

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:01 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Marissa Bazyk, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi, Earl Sleek, II, Susan Saylor-Stahl	8
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Daniel Richardson.....	1
		Quorum present

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan,
Brandon Studer, Randy Walker, David Budash, Lorrie Callihan, Tara Kimmel,
Matthew Phillippi, Jakeb Rising, Lee Salem, Lisa Stevens

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl led those present in the flag salute.

Mrs. Tara Kimmel expressed her thanks to the staff for assisting her daughter during her years at Conemaugh Township.

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

1. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held July 21, 2026
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of July 31, 2026
3. Tax Collection Report as of July 31, 2026
4. Activity Fund Report for July

MOTION by Mrs. Bazyk, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, 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 Mrs. Byer, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve payment of the capital projects bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held August 10, 2026 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	AUGUST 10, 2026
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Marissa Bazyk, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Daniel Richardson,
Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer,
David Budash, Randy Walker, Lorrie Callihan, Lee Salem, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Student Education

- A. Recommend permission to enter into a Service Agreement for Online Services and Technology Rental Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide cyber charter school services to district students for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school years.
- B. Mrs. Dull discussed snow days versus virtual instruction days. She noted that the School Code mandates that beginning next year, this topic must be discussed in open session. She stated that three snow days have been built into this year's school calendar; any additional days off due to inclement weather will be virtual instruction days.

2. School Activities

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

- 1. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany students (10) to Meyersdale High School for County Band Jazz Clinics on Thursday, October 1, 2026 at a cost of \$160/substitutes (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by students).
- 2. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany students (35) to Rockwood High School for County Band on November 4-5, 2026 (Wednesday-Thursday) at a cost of \$1,770: \$700/registration; \$750/travel; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
- 3. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany students (10) to District Band Pre-Auditions at Penn Cambria High School on Sunday, November 15, 2026 at a cost of \$400: \$100/registration; \$250/travel; \$50/meals (budgeted—travel may be shared with another district).
- 4. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany the concert/jazz band (30) to Quality Life Services/Heritage Ridge/Galleria Mall/The Willow on dates to be determined during December to perform holiday music at a cost of \$375: \$215/travel; \$160/substitutes (budgeted).
- 5. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany concert band members (30) to the Elementary School to conduct Grade 5 side-by-side and Grade 4 instrument try-out programs on Thursday, January 7, 2027 at a cost of \$150/travel (budgeted).
- 6. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany concert band members (7-pending auditions) to Richland Area School District for District Band on January 13-15, 2027 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$800: \$490/registration; \$150/meals; \$160/substitute (budgeted).
- 7. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany music students (50) to Laurel View and the Elementary School to perform holiday music on Tuesday, December 22, 2026 at a cost of \$375: \$215/travel; \$160/substitute (budgeted).
- 8. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany Rotary Interact Club members (4) to Forever Radio for the Wishes for Christmas recording and delivery to recipients' homes on dates to be determined in December at no cost to the district.

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9. Permission for Jakeb Rising to accompany the Scholastic Quiz Teams (8) to Westmont Hilltop High School to participate in the Central Western Scholastic Quiz League on Mondays from September 14 through November 2, 2026 and Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at a cost \$2,450: \$250/registration; \$2,200/travel (budgeted—travel may be less if school van is available for use).
 - B. Recommend permission for Zuri Lehman (Grade 7, cyber-schooled student) to participate in Junior High Volleyball and the Musical during the 2026-2027 school year at a fee of \$500 per activity in accordance with Board Policy.
3. Human Development
- A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:
 1. Permission for Terri Duffy/Kimberly Garman/Eric Konieczny/Kathryn Williams to attend “ECRI Foundational Skills Training” at I. U. 08/Duncansville on August 10-11, 2026 at a cost of \$80/meals (paid through SPEL Grant).
 2. Permission for Amanda Evans to attend “Gifted Bootcamp” at I. U. 08/Duncansville on September 15 and October 5, 2026 at a cost of \$459: \$50/registration; \$69/travel; \$20/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
 3. Permission for Jakeb Rising to attend the American Association of Physics Teachers National Winter Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 9-12, 2027 (Saturday-Tuesday) at a cost of \$320/substitutes (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by grant assistance).
 - B. Recommend approval of the List of Substitute Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year submitted by Ignite Education Solutions.
 - C. Recommend appointment of the following bona fide volunteer athletic personnel with compensation as listed for the 2026-2027 school year:

Lyndsay Delozier	Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach	\$1,545 (pending documentation)
Hannah Sodano	Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach	\$2,081 (credit for prior C.T. experience)
 - D. Recommend authorization to post and advertise for vacant positions as needed for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - E. Recommend approval of volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Michelle Blough	Elementary School
Erika Broeker	Elementary School
Onora Cable	Elementary School/High School Field Trip & Dance Chaperone
Emanuel Coleman, III	Music Department
Kayla Coleman	Music Department
Terri Duffy	Elementary School
Matthew Duray	Elementary Basketball
Dawn Fassnacht	Music Department
Steven Fassnacht	Music Department
Ryan Gilmore	Football
Terra Griesheimer	Elementary School
Theresa Jarosick	Elementary School/Music Department

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Matthew McGlynn	Elementary School
Michelle Mock	Music Department/Gifted Program/Scholastic Quiz
Courtney Oakes	Elementary School/Elementary Wrestling
Kelly Price	Soccer/High School Field Trips
Brittany Rich	Elementary School
Courtney Seth	Elementary School
Lori Shropshire	Music Department/Soccer/Cheerleading/High School Field Trips
Samantha L. Stevanus	Elementary School
Tyler Stevanus	Elementary School
Cassandra Thomas	Elementary School
Trenton Troxell	Varsity Football
Angela Turley	Music Department/High School Field Trips/Gifted Program
Amanda Walters	Elementary School
Michael Walters, Jr.	Elementary School
Nicolas Yoder	Music Department
Melinda Zeigler	Elementary School
Jessica Zellam	High School Field Trips/Middle School Golf
Kevin Ziance	Elementary School/Middle School Golf
Kimberly Ziance	Elementary School

F. Informational Items

1. Abigail Updyke has completed her third year of satisfactory teaching; as a result, a professional employee contract will be issued to her.
2. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Jeanne Derricott as a Substitute Cafeteria Worker effective July 29, 2026 and Nathan Lehman as Assistant Rifle Team Coach effective August 6, 2026.

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of the Bus Driver List and Route Summary for the 2026-2027 school year.
[Complete bus routes are available from the Transportation Director.]
- B. Recommend approval of an Affiliation Agreement with Eastern University for the placement of qualified candidates to complete field experiences, student teaching placements, or internship/practicum experiences.

5. Buildings & Grounds

- A. Recommend approval of the following Use of Facilities Requests:
 1. Grades 1-2 Girls' Basketball
Elementary School Gym
Selected Tuesdays – August and September 2026 (4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Matthew Duray
 2. Grades 3-4 Girls' Basketball
Elementary School Gym
Selected Tuesdays/Thursdays – September and October 2026 (3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Matthew Duray

Committee of the Whole continued—

3. Euro Club/Community Board Game Night
High School Library
Friday, September 11, 2026 (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Jakeb Rising
4. Euro Club/Fall Enrollment Meeting for 2028 Trip
High School Library
Wednesday, October 14, 2026 (6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Jakeb Rising

An executive session was held from 7:10 p.m. to 7:55 p.m. to discuss contractual matters.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve the following requests:

1. Permission for the following cyber-schooled students to participate in the activities listed during the 2026-2027 school year at a fee of \$500 per activity/per student in accordance with Board Policy: Lydia Levadnuk (Grade 10-Musical); Micah Murray (Grade 12-Football & Musical).
2. Change in Salary Schedule Placement in accordance with Article VIII, Section 6, of the Professional Agreement: Becky Lough – Master’s + 30.
3. Permission to add Johna Pongrac-Baroni to the Substitute Cafeteria List for the 2026-2027 school year, pending receipt of required documentation.
4. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2026-2027 school year:

Jessica Beahr	Elementary School
Melissa Bird	Elementary School
Margaretta Borodach	Elementary School
Stacy Burnworth	Varsity Boys’ Soccer/Varsity Football
Carly Gindlesperger	Girls’ Basketball
Nicole Kennedy	Elementary School/H. S. Field Trips/Middle School Dance Chaperone
Jenna Kroner	Elementary School
Austin Robbins	Elementary School
Timothy Rosa	Wrestling/Elementary School
Amanda Tresnicky	Elementary School
Paul Tresnicky	Elementary School/Elementary Wrestling
5. Permission to enter into a contract with Kristy Burkett to transport her child to and from school (GJCTC) at the approved Internal Revenue Service rate per mile or a minimum of \$25 per day, whichever is more, for the 2026-2027 school year.
6. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Elementary Wrestling
High School Field House Third Floor/Restrooms
Monday through Friday, October 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 (5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Deanna Maurer

7. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Elementary & Junior High Holiday Tournament
High School Gym/Cafeteria/Tech Shop/Concession Stand/Locker Rooms/Restrooms/Classroom
Friday, December 18, 2026 (5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Saturday, December 19, 2026 (5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$40.00 per hour for Saturday only
Deanna Maurer

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Sleek, that in accordance with the “Articles of Agreement,” the listing of teachers’ salaries be adopted for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to enter into an Agreement with McIlwain School Bus Lines to provide Pupil Transportation Services for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the request from Employee No. 660504 for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act beginning August 24, 2026 and continuing until approximately June 15, 2027.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Bazyk, to approve the request from Employee No. 671218 for a leave of absence beginning August 31, 2026 and continuing until approximately October 13, 2026.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to appoint Isabelle Smith as a long-term substitute Biology Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$200/day, and including nine (9) sick days, one (1) personal day, and the opportunity to earn one (1) additional personal day by participating in student-related activities as determined by the Administration, pending receipt of appropriate documentation.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, Cyber Charter Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for June were included with the agenda. Mr. Studer noted that his first monthly financial report for 2026-2027 would be ready for the next meeting.

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of recent meetings/activities/upcoming events. She distributed information to the Board concerning “The Arrowhead Society,” the C. T. Foundation’s upcoming Basket Party, and a summary of changes in the School Code.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Mrs. Byer noted that the Collision Repair program is “on probation” due to low enrollment and the Lab Tech program has been dropped; however, there is a wait list for some of the other CTC programs.

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An executive session was held from 7:31 p.m. to 9:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary