

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:04 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Marissa Bazyk, Rocco Mantini, Ethan Phillippi, Earl Sleek, II, Susan Saylor-Stahl, .....	6
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Melanie Byer, Deanna Maurer, Daniel Richardson .....	3
		Quorum present

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa,  
Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, David Budash, Randy Walker, Kelly Digon,  
Ashley Kopp, Tammy Williams, Lisa Stevens

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

Jennifer Custer was recognized by the Board as one of the recipients of the Dr. John Powers Outstanding Educator Award from Saint Francis University.

Ashley Kopp attended the meeting to thank the Board for supporting the life skills program and all of their field trips. She also expressed thanks to a number of her fellow teachers for providing various educational activities for her students during the year.

Tammy Williams spoke concerning the art work displayed in the board room from her STEAM students.

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 April 21, 2026
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of April 30, 2026
3. Tax Collection Report as of April 30, 2026
4. Activity Fund Report for April

**MOTION** by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Dr. Mantini, 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 read a card from the High School Teachers to thank the Board for providing doughnuts during Teacher Appreciation Week.

**MOTION** by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held May 11, 2026 as follows:

<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>	<b>MAY 11, 2026</b>
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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7:02 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Marissa Bazyk, Melanie Byer (via ZOOM), Rocco Mantini, Daniel Richardson, Susan Saylor-Stahl

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, Randy Walker, Angela Callihan, Meribeth DeBarto, Kelly Digon, Alexa Fetterman

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Guests & Sunshine Act Public Comment Period
  - A. Students William Lopez-Chun and Addy Wess, along with teachers Meribeth DeBarto and Alexa Fetterman, attended the meeting to present information concerning the BizWorld program.
2. Jane Jugan presented a report on the results of the cyclical monitoring of the special education program.
3. Student Education
  - A. Recommend approval to enter into a Dual Credit Agreement with Pennsylvania Highlands Community College pertaining to the following programs for the 2026-2027 school year: Accelerate College Education (ACE); Associate in High School Program; Early College Option.
  - B. Recommend approval to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Saint Francis University for the College in High School program during the 2026-2027 school year.
  - C. Recommend approval to enter into an Alternative Education For Disruptive Youth Program Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for two seats located at the Greater Johnstown CTC at a cost not to exceed \$14,944.17 per seat for the 2026-2027 school year. (Was \$14,244.02 per seat last year.)
  - D. Informational Item – Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.
4. School Activities
  - A. Recommend permission for Zoe Leasock/Jodi Forgas/Bethany Spengler to accompany the Senior Class (61) to the Elevate Trampoline Park and Pittsburgh Zoo on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at no cost to the district. (costs paid by Senior Class)
  - B. Informational Items – The Elementary Newsletter, Secondary Newsletter, and Contownian were included with the agenda.
5. Human Development
  - A. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2025-2026 school year: Alexis Baum (Grades PK-4); Michele Parks (Grades PK-4); Lanette Rayman (Mid-Level English); Allyssa Richards (Grades PK-4); Joy Sodmont (Grades PK-4/Special Ed.); Phyllis Troyan (Biology/Gen. Science); Bradley Wagner (Grades 4-6; English/Reading 7-8); Ginger Young (Supplemental Health Asst.); Arionna Younkin (Grades PK-4).
  - B. Recommend appointment of Eva McDannell as Head Junior High Girls' Soccer Coach with compensation of \$2,101 for the 2026-2027 school year. (credit for prior C.T. experience)

Committee of the Whole continued—

C. Recommend approval of the following appointments for 2026-2027:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham, L.L.P.	Solicitor	\$175 per hour (was \$170 last year)
Dr. Mark Malicki	Physician	\$6,500 (same as last year)
Dr. Rocco Mantini	Dentist	-0-
1 <sup>st</sup> Summit Bank	Depository	N/A

D. Recommend approval of Joseph Risch as a volunteer for Varsity Softball during the 2025-2026 school year.

E. Informational Item – The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Steven Risch as Head Junior High Girls’ Basketball Coach effective April 22, 2026.

6. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval to enter into a Clinical Mental Health Services Agreement with R.E.A.C.H. for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at a cost of \$137,500. (same as last two years)
- B. Recommend approval to enter into a Referral, Communication and Transfer Agreement with Impact Counseling Services to provide Drug and Alcohol Intervention Services for the 2026-2027 school year at no cost to the district. (Impact utilizes county and state funding.)
- C. Recommend approval to enter into a contract with Jennine Schmitz to transport her child to and from school at the approved Internal Revenue Service reimbursement rate of \$0.725 per mile or a minimum of \$25 per day, whichever is more, retroactive to April 1, 2026 and continuing through the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

7. District or Business Planning

A. Recommend approval of new/revised Policies and documents as recommended by PSBA:

Policy 140	Charter Schools
Policy 221	Dress and Grooming
Policy 236.1	Threat Assessment
Policy 325	Dress and Grooming; 325-AR-0 Dress and Grooming; 325-AR-2 Identification Badges
Policy 332	Working Periods
Policy 425	Dress and Grooming; 425-AR-0 Dress and Grooming; 425-AR-2 Identification Badges
Policy 432	Working Periods
Policy 525	Dress and Grooming; 525-AR-0 Dress and Grooming; 525-AR-2 Identification Badges
Policy 532	Working Periods
Policy 619	District Audit
Policy 810	Transportation

8. Buildings & Grounds

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

- 1. C. T. Basketball/Elementary Camp (Grades 2-8)  
Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room/Outdoor Courts  
Monday-Friday, June 8-12, 2026 (8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)  
Charles Lesko

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2. C. T. Basketball/Underclassmen Basketball League  
 Elementary School Gym/High School Gym/Restrooms  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 4 through July 2, 2026 (7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)  
 Charles Lesko
  
3. C. T. Golf/Junior Golf Clinic (Grades 4-8)  
 High School Outdoor Green/Soccer-Softball Field/Golf Room  
 Friday, June 26, 2026 (4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
 Saturday, June 27, 2026 (9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)  
 Charles Lesko
  
4. Grades 5-6 Boys' Basketball Open Gym  
 High School Gym  
 Mondays, June 29 through July 27, 2026 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)  
 Andrew Byer
  
5. C. T. Cheerleading Boosters/Little Indians Youth Cheer Camp  
 Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room/Cafeteria/Restrooms/Pavilion/Soccer Field  
 Tuesday-Thursday, July 7-9, 2026 (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; rain date July 10)  
 Kelly Digon

9. Budget & Finance

A. Recommend adoption of the following Tax Resolution:

Resolution to report any resident above the age of eighteen years, whose name does not appear upon the 2025 tax duplicates of the Conemaugh Township Area School District, to Keystone Collections and direct the tax collector to collect the appropriate Act 511 and Section 679 taxes.

B. Recommend approval of the following Blue Cross Qualified High Deductible Health Plan Rates for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

<b>Active Employees</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Parent &amp; Child</b>	<b>Parent &amp; Children</b>	<b>Husband &amp; Wife</b>	<b>Family</b>
Medical	\$1,019	\$2,239	\$2,239	\$2,239	\$2,239
<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>

C. Recommend approval of the request from Scott W. Fleming for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption on Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-026340.

D. Recommend approval of the request from Adam R. Marsh for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption on Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-006670.

E. Federal Projects/State Grants

1. Recommend approval to submit and implement the Title I project for the 2026-2027 school year.  
**Estimated** Allocation: \$170,594.
  
2. Recommend approval to submit and implement the Title II project for the 2026-2027 school year.  
**Estimated** Allocation: \$21,655.

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3. Recommend approval to submit and implement the Title IV project for the 2026-2027 school year.  
**Estimated** Allocation: \$12,867.
4. Recommend approval to apply for all grants for which the District may be eligible during the 2026-2027 school year.

10. Other Items

- A. Mrs. Saylor-Stahl read a statement in recognition of Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week.
- B. Mr. Foster brought the football to the meeting which was presented to the school district during the recent NFL Draft and contained the names of C. T. players drafted by the NFL over the years.

An executive session was held from 7:36 p.m. to 9:40 p.m. to discuss personnel and contractual matters. Mrs. Dull also provided the School Safety and Security and Strategies Annual Report during the executive session. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the following items:

1. Appointment of the following bona fide volunteer athletic/extracurricular personnel with compensation to be as listed for the 2026-2027 school year, pending receipt of required documentation:

Darren Altimore	Head Junior High Football Coach	\$2,575
Jakob Petree	Assistant Secondary Instrumental Director	\$1,545

2. Permission for Donald Greig to serve as a volunteer for Junior High Softball during the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Master Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide long-term, contracted, and substitute staff on an as-needed basis for the 2026-2027 school year including Extended School Year.
4. Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide Substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year as follows (same as last year):

Daily Substitute Teacher	\$161.04/day (pay rate of \$120/day)
Long Term Substitute Teacher (over 20 days in same position)	\$201.30 (pay rate of \$150/day)
Daily Substitute Nurse	\$201.30/day (pay rate of \$150/day)
Supplemental Staff-Health Dept. (LPN)	\$201.30 (pay rate of \$150/day)

5. Memorandum of Understanding with Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center Child/Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program for any special needs students requiring placement there for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Bazyk, to adopt a proposed 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).

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

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to adopt a proposed final supporting tax structure for 2026-2027 as follows:

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 (100% of Valuation)

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve the Starting Hourly Rates for Support Staff for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

**MOTION** by Mrs. Bazyk, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to reappoint the following bona fide volunteer athletic/extracurricular personnel at the amounts listed, which include a 3.44% increase as budgeted, for the 2026-2027 school year:

Paul Baer, Jr.	Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach	\$4,322
Leisha Black	Junior High Cheerleading Advisor	\$2,195
Shawn Blank	Head Junior High Wrestling Coach	\$3,562
Michael Borosky	Middle School Golf Club Assistant Advisor	\$ 565
Geneve Buckham	SADD/TATU Co-Advisor	\$ 505
Andrew Byer	Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach	\$3,144
Roger Conley	Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach	\$2,131
Jennifer Custer	Musical Business Manager	\$ 955
Jennifer Custer	Speech Team Co-Advisor	\$ 988
Meribeth DeBarto	Senior High Student Council Advisor	\$1,082
Dustin Digon	Assistant Junior Varsity Football Coach	\$3,051
Kelly Digon	Head Varsity Cheerleading Advisor	\$3,051
Tim Doyle	Head Varsity Baseball Coach	\$3,140
Amanda Evans	Elementary Instrumental Co-Director	\$ 596
Amanda Evans	Elementary Vocal Director	\$1,101
Diane Feathers	Newspaper Advisor	\$1,243
Diane Feathers	SADD/TATU Co-Advisor	\$ 477
Diane Feathers	Yearbook Co-Advisor	\$1,979
Jacqueline Feathers	Elementary Student Council Co-Advisor	\$ 382
Alexa Fetterman	Head Junior High Girls' Track Coach	\$2,031
Alexa Fetterman	Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Advisor	\$2,261
Alexa Fetterman	Head Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach	\$3,582
Lindsay Fetterman	Assistant Junior High Girls' Track Coach	\$1,598
Scott Fetterman	Head Junior High Boys' Track Coach	\$2,495
LeeAnn Gall	Computer Club Advisor	\$1,280
Nicholas Getson	Middle School Golf Club Advisor	\$ 848
Bradley Griesheimer	Head Junior High Boys' Soccer Coach	\$2,375
Catherine Grove	Elementary Instrumental Co-Director	\$ 541
Catherine Grove	Musical Orchestral Director	\$ 955
Catherine Grove	Rotary Interact Club Advisor	\$ 927
Catherine Grove	Secondary Instrumental Director	\$4,452
Brian Heinrich	Head Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$4,748

Corey Hicks	Assistant Junior High Baseball	\$1,646
Maciah Holsopple	Head Junior High Volleyball Coach	\$1,922
Lawrence Huffman	Varsity Assistant B Football Coach	\$3,952
Kathryn Kerr	Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach	\$2,877
Tara Kimmel	Sophomore Class Advisor	\$ 848
Kelly Kramer	Assistant Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach	\$2,358
Peter Kuharchek	Varsity Assistant A Football Coach	\$4,196
Jenilee Lasure	Athletic Trainer	\$13,564
Jenilee Lasure	Game Manager	\$2,195
Zoe Leasock	Senior Class Advisor	\$ 848
Nathan Lehman	Assistant Rifle Team Coach	\$1,598
Charles Lesko	Head Golf Coach	\$2,850
Charles Lesko	Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach	\$6,475
Mari G. Lingenfelter	Act 48 Continuing Professional Ed. Chairperson	\$ 874
Mari G. Lingenfelter	Assistant Rotary Interact Club Advisor	\$ 565
Mari G. Lingenfelter	Musical Director	\$1,326
Mari G. Lingenfelter	Musical Vocal Director/Producer	\$2,728
Mari G. Lingenfelter	National Honor Society Advisor	\$1,327
Mari G. Lingenfelter	Secondary Vocal Director	\$1,820
Alyssa Lyons	Junior Class Advisor	\$ 823
Alyssa Lyons	Yearbook Co-Advisor	\$2,227
Frederick Mainhart	Head Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach	\$4,322
Jeffrey Marteeny	Technology Student Association Club Advisor	\$ 900
Kelly McCall	Parent Group Facilitator	\$ 800
Dalton Meyers	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	\$2,445
Megan Miller	Elementary Student Council Co-Advisor	\$ 350
Andrew Moser	Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach	\$2,261
Matthew Phillippi	Assistant Golf Coach	\$2,131
Daniel Platt	Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$3,144
Joseph Podrebarac	Head Rifle Team Coach	\$2,864
Jeffrey Prior	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	\$1,903
Bryan Purdy	Assistant Junior High Softball Coach	\$1,598
Chad Rininger	Head Junior Varsity Football Coach	\$4,160
Michael Rininger	Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach	\$3,203
Brittany Risch	Head Varsity Softball Coach	\$3,144
Steven Risch	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	\$1,811
Jakeb Rising	Junior High Scholastic Quiz Advisor	\$ 581
Jakeb Rising	MathCounts Advisor	\$ 955
Jakeb Rising	Senior High Scholastic Quiz Advisor	\$ 581
Michele Roman	Elementary Reading Team Advisor	\$ 549
Matthew Rupert	Head Junior High Baseball Coach	\$2,031
Lee Salem	Speech Team Co-Advisor	\$ 932
Shaina Sanderson	Middle School Student Council Advisor	\$ 955
Dawn Schuller	Band Front Coordinator	\$1,521
Michael Seibert	Weight Training/Fitness Coach	\$14,695
Hannah Sodano	Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach	\$1,598
Erin Sotosky	Head Varsity Boys' Track Coach	\$3,325
Stephen Sotosky	Assistant Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach	\$2,607
Amy Stone	Parent Group Facilitator	\$ 800
Brandon Studer	Head Varsity Football Coach	\$4,861
Laura Swank	Head Varsity Volleyball Coach	\$3,435
Jonathon Waltermire	Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach	\$2,261
Jonathon Waltermire	Assistant Junior High Boys' Soccer Coach	\$1,746

Sharon Wissinger	Musical Assistant Director/Choreographer	\$ 955
Donald Wyandt, Jr.	Musical Set Construction/Technician	\$1,908

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Dr. Mantini, to approve the request from Employee No. 900623 for intermittent leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act beginning May 12, 2026 and continuing until approximately May 12, 2027.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Bazyk, to reappoint Dr. Rocco Mantini as School Board Treasurer for the 2026-2027 fiscal year according to School Code Section 404, beginning the first day of July, 2026 and ending the last day of June, 2027, with payment in the sum of \$675 per year, and that his bond be set at \$10,000.

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

**MOTION** by Dr. Mantini, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve revised Policy 716/Integrated Pest Management as recommended by PSBA.

**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 noted that the District had a deficit of approximately \$745,000 at the end of April, and the retroactive salary payments to the teachers had been paid.

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of recent activities/meetings/upcoming events. She noted that the BSI healthcare meeting with employees would be held on Friday, May 22.

Mr. Foster, Mr. Feathers, and Mrs. Rosa presented updates regarding student activities.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini stated that the certificate program for graduating students would be held on Thursday, May 21, at the War Memorial.

Informational Item – The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Kellie Hankinson as Post Prom Coordinator effective May 11, 2026.

Mrs. Bazyk expressed thanks to Mrs. Rosa and Mrs. McCall for her recent kindergarten visit.

An executive session was held from 7:57 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