

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:00 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: ..... 0  
Quorum present

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

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

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

1. Minutes of the reorganization meeting held December 2, 2025
2. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held December 2, 2025
3. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Reports as of November 30 and December 31, 2025
4. Tax Collection Reports as of November 30 and December 31, 2025
5. Activity Fund Reports for November and December

**MOTION** by Mrs. Byer, 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 Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve payment of the capital projects bills as listed.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve payment of the facility improvement project bills as listed.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl acknowledged receipt of correspondence as follows:

1. Letter from Richland School District to announce their intent to withdraw from the Greater Johnstown Area Schools Health Insurance Consortium effective June 30, 2026.
2. Notice of Intent to Mine from Apex Companies, LLC, in relation to the Maple Springs Mine.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 12, 2026 as follows:

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**JANUARY 12, 2026**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Marissa Bazyk, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi, Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, Randy Walker, Lorrie Callihan, Meribeth DeBarto, Kelly Digon, Audrey Wenger, Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl announced that an executive session was held on Monday, January 12, 2026 from 5:45 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. to discuss contractual matters.

1. Mrs. Lorrie Callihan attended the meeting to present information concerning math programs at the Elementary School. She recognized the following students for their achievements in these programs: First in Math – Solomon Tresnicky, Logan Hutzell, and Parker McGlynn; Knights of the Math Table – Nora Ott, Evelyn Roberts, Cooper Hicks, Elijah Croyle, and Brycen Rowe.
2. Student Council members Elisabeth McCall, Madison Roman, Vayda Korenoski, Addison Lasure, Rocco Hagan, Colbi Hunsberger, and Mary Matera attended the meeting to thank the Board for their support and service in honor of School Director Recognition Month. The Board also received cookies from Student Council and thank-you cards from sixth grade students.
3. Mrs. Jugan presented an overview of the Bureau of Special Education cyclical monitoring process.
4. Student Education
  - A. Informational items were as follows:
    1. Kindergarten registration is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026, via pre-scheduled appointments at the Elementary School.
    2. Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.
5. School Activities
  - A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:
    1. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Lee Salem to accompany the Speech Team (20) to the Regional Competition at Saint Francis University on Monday-Tuesday, March 2-3, 2026 at a cost of \$2,120: \$960/travel; \$320/meals; \$640/substitutes; \$200/substitute nurse if needed (budgeted).
    2. Permission for Ashley Kopp/Angela Callihan to accompany Life Skills students (21) to the Winter Wonderland Party at Forest Hills on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at a cost of \$750/travel (budgeted).
    3. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (12) on a community-based instruction experience to Pappy’s Pizza and Market Basket on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at no cost to the district.
    4. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany MDS/Life Skills students (20) to Westmont Hilltop High School for a Life Skills Talent Show on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at a cost of \$225/travel (budgeted).

Committee of the Whole continued—

5. Permission for Dana Kissel to accompany the Spanish Club (11) to the Flamenco Ballet Show at Franklin Regional School District on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at no cost to the district (costs paid by Spanish Club).

B. Informational items were as follows:

1. Elementary Newsletters (2), the Secondary Newsletter, and Contownians (2) were included with the agenda.
2. The Board’s annual yearbook picture has been scheduled for approximately 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

6. Human Development

- A. Recommend approval of the following additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2025-2026 school year: Brenna Fisher (Mid-Level Math); Makannah Gray (Emergency); Alexander Long (Emergency); Cullen O’Dowd (Emergency); Morgan Porter (Emergency Nurse); Erin Pyle (English 7-12); Trenton Troxell (Social Studies 7-12).

- B. Recommend appointment of the following bona fide volunteer coaches with compensation to be as listed for the 2025-2026 school year:

Steven Risch	Assistant Varsity Girls’ Softball Coach	\$1,751
Erin Sotosky	Head Varsity Boys’ Track Coach	\$3,214 (credit for prior C. T. experience)

- C. Recommend approval of the following additional volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Sonya Andrews	Musical
Michael Dilla	Musical
Jennifer Gardenhour	Music Department
Joyce Graham	Therapy Dog Visits to Elementary School & High School
Robin Holsopple	Random of Acts of Kindness Club
Amy McIntosh	Swimming
Kristy Mishler	Elementary School
David Shetler	Junior High Baseball
Craig Sprock	Rifle Team

- D. Informational Item – The Superintendent has accepted the resignation (retirement) of Audrey Wenger as an Elementary Teacher effective June 3, 2026. Mrs. Dull, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl, and Mr. Phillippi thanked Mrs. Wenger for her service to the district.

7. District or Business Planning

- A. Informational Item – Effective January 1, 2026, the state pricing thresholds for purchases subject to bid/quotation increased as follows: \$24,500 (bids) and \$13,200 (quotations). As a result, the following documents will be updated to reflect these changes: Policy 611/Purchases Budgeted and Purchases Subject to Bid-Quotation; Attachment to Policy 626/Federal Fiscal Compliance, “Procurement—Federal Programs.”

Committee of the Whole continued—

8. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Golf Boosters/Indoor Golf League  
High School Golf Room  
Weeknights, January through April, 2026 (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Bryan Purdy
2. Child Evangelism Fellowship/Good News Club  
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Library  
Selected Mondays, February 9 through March 30, 2026 (3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.)  
Trish Nancarvis
3. Euro Club/Community Board Game Night  
High School Library  
Fridays, February 20, March 27, April 10 & May 15, 2026 (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Jakeb Rising
4. Dancer's Haven/Dress Rehearsals & Dance Recital  
High School Auditorium/Band & Chorus Classrooms  
Dress Rehearsals – Wednesday & Thursday, May 13-14, 2026 (4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)  
Performance – Saturday, May 16, 2026 (11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.)  
Auditorium Rental Fee: \$25.00 per hour; Sound & Light Technician: \$35.00 per hour  
Use of Facilities Fee: \$40.00 per hour; Classroom Rental Fee: Waived  
Sharon Wissinger
5. C. T. Rotary Interact Club/SHOFCO Soccer Tournament  
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Press Box or Softball/Soccer Field  
Monday, June 1, 2026 (6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Catherine Grove
6. Summer Music Lessons  
Elementary Stage & Music Rooms: High School Band Room & Music Wing  
Monday-Thursday, June 9 through August 4, 2026 (7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)  
Catherine Grove/Amanda Evans

9. Budget & Finance

A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows:  
Emily Kobylecky – Housewife; Debra L. Thomas – Retired.

B. Recommend approval to contribute funds to the following organizations (same as last year):

Junior Achievement	\$200
Somerset County Library	\$300
Conemaugh Township EMS	\$300
Fire Companies:	
Conemaugh Township	\$200
Scalp Level (formerly Hollsopple)	\$200
Jerome	\$200

Committee of the Whole continued—

- C. Mrs. Dull reported that the Health Consortium is still reviewing options, and the next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2026. The last day to leave the Consortium is February 28, 2026.
- D. Informational Item – The District received a check from the Greater Johnstown CTC in the amount of \$403,780.65 after the calculation of final costs for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Studer noted that the amount received back from the CTC varies from year to year and helps to offset the district’s portion of the CTC yearly bond payment and student tuition.

10. Other Items

- A. Mrs. Dull noted that the sewage ejection system at the High School was replaced over the Christmas vacation, and the District is nearing the completion of the TEN projects.

An executive session was held from 7:30 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the following requests:

- 1. Permission for Kara Duplin to accompany students (8) to the PennWest-Clarion Somerset site to explore nursing program opportunities on Friday, February 27, 2026 at no cost to the district.
- 2. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany students (3) to Forest Hills High School for Regional Chorus on February 18-20, 2026 (Wednesday-Friday) at a cost of \$800: \$250/registration; \$120/travel; \$110/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
- 3. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Angela Carr	Musical/Track
Dustin Digon	Track
Kelly Digon	Track/Post Prom
Steven Hall	Track

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the following Use of Facilities Requests:

- 1. C. T. Youth Football League/Workouts  
Elementary School Gym  
Tuesdays or Thursdays, February 10 through April 30, 2026 (5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)  
Branden Hill
- 2. C. T. Cheering Boosters/Parents Night Out Fundraiser  
Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room/Library/Classroom/Lobby  
Friday, February 13, 2026 (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Kristi Purdy
- 3. Travel Soccer Team/Indoor Practices  
Elementary School Gym  
Selected Fridays, February 20 through April 24, 2026 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
Kristi Purdy

4. C. T. Travel Basketball Team/Tryouts & Practice  
Elementary School Gym  
Sunday, February 22, 2026 (12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)  
Sundays, March 1 through June 21, 2026 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
Paul Baer
  
5. C. T. PTA/Bunny Bash  
Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room/Hallways/Jerome Room  
Friday, March 27, 2026 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
Saturday, March 28, 2026 (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)  
Rebecca Kuzar

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the request from Employee No. 640831 for an extension of unpaid leave from January 26, 2026 through approximately February 27, 2026.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve the request from Employee No. 900623 for intermittent leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act beginning November 14, 2025 and continuing until approximately November 14, 2026.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Bazyk, to accept the resignation of Jeremy Sotosky as a School Director effective January 5, 2026, and to advertise for a replacement.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Bazyk, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Conemaugh Township Area School District and the Conemaugh Township Education Association pertaining to the Health Savings Account contribution.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve Kimberly Rensko as the Deputy Tax Collector for Benson Borough in accordance with Act 48 of 2015.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to notify the Greater Johnstown School's Healthcare Consortium and its participating School Districts of Conemaugh Township Area School District's intent to withdraw from the Consortium effective July 1, 2026. Be it further resolved that the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager shall undertake the necessary steps to give notice of this Intent to Withdraw from the Consortium effective July 1, 2026, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8.03 of the Second Amended Agreement and By-Laws of the Greater Johnstown School's Healthcare Consortium and in compliance with the unanimous vote by the Consortium delegates on December 18, 2025, to extend the timeline for withdrawal notices to February 27, 2026, and shall be granted the authority to pursue alternative healthcare options for the district.

**Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

Financial Report – Cash Balance/Investment Reports for November/December, Capital Reserve Account Reports for November/December, Cyber Charter Reports for December/January, and Self-Funding Analyses for November/December were included with the agenda. Mr. Studer distributed and reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for December.

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of recent meetings/activities and upcoming events. She noted that the District would be making an additional payment to the Healthcare Consortium in the amount of \$150,000 to maintain the minimum fund balance required by the bylaws.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini stated that the reorganization meeting was held in December.

Informational Item – The Superintendent has accepted the resignation (retirement) of Ruth Hostetler as an Elementary Teacher effective June 3, 2026.

An executive session was held from 7:22 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary