

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, June 22, 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: Daniel Richardson 1
Quorum present

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan,
Brandon Studer, David Budash, Randy Walker, Lorrie Callihan, Bethany Spengler,
Timothy McIlwain, Nathan Matera, 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 regular school board meeting held May 19, 2026
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of May 31, 2026
3. Tax Collection Report as of May 31, 2026
4. Activity Fund Report for May

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, 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 Mrs. Bazyk, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve payment of any legal outstanding bills, which may be received before June 30, 2026, attributable to the current budget.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to authorize that the 2025-2026 budget remain open for budgetary transfers and for any adjustments due to the annual audit.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held June 8, 2026 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	JUNE 8, 2026
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Members Present: Marissa Bazyk, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi,
Susan Saylor-Stahl

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan,
Brandon Studer, David Budash, Lorrie Callihan, Kelly Digon, Ellen Doyle,
Lisa Stevens

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Student Education

- A. Informational Item – Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.

2. School Activities

- A. Recommend permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (9) to a Career Fair at the Hiram G. Andrews Center and Dairy Queen on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at a cost of \$90/meals (budgeted).
- B. Informational Item – The Contownian was included with the agenda.

3. Human Development

- A. Recommend reappointment of Carlie Dillon as a bona fide volunteer Head Junior High Softball Coach with compensation of \$1,972 for the 2026-2027 school year (3.44% increase).
- B. Recommend appointment of the following bona fide volunteer athletic personnel with compensation as listed for the 2026-2027 school year:
- C. Recommend approval to set the hourly rates for substitute support staff as follows for the 2026-2027 school year: Cafeteria \$11.29; Custodial \$12.21; Aides \$13.00; Secretaries \$14.64.
- D. Recommend permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2026-2027 school year:

Leisha Black	Football Pictures/Post Prom/Track/Cheerleading
Hayden Lingenfelter	Music Department
Mark Sotosky	Boys' Soccer
Amanda Tercek	Elementary School/Post Prom
Audrey Wenger	Elementary School

- E. Informational Item – The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of the following individuals effective as of the date listed:

Leisha Black	Head Junior High Cheerleading Advisor	May 21, 2026
Michael Borosky	Middle School Golf Club Assistant Advisor	May 29, 2026
Maciah Holsopple	Head Junior High Volleyball Coach	June 2, 2026
Andrew Moser	Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach	May 21, 2026 *
Mikayla O'Brien	English Teacher	June 3, 2026
Hannah Sodano	Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach	June 3, 2026

*to accept Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach position

Committee of the Whole continued—

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of Addendum #9 to the Agreement with Pressley Ridge/Johnstown for the 2026-2027 school year with costs to be as outlined in the agreement.
- B. Recommend approval of the Agreement for School-Age Education Services with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.
- C. Recommend permission to set student meal prices at \$2.75 for the Middle/High School and \$2.55 for the Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year (increase of 5¢ each due to increased food/labor costs). Breakfast and the Reduced-Price Lunch will remain free for students. [Adult prices will be \$3.00 for breakfast (increase of 5¢) and \$5.00 for lunch.]

5. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend adoption of the state-approved Tuition Rates of \$14,207.99 (Secondary) and \$11,666.30 (Elementary) for the 2026-2027 school year. [Rates were \$13,615.96 and \$10,429.14 respectively last year.]
- B. Mrs. Dull and Mr. Studer presented an overview of the major budgetary pressures faced by the school district over the past three years.

An executive session was held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:28 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

- 1. Permission for Megan Miller/Amanda Evans to accompany students (5) to the Flight 93 Memorial on July 15 and August 12 (practices), and September 11, 2026 to participate in a Somerset County Youth Choir for the 25th Anniversary program at a cost of \$320/substitutes (budgeted). [Note: Practice was also held on 6/17/2026.]
- 2. Renewal of Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide custodial/maintenance workers for the 2026-2027 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$2,403.86 per week as follows:

Custodian	Maximum of 25 hours per week each (pay rate of \$13.75 per hour)
Custodian	Maximum of 40 hours each per week (pay rate of \$13.75 per hour)
Custodian	Maximum of 40 hours each per week (pay rate of \$13.35 per hour)
Maintenance	Maximum of 25 hours per week (pay rate of \$14.54 per hour)
- 3. Permission to enter into an Affiliation Agreement with Millersville University of Pennsylvania to provide clinical/educational experiences for nursing program students for a term of five years.
- 4. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2026-2027 school year:

Allison Endler	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Rebecca Kuzar	Elementary School
Kristi Purdy	Cheerleading/Basketball/Golf/Soccer/Volleyball/Track/H.S. Field Trips/Softball/Music
Amanda Tercek	Elementary School/Post Prom

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Bazyk, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conemaugh Township Area School District and the Conemaugh Township Area Education Association relating to clarification of staff enrolled in the new buyout provisions and dates set for implementation of said plan and payment.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Conemaugh Township Area School District and the Conemaugh Township Area Education Association for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to adopt the Final General Fund Budget for the Conemaugh Township Area School District for 2026-2027, with revenues of \$17,147,927 and expenditures of \$18,286,436 (any end of year shortfall will be covered by the General Fund).

1000 INSTRUCTION

1100 Regular Programs	\$6,844,483	
1200 Special Programs	2,303,821	
1300 Vocational Education	715,750	
1400 Other Instructional Programs	59,435	
1500 Non-Public	---	\$9,923,489

2000 SUPPORT SERVICES

2100 Pupil Personnel	\$ 732,429	
2200 Instructional Staff	468,866	
2300 Administration	1,303,853	
2400 Pupil Health	352,212	
2500 Business	457,447	
2600 Operation/Maintenance of Plant	1,669,553	
2700 Student Transportation	1,123,789	
2800 Central	245,000	
2900 Other	---	\$ 6,353,149

3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTR. SERVICES

3200 Student Activities	\$ 665,264	
3300 Community Services	---	\$ 665,264

**4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND
IMPROVEMENT SERVICES**

4600 Building & Land Improvements	\$	---
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5000 OTHER FINANCING USES

5100 Debt Service	\$1,344,534	
5900 Budgetary Reserve	---	\$ 1,344,534

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to adopt the 2026-2027 supporting tax structure and the resolution for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes:

Real Estate Tax	33.34 Mills (was 31.76 last year)
Per Capita Tax, Act 679	\$5.00
Per Capita Tax, Act 511	\$5.00
Earned Income Tax, Act 511	1% (Shared)
Real Estate Transfer Tax	1% (Shared)
Local Services Tax	\$5.00
Occupation Tax	\$40.00 (100% of Valuation)

TAX RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2025-2026 under the provisions of "The Local Tax Enabling Act" imposing a tax of Five (\$5.00) Dollars for general revenue purposes upon each 18 years of age or older person residing in the territorial limits of the Conemaugh Township Area School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2025-2026 imposing on each individual engaged in an occupation within the limits of the municipalities forming the School District, an annual local services tax of a flat rate of Five (\$5.00) Dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2025-2026 levying and assessing an annual tax for general revenue purposes of one (1%) percent on earned income of residents of said School District and one (1%) percent of profits of businesses, professions and other activities conducted by residents of said School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2025-2026 imposing a one (1%) percent tax upon deeds which transfer and convey lands, tenements, or hereditaments or any interest therein situate wholly or partly within the municipalities forming the Conemaugh Township Area School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2025-2026 imposing an occupation tax on persons residing within the territorial limits of the Conemaugh Township Area School District at a rate of twenty-five (25%) percent of Somerset County valuations of occupations; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2025-2026 levying a tax of Five (\$5.00) Dollars upon each person 18 years of age or older residing within the territorial limits of the said School District under the provisions of the Public School Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District had adopted a Resolution for the fiscal school year 2025-2026 under the provisions of the Public School Code levying a tax at the rate of Thirty-One and Seventy-Six Hundredths (31.76) mills for each One (\$1.00) Dollar of assessed valuation based upon county assessments of real property in the municipalities forming the said School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District have adopted a budget for the fiscal school year 2026-2027 and it is necessary to levy taxes to meet the anticipated expenditures of said School District; and,

Tax Resolution continued—

WHEREAS, under the terms and provisions of the Public School Code of 1949 (P. S. 24) and of Act No. 511 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, known as "The Local Tax Enabling Act" approved December 31, 1965, the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, has the power and authority to provide for the levy, assessment and collection of certain taxes upon residents or persons employed within the limits of said School District:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, under the terms and provisions of Act No. 511 known as "The Local Tax Enabling Act" that the Resolution providing for the assessment, levy and collection of the following taxes be and the same are hereby levied and reenacted without change for the fiscal school year 2026-2027 in addition to other taxes already levied:

1. A tax of Five (\$5.00) Dollars upon each person eighteen (18) years of age or older residing within the territorial limits of the Conemaugh Township Area School District.
2. A tax of one (1%) percent upon deeds which transfer and convey land, tenements or hereditaments or any interest therein situate wholly or partly within the municipalities forming the Conemaugh Township Area School District.
3. An annual tax of one (1%) percent on earned income of residents of said School District and one (1%) percent of the net profits of businesses, professions and other activities conducted by residents of said School District.
4. An annual local services tax of a flat rate of Five (\$5.00) Dollars on each individual engaged in any occupation within the limits of the municipalities forming the said School District.
5. An annual occupation tax of one hundred (100%) percent on the value of all occupations, as assessed on the assessment rolls for Somerset County tax purposes, upon the occupations of all persons who are eighteen (18) years of age or older residing within the territorial limits of the Conemaugh Township Area School District. The rate of taxation in dollars and cents is \$40.00 based on said percentage of 100%.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors of the Conemaugh Township Area School District under the terms and provisions of the Public School Code that the following taxes be and the same are hereby levied for the fiscal school year 2026-2027, and thereafter, till changed, in addition to other taxes already levied:

1. A tax of Five (\$5.00) Dollars upon each person eighteen (18) years of age or older residing within the territorial limits of the Conemaugh Township Area School District.
2. A tax at the rate of Thirty-Three and Thirty-Four Hundredths (33.34) mills for each One (\$1.00) Dollar of assessed valuation (\$3.334 per \$100.00) based upon county assessments of real property in the municipalities forming said School District.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED THIS 22nd day of June, 2026.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to adopt the 2026 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve a salary increase of three (3%) percent for the Support Staff for the 2026-2027 school year as budgeted.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve a salary increase of three (3%) percent for the Superintendent and Business Manager for the 2026-2027 school year as budgeted.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to approve Administrative Compensation Plans for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. (3% increase as budgeted)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Bazyk, to reappoint Michael Buncich as a School Police Officer at a salary of \$56,275 for 185 days during the 2026-2027 school year, with daily hours to be determined by the administration, and that he be granted ten (10) sick and two (2) personal days per year. (3% increase as budgeted)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to reappoint Jeffrey Dombrosky as a School Police Officer at a salary of \$53,045 for 185 days during the 2026-2027 school year, with daily hours to be determined by the administration, and that he be granted ten (10) sick and two (2) personal days per year. (3% increase as budgeted)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Bazyk, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to enter into a Contract for Professional Services with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to conduct a Staffing Study at a cost of \$2,100.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conemaugh Township Area School District, Forest Hills Area School District, and Windber Area School District relating to inter-district emergency student reunification and limited data sharing.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to enter into a 60-month Lease Agreement with CDS America (Xerox) to provide replacement copiers for the District at a cost of \$1,521.41 per month, which includes unlimited copies and all supplies except paper (State Contract #0727902 Pricing). [H. S. – 4; Elem. – 2; Admin. – 1; Current cost is \$1,533.84 per month]

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mrs. Bazyk, to approve insurance renewals with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for the 2026-2027 school year at a total cost of \$123,915 (4.5% decrease) including coverage as follows:

	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
Property	\$73,706	\$80,564
School Leaders Legal	\$ 5,482	\$ 7,728
Internet Liability	\$ 9,665	\$10,166
Workers Compensation	\$30,242	\$31,374
Pollution Liability	\$ 4,820	N/A

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, and Monthly Financial Report were included with the agenda. Mr. Studer distributed information from S&P Global indicating that the District’s general obligation bond rating had been lowered to “A” from “A+” due to its weakened financial position.

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of recent activities/meetings/upcoming events.

The principals updated the Board on student achievements/building activities. Mr. Walker reported on the summer feeding program.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini noted that the next JOC meeting is June 23, enrollment is still high, and some courses are filled and have a wait list.

Informational Items were as follows:

1. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Kelly Kramer as Assistant Varsity Girls’ Soccer Coach effective June 16, 2026.
2. Mrs. Jugan provided a special education news update.

An executive session was held from 7:37 p.m. to 11:50 p.m. to discuss the transportation contract.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary