

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 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, Melanie Byer, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi, Earl Sleek, II, Christine Troxell, Susan Saylor-Stahl	8
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jeremy Sotosky	1
Quorum present		

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan, Brandon Studer, David Budash, Randy Walker, Angela Callihan, Lorrie Callihan, Rebecca Conn, Kelly Digon, Diane Feathers, Tara Kimmel, Dana Kissel, Ashley Kopp, Becky Lough, Eva McDannell, Deborah McMillan, Janelle Mowery, Matthew Phillippi, Wonda Piskuric, Lori Reese, Jakeb Rising, Michele Roman, Lee Salem, Bethany Spengler, Kate Turner, Audrey Wenger, Lisa Stevens

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

Brett Stahl presented an update on the GESA Project. Joe Richards from TEN also commented on the Project.

Ashley Kopp gave an update on CBI trips taken by her class this year and thanked the Board for their support.

Jakeb Rising expressed thanks to Stacy Dabbs and Brandon Studer for their assistance, and the Community Foundation for their sponsorship of the eighth grade robotics program.

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 September 16, 2025
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of September 30, 2025
3. Tax Collection Report as of September 30, 2025
4. Activity Fund Report for September

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mrs. Byer, 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 facility improvement project bills as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Phillippi, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held October 13, 2025 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

OCTOBER 13, 2025

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Alesantrino, Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer, Ethan Phillippi,
Susan Saylor-Stahl, Earl Sleek, II, Christine Troxell (arr. 7:11)

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

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

1. Mrs. Saylor-Stahl announced that an executive session was held on October 1, 2025 from 5:45 p.m. to 6:35 p.m. to discuss legal matters.
2. Reports
 - A. Jane Jugan presented an update on local outside placements for special education students.
3. Student Education
 - A. Informational Item – Discipline Reports were included with the agenda.
4. School Activities
 - A. Recommend approval of the following Field Trip/Competition Requests:
 1. Permission for Cassey DeBiase/Kara Duplin/Kellie Hankinson/Heather Ladika to accompany ninth grade students (70) to the Greater Johnstown CTC for a tour on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at a cost of \$450: \$350/travel; \$100/half-day nurse (budgeted).
 2. Permission for Cassey DeBiase/Kara Duplin/Kellie Hankinson to accompany students (50) to the Somerset County Career and Technical Fair at the Somerset County Technology Center on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at a cost of \$550: \$450/travel; \$100/half-day nurse (budgeted).
 3. Permission for Angela Callihan/Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (21) to Windber Recreation Park for a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at a cost of \$675/travel (budgeted).
 4. Permission for Angela Callihan/Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (21) to the Somerset County Technology Center for a Christmas Party on Friday, December 5, 2025 at a cost of \$900/travel (budgeted).
 5. Permission for Jennifer Custer/Lee Salem to accompany the Speech Team (20) to Cambria Heights High School for a Demo Meet on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at a cost of \$995: \$475/travel; \$320/substitutes; \$200/substitute nurse (budgeted).
 6. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany music students (23) to participate in Junior/Senior High County Chorus at Berlin-Brothersvalley High School on November 24-25, 2025 (Monday-Tuesday) at a cost of \$1,450: \$680/registration; \$450/travel; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).

Committee of the Whole continued—

7. Permission for Jakeb Rising and Junior/Senior High Scholastic Quiz Team members (10-20) to participate in the Virtual 30-20-10 Challenge via the Long Island Quiz Bowl Alliance on Monday, December 8, 2025 at a cost of \$200: \$100/registration; \$100/meals (budgeted).
8. Permission for Jakeb Rising to accompany students (14) to UPJ to participate in the MathCounts Chapter Competition on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at a cost of \$440: \$280/registration; \$160/meals (budgeted).
9. Permission for Michele Roman to accompany the Elementary Reading Team (20-25) to Bellwood-Antis High School for a Reading Competition on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at a cost of \$900: \$250/registration; \$550/travel; \$20/meals; \$80/half-day substitute (budgeted).
10. Permission for Michele Roman to accompany the Reading Team (20-25) to Forest Hills School District for a Reading Competition on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at a cost of \$625: \$250/registration; \$275/travel; \$20/meals; \$80/half-day substitute (budgeted).

B. Informational Items

1. A synopsis was included with the agenda for this year's High School Musical, "Matilda."
2. The Elementary Newsletter, Secondary Newsletter and Contownian were included with the agenda.

5. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference Requests:

1. Permission for Lisa Pasierb/Kendall Swick to attend Teacher Induction Training at I.U. 8/Altoona on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at a cost of \$441: \$121/travel; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
2. Permission for Bethany Spengler to attend the I. U. 08 Art Network Conference at the Greater Johnstown CTC on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at a cost of \$160/substitute (budgeted).

B. Recommend approval of the following individuals as Before and After School Tutors at the hourly rate as outlined in Article VIII, Section 7, of the Professional Agreement: Meribeth DeBarto, Emily Del Signore, Tracy Durica, Becky Lough, Christine Magistro, Kelly McCall, Janelle Mowery, Lori Reese, Jakeb Rising, Michele Roman, Amy Stone, and Elyse Uhlig. (District Funds)

C. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2025-2026 school year: Hunter Bailey (Emergency); Isabella Dadura (Grades PK-4); Terri Duffy (Grades PK-4); Naomi Hanna (Social Studies 7-12); Joshua Jones (Emergency); Lisa Miller (School Nurse); Sarah Paczek (Emergency Nurse); Jerry St. Clair (Chemistry 7-12); Zoey Shultz (Grades PK-4/Special Ed.); Nichole Stevens (Emergency Nurse); Patricia Webb (Grades K-6); Isabella Wingard (Mid-Level English).

D. Recommend approval to add Alyssa Defibaugh to the Substitute Cafeteria and Secretarial Lists.

Committee of the Whole continued—

- E. Recommend appointment of the following bona fide volunteer extracurricular personnel with compensation as listed for the 2025-2026 school year:

Jennifer Custer	Speech Team Co-Advisor	\$955 (credit for prior C.T. experience)
Lee Salem	Speech Team Co-Advisor	\$901

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

Kelly Alberts	Elementary School
Amanda Albright	Elementary School
Brittney Benny	Elementary School
Margaretta Borodach	Elementary School
Daniel Conn	Varsity Baseball
Todd Cover	Varsity Football
Jaime Ditzler-Springer	Elementary School
Angela Donnelly	Elementary School
Kayla Fisher	Elementary School
Katie Griffin	Elementary School
Amanda Hagans	Elementary School
Courtney Hicks	Elementary School
Ashlee Hoover	Music Department/Elementary School
Samantha Kane	Elementary School
Tara Kimmel	Music Department
Susan Kuzniak	Elementary School
Kelly McCall	Musical/High School Field Trips
Joshua McDannell	Elementary School/Elementary Wrestling
Kylee McGlynn	Elementary School
Cristal Mixon	Elementary School
John Oleskey	Varsity Girls' Basketball
Morgan Porter	Elementary School
Gabrielle Qualls	Elementary School
Sierra Roberts	Elementary School
Timothy Rosa	Elementary School/Wrestling
Lori Shropshire	High School Field Trips
Heather Snell	Elementary School
Susan Towns	Elementary School
Jodi Tresnicky	Elementary School/Polar Express
Lewis Tresnicky	Elementary School/Polar Express
Amber Waters	Elementary School
Jennifer Wozniak	Elementary School
Jessica Zellam	Elementary School

- G. Informational Item – The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Stephanie Sharbaugh as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach effective October 8, 2025.

6. Support Services

- A. Recommend approval of a contract with Ann Swincinski to transport her grandchild to and from school at the approved Internal Revenue Service reimbursement rate of \$0.70 per mile or a minimum of \$25 per day, whichever is more, for the 2025-2026 school year.

Committee of the Whole continued—

7. District or Business Planning

A. Recommend approval of revised Policies and documents:

Policy 202	Eligibility of Nonresident Students; 202-AR-0 Nonresident Students
Policy 218.1	Weapons
Policy 626	Federal Fiscal Compliance; Attachments (5) – Allowability of Costs; Cash Management; Administration of Federal Funds; Procurement; Grant Subrecipient Monitoring Procedures
Policy 626.1	Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs
Policy 827	Conflict of Interest

8. Buildings & Grounds

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

1. Girl Scout Troop 42101/Meetings
High School Art Room or Room 204
Tuesdays, October 14, 2025 through April 2026 (3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Rebecca Parker
2. Grades 5-6 Girls' Basketball
High School Gym/Cafeteria (dates coordinated with admin.)
November 2025 through February 2026 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Jarod Feathers
3. Grades 5-6 Soccer
High School Gym (dates coordinated with admin.)
November 2025 through February 2026 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Jarod Feathers
4. Grades 5-6 Boys' Basketball
High School Gym/Cafeteria (dates coordinated with admin.)
November 2025 through February 2026 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Andrew Byer
5. Euro Club/Community Board Game Night
High School Cafeteria
Fridays, November 14 & December 5, 2025 (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Jakeb Rising
6. C. T. Wrestling Boosters/Area I Qualifiers
High School Gym/Life Skills Room/Wood Shop/Concession Stand/Locker Rooms/Trainer's Room/Restrooms
Saturday, February 14, 2026 for set up (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Sunday, February 15, 2026 (5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$40.00 per hour
Deanna Maurer

Committee of the Whole continued—

7. Euro Club/Meetings
High School Library
Thursdays, 2/19/26, 3/26/26, 4/16/26, 5/21/26 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Jakeb Rising

8. PTA/Reading Night
Elementary School/Grounds/High School Parking Lot
Thursday, March 19, 2026 (3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Michelle Wozniak

9. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification: Jeffrey R. Eash – Retired; Scott Fleming – Totally Disabled; Terry Fleming – Housewife; Joseph Kimmel – Retired; Michael S. Moyer – Retired; Joseph P. Simko – Retired; Michael T. Steeves – Retired; Patricia K. Steeves – Retired; Susan L. Yoder – Retired.
- B. Recommend approval of the request from John G. Cislo for a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption on Paint Township Property No. 34-1-016050.
- C. Recommend acceptance of the Offer to Purchase Property at Private Sale from Steffanie Conzatti for Conemaugh Township Property No. 12-0-039570 at a sum of \$1,618.76.
- D. Discussion was held concerning the enactment of a Flat Rate Occupation Tax. The consensus of those present was to set the rate at \$40 per person. A motion to approve the rate will be included on the regular meeting agenda.
- E. Discussion was held regarding the issuance of a tax anticipation note to cover expenses if the state does not approve a budget soon. Mr. Studer indicated that if a budget is not passed by the end of October, he would like to discuss this issue again in November.

An executive session was held from 7:35 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to discuss legal, personnel, and real estate matters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

- 1. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (8) to the Hiram G. Andrews Center for a Career and Transition Fair on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at no cost to the district.
- 2. Permission for Rebecca Conn and Alexa Fetterman to serve as Before and After School Tutors at the hourly rate as outlined in Article VIII, Section 7, of the Professional Agreement.
- 3. Authorization for the Superintendent to sign the Letter of Agreement with the Children's Aid Home to provide services to district students in placement during the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$105 per day for Day Treatment and \$55 per day for Adolescent Partial Hospitalization. (same as last year)
- 4. Permission to enter into a contract with Tracy Collins to transport her child to and from school at the minimum rate of \$25 per day, or to school only at the minimum rate of \$12.50 per day, for the 2025-2026 school year.

5. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2025-2026 school year:

Tracy Collins	Elementary School
Nathaniel Hamel	Elementary School/Elementary Wrestling
Danielle Moyer	Elementary School
Bonnie Stanko	Elementary School
Elizabeth Wiley	Elementary School

6. Acknowledgement of receipt of the following change in Occupation Valuation Classification: Mark Simko – Retired.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to approve debt service payments to The Bank of New York Mellon as follows:

\$637,163.76	(2019 Bond Series)
\$253,034.38	(2024 Bond Series)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, 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 Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to approve the General Release of Liability Waiver between R.E.A.C.H. and the School District to bring a Certified Therapy Dog into the schools for the 2025-2026 school year. (Note: The Solicitor reviewed/approved the Waiver previously, and documentation for “Charlie” has been submitted concerning training, liability insurance, and vaccinations.)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, Monthly Financial Report, and Self-Funding Analyses for August/September were included with the agenda. Mr. Studer stated that he is hopeful that the state will pass a budget by the end of the year; the district should have received approximately \$2.6 million from the state by now.

Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of recent meetings/activities/upcoming events. She noted that Mr. Walker had received a grant to purchase new cafeteria trays and will try them at the fifth grade level first.

Greater Johnstown CTC Report – Dr. Mantini noted that a paving project is being finished around the CTC.

Informational Item – The motion to approve the Occupation Tax will be delayed until the November meeting to allow time for Keystone to draft the appropriate resolution and for the Solicitor to review it.

Discussion was held concerning the Incredible Years Parent Group program being developed for Grades K-5 with a grant from the Community Foundation. The creation of two supplemental contract facilitator positions will be placed on the agenda for approval in November.

Conemaugh Township Area School District
October 21, 2025

An executive session was held from 7:55 p.m. to 9:25 pm. to discuss real estate 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