

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 7:02 p.m. in the high school gymnasium with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Marissa Bazyk, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi, Daniel Richardson, Susan Saylor-Stahl	7
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Melanie Byer, Earl Sleek, II	2
	Quorum present	

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, David Budash, Lisa Stevens, Interested Citizens, Teachers & Students

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

Kathie Levergood, Ashley Kopp, Jennifer Custer, Jennifer Valentine, Rebecca Conn, Emily Allison, Sherry Desort, Ian Cunningham, Catherine Vigna, and Matthew Phillippi addressed the Board and expressed their support of the teaching staff.

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 February 17, 2026
2. Minutes of the special school board meeting held March 12, 2026
3. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of February 28, 2026
4. Tax Collection Report as of February 28, 2026
5. Activity Fund Report for February

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, 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.

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl noted receipt of correspondence from Junior Achievement and the Conemaugh Township Fire Department to thank the Board for the recent donations.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 9, 2026 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	MARCH 9, 2026
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, March 9, 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,
Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi, Daniel Richardson, Susan Saylor-Stahl,
Earl Sleek, II

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

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Student Education

- A. Recommend approval to conduct a Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program at a cost not to exceed \$7,500. (District funded—two certified teachers and two aides will be needed to staff this program for incoming students based on DIAL-4 scores.)
- B. Recommend approval of the 2026-2027 School Calendar.
- C. Informational Items
 - 1. To date, 36 children have been registered for kindergarten (was 49 last year at this time). Mrs. Rosa noted that the number may increase due to retentions and late registrations.
 - 2. The Discipline Reports were included with the agenda. Mrs. Bazyk asked about the increase in unexcused absences at the High School. Mr. Feathers stated that he would check into it and get back to her.

2. School Activities

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

- 1. Permission for Kara Duplin to accompany students (2) to Somerset County Technology Center for the Youth Force Summit on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at no cost to the district.
- 2. Permission for Kara Duplin to accompany students (7) to Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center for the Healthcare Careers Forum on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at no cost to the district.
- 3. Permission for Kara Duplin to accompany students (9) to Penn Highlands Community College for “College for a Day” on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at no cost to the district.
- 4. Permission for Jamie Kerr/Brandon Studer to accompany students (5) to Saint Francis University for the Math 24 Challenge on Friday, May 15, 2026 at a cost of \$260: \$100/registration; \$160/substitutes (budgeted).
- 5. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (12-15) on the following budgeted community-based instruction experiences:

Go Moore Store/Job Skills	3/24/2026	No Cost
St. David’s Learning Place/Service Project	4/2/2026	\$115/travel
Hiram Andrews & DQ/Autism Walk	4/14/2026	\$175/Travel; \$210/Meals
RPM Signs & KFC/Job Shadowing	4/22/2026	\$180/Meals
Cambria Heights/Heritage Conf. Olympics	4/30/2026	\$425/travel
Altoona Curve Game	5/13/2026	\$190/Reg.; \$475/Travel; \$95/Meals

- 6. Permission for Becky Lough/Kelly McCall/Amy Stone to accompany kindergarten students (56) to the Cresson Lake Playhouse for a performance of “Dare to Dream, Jr.” on Friday, May 8, 2026 at a cost of \$200/substitute nurse. (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA)

Committee of the Whole continued—

7. Permission for Frederick Mainhart to accompany students (up to 9) to Penn State/Fayette Campus for the “Senator-for-a-Day” program on Friday, March 13, 2026 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).
8. Permission for Samantha Rosa/Teachers to accompany students to the High School Auditorium for the following budgeted concert practices:

Grades K-1 (110)	4/15/2026	\$230/travel; \$160/substitute
Grades 2-3 (121)	5/12/2026	\$375/travel; \$160/substitute
Grades 4-5 (134)	5/11/2026	\$250/travel; \$160/substitute

9. Permission for Tammy Williams to accompany gifted students (7) to Saint Francis University for a science-based activities program on Friday, April 17, 2026 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).

- B. Informational Item – The Elementary Newsletter, Secondary Newsletter, and Contownian were included with the agenda.

3. Human Development

- A. Recommend permission for Kara Duplin/Kellie Hankinson/Erin Stroz to attend the Counselor Network Meeting at I. U. 8/Altoona on Friday, March 20, 2026 at a cost of \$68/travel (budgeted).
- B. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2025-2026 school year: Chelsea Graham (Supplemental Health Asst.); Shannon Hertzog (Emergency); Rayna Jones (Emergency); Joseph Mazurkiewicz (Emergency); Ellie Zuro (Grades PK-4).
- C. Recommend appointment of Audrey Wenger as Elementary Vocal Director for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year with compensation of \$588 (prior C. T. experience) to replace Employee No. 900623, who is unable to complete the duties due to FMLA Leave.
- D. Recommend appointment of the following bona fide volunteers with compensation to be as listed for the 2025-2026 school year, pending receipt of appropriate documentation:

Carlie Dillon	Head Junior High Softball Coach	\$1,906
Bryan Purdy	Assistant Junior High Softball Coach	\$1,545

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

Katie Ceryak	Band Trip Chaperone
Todd Cover	Junior High Baseball
Luke Crumrine	Track
Dale Heron	Music Department

- F. Informational Item – The Superintendent has accepted the resignations of Pamela Brehm as a Custodian effective February 26, 2026 and Tracy Durica as a Math Teacher, Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach, and Head Varsity Girls’ Track Coach effective June 3, 2026.

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of the 2026 Extended School Year Agreement with the Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc., for the Autism Spectrum Disorders classroom at the ACRP Center for Achievement.

Committee of the Whole continued—

5. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Penn Highlands Community College/Associate Program Parent Presentation
High School Library
Thursday, March 19, 2026 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Kellie Hankinson
2. C. T. AYSO/Meet the Coaches Night
Elementary School Multipurpose Room
Thursday, March 26, 2026 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Jenilee Lasure
3. C. T. AYSO/2026 Soccer Season
Elementary School Soccer Fields
March 30 through June 19, 2026 (5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Jenilee Lasure
4. Elementary Scrapbook Weekend
Elementary School Multipurpose Room/Library/Lobby/Cafeteria
Friday, April 24, 2026 (1:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.)
Saturday, April 25, 2026 (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.)
Kimberly Meyers
5. C. T. Post Prom
High School Building
Friday-Saturday, May 8-9, 2026 (11:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.)
Kellie Hankinson
6. C. T. AYSO/Soccer Tournament
Elementary School Soccer Fields/Parking Lot
Saturday, June 6, 2026 (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$40.00 per hour (only if building access is needed)
Jenilee Lasure
7. C. T. Soccer Boosters/Youth Soccer Camp
High School Stadium/Soccer Fields/Concession Stand/Restrooms
Saturday, June 20 through Friday, June 26, 2026 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Angela Lepter
8. C. T. Special Education/Extended School Year Program
Elementary School Rooms 120 & 121/Playground
July 13-16 & July 21-24, 2026 (11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
Jane Jugan
9. C. T. Special Education/Extended School Year Program
High School Rooms 118, 119 & 138/Elevator
July 13-16 & July 21-24, 2026 (8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)
Jane Jugan

Committee of the Whole continued—

6. Budget & Finance

- A. A Budget Workshop was scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. (Note: Originally scheduled for April 7, 2026 but subsequently changed due to scheduling conflicts.)

An executive session was held from 7:12 p.m. to 9:26 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Bazyk, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to approve the following requests:

1. Permission for Angela Callihan to accompany LSS/MDS students (7) to Windber Stadium for an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at a cost of \$435/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Bethany Spengler to accompany Art Club members (15) to St. Francis Sharing & Caring to volunteer and paint windows on Friday, April 10, 2026 at no cost to the district.
3. Permission for Bethany Spengler to accompany Art Club members (7) to Conemaugh Hospital to paint windows for Stroke Awareness Month on Friday, May 1, 2026 at no cost to the district.
4. Permission for Bethany Spengler to accompany the Art Club (34) to The Mattress Factory/Randyland Art Museum & Ross Park Mall in Pittsburgh on Friday, May 22, 2026 at a cost of \$960: \$800/travel; \$160/substitute (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by Art Club).
5. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2025-2026 school year:

Jonathon Kimmel	Varsity Baseball
Tabitha Studer	Elementary School

6. C. T. AYSO/Picture Day
Elementary School Gym
Friday, May 8, 2026 (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Saturday, May 9, 2026 (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$40.00 per hour for two (2) hours per Mrs. Dull (Saturday only)
Jenilee Lasure

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve revised Administrative Regulations 308-AR-2, 408-AR-2, and 508-AR-2.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to approve the request from Employee No. 730126 for intermittent leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act beginning March 1, 2026 and continuing until approximately March 1, 2027.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mrs. Bazyk, to approve the Appalachia I. U. 8 General Fund Budget for 2026-2027 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 Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, Monthly Financial Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for January were included with the agenda. Mr. Studer noted that the year-end deficit is projected to be approximately \$785,000.

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of activities/meetings/upcoming events. She also informed the Board that the summer feeding program would take place from June 16 through August 11, 2026.

Mr. Foster and Mrs. Rosa presented information concerning students/activities in their respective buildings.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini stated that it has been a good year at the CTC.

Informational items were as follows:

1. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Jamie Kerr as an Elementary Teacher effective June 3, 2026.
2. The District has received a letter from the Westmont Hilltop School District pertaining to withdrawal from the Greater Johnstown Area Schools Health Insurance Consortium.

An executive session was held from 7:56 p.m. to 9:55 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary