/employees would be attending next week's meeting to be introduced to the Board.
- B. Mrs. Troxell distributed Band Schedules to the Board. She also reminded the Board of the Band's Goodwill "Collect & Earn" fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the Elementary School.
- C. Mr. Kakabar reported that the new railings had been installed at the courtyard so that the entrances could be used for the start of the school year, but there are minor defects in the bend of each railing so the contractor will be replacing them.

An executive session was held from 7:31 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, seconded by Mr. Tresnick, to approve the following requests:

1. Ratification of the superintendent's decision to permit Janet Shuman to attend Federal Programs Training at I. U 08/Altoona on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at a cost of \$59: \$49/travel; \$10/meal (budgeted).
2. Permission for Janet Shuman to attend the 2019 Federal Programs Regional Workshop at I. U 08/Altoona on Friday, October 18, 2019 at a cost of \$59: \$49/travel; \$10/meal (budgeted).
3. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Ashley Kopp to attend a Speech Team Coaches' Meeting at Blacklick Valley on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at a cost of \$114/substitute (budgeted).
4. Request from Amber Roxby for a leave of absence beginning approximately December 8, 2019 and continuing through approximately April 13, 2020 in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.
5. Appointment of Samuel Zambanini as a bona fide volunteer Act 48 Continuing Professional Education Chairperson with compensation of \$773 for the 2019-2020 school year.

6. Additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions/The Learning Lamp for the 2019-2020 school year: Mary Hahn (Emergency); Tammi Karafa (Emergency); Amanda McMullen (Emergency); Amy Stein (Emergency).
7. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2019-2020 school year:

Bobbi Jo Allison	High School Field Trips
Jennifer Campbell	Elementary School
Kathleen Carnahan	Music Department/High School Field Trips/Soccer/Softball
Kayla Coleman	Elementary School
Daniel Conn, II	Elementary School
Rebecca Conn	Elementary School
Steffanie Conzatti	Elementary School
Jessica Custer	Elementary School
Jennifer Griffith	Elementary School/High School Field Trips/Softball
Angela Lepter	Elementary School
Michelle Mock	Elementary School
Andrew Moser	Elementary School/Grade 4 Girls' Basketball
Melanie Oswalt	Elementary School
Miranda Shetler	Elementary School
Richelle Shriver	Elementary School
Erika Winters-Rowe	Elementary School

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Zahorchak, to direct the Board Secretary to cast votes for election of the following candidates for PSBA offices as listed:

Art Levinowitz	President Elect (one-year term)
David Hein	Vice President (one-year term)
Julie Preston	Central At Large (three-year term)
Sabrina Backer	Section 1 Advisor (two-year term)
Ron Cole	Section 3 Advisor (two-year term)
Marsha Pleta	Section 5 Advisor (two-year term)
Tricia Steiner	Section 7 Advisor (two-year term)
Kathy K. Swope	PSBA Insurance Trustee (term ending December 31, 2023)
Mark B. Miller	PSBA Insurance Trustee (term ending December 31, 2023)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Tresnicky, seconded by Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, to approve Use of School Facilities Requests as follows:

1. Girl Scout Troop 42101/Meetings
Elementary School Library or Room 121
Tuesdays, September through May (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Rebecca Parker
2. Grades 3-4 Basketball Program
Elementary School Gymnasium
Mondays, September 23, 2019 to December 30, 2019 (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Jarod Feathers

3. Tribe Time/Weekly Meeting
Elementary School Cafeteria/Gymnasium/STEAM Room
Monday, October 7, 2019 (4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
Megan Miller

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Newsletter, Capital Reserve Account Report, Courtyard Construction Account Report, Cash Balance/Investment Report, Mawyer Scholarship Fund Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for July were included with the agenda. Mrs. Rembold also commented as follows: (1) Cyber/Charter School costs last year were \$375,000, and projected costs for this year are \$400,000; (2) Busing has gone well to date; (3) Bond funds have been spent; remainder of funding for courtyard project will be from capital projects account.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Kakabar noted that legislative support is growing for Cyber/Charter School reform; courtyard project should be finished by end of September/beginning of October. He also briefly reviewed his September report to the Board.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Mr. Tresnicky distributed the Highlights from the August 14, 2019 Joint Operating Committee meeting. He stated that enrollment had increased to 411, and the cosmetology and welding departments may need an additional teacher due to the large class sizes. He also noted that this is the 50th year for the GJCTC, and discussion had taken place about having a special celebration and possibly changing the name of the school.

Mrs. Stumpf distributed registration forms for "Indian Trivia Night," which is being sponsored by the Football Boosters on October 5, 2019.

Mrs. Troxell noted that the Band's Goodwill Drive had raised \$3,304.20; she thanked Mrs. Dull and Mr. Budash for their assistance with the fundraiser. She also noted that Mrs. Beth Spengler and her art students are making a bench in memory of Kayleigh Tallyen, a student that passed away earlier this year.

There being no further business, Mrs. Troxell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary