

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Davidsville, Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 7:02 p.m. in the board room with Mrs. Saylor-Stahl presiding.

Roll call was taken by Lisa Stevens.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeffrey Alesantrino, Melanie Byer, Ethan Phillippi, Earl Sleek, II, Jeremy Sotosky (via ZOOM), Christine Troxell, Susan Saylor-Stahl	7
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Rocco Mantini, Deanna Maurer	2
		Quorum present

Others Present: Nicole Dull, Stacy Dabbs, James Foster, Jarod Feathers, Samantha Rosa, Jane Jugan,
Brandon Studer, Randy Walker, David Budash, Kelly Digon, Matthew Phillippi,
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 August 19, 2025
2. General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report as of August 31, 2025
3. Tax Collection Report as of August 31, 2025
4. Activity Fund Report for August

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, 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. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve payment of the facility improvement project bill as listed.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

1. Thank-you notes from Ashlyn Fetterman and Kieran Kane, this year's recipients of the Mary Samole Mawyer Scholarship.
2. Letter from the PDE Bureau of Food and Nutrition stating that no problems were noted during their administrative review of the Seamless Summer Option program.

MOTION by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to accept the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting held September 8, 2025 as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Conemaugh Township Area School Board of Directors was held on Monday, September 8, 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

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

The following items are presented for your review and consideration:

Mrs. Saylor-Stahl announced that an executive session was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss contractual matters.

1. Student Education

- A. Recommend permission to provide a Before and After School Tutoring Program for students in Grades K-12 and to post for certified teachers to staff the program at the hourly rate as outlined in Article VIII, Section 7, of the Professional Agreement. (District Funds)
- B. Recommend approval to administer the Youth Force Survey developed by I. U. 08 to Grade 11 students.
- C. Informational Item – The children living with non-resident employees and attending classes in our district this year on a non-tuition basis in accordance with Policy No. 202 are: Jacob Beblar (5), Joseph Beblar (8) Roxas Evans (1), Kelson Kramer (9), Grayson Kusher (12), Elisabeth McCall (12), Maura McCall (9), Easton Mish (3), and Blaine Stroz (5).

2. School Activities

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

- 1. Permission for Rebecca Conn/Meribeth DeBarto/Alexa Fetterman/Janelle Mowery to accompany sixth grade students (71) to Friendship Village/Bedford on Monday, September 22, 2025 at no cost to the district.
- 2. Permission for Elementary Teachers to accompany their students on the following field trips at a cost of \$200 for a substitute nurse for each trip (budgeted—remainder of costs paid by PTA):

Kindergarten (55)	05/14/2026	Vale Wood Farms
First Grade (54)	10/17/2025	Weakland Farms
First Grade (54)	05/15/2026	Living Treasures Animal Park
Second Grade (62)	10/09/2025	Bottle Works Ethnic Arts Center
Second Grade (62)	05/20/2026	Compass Inn Museum
Third Grade (62)	05/07/2026	Somerset Historical Society
Third Grade (62)	05/19/2026	Pittsburgh Zoo
Fourth Grade (75)	05/12/2026	Johnstown Flood National Memorial
Fourth Grade (75)	05/20/2026	Lincoln Caverns
Fifth Grade (63)	10/16/2025	Flight 93 National Memorial

- 3. Permission for Nicole Dull/Adelyn Dull to accompany Bocce students (4) to the Youth Summit at Penn Highlands on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at no cost to the district.
- 4. Permission for Kara Duplin/Kellie Hankinson to accompany students (60) to the Cambria County College Fair at Penn Highlands Community College on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at a cost of \$300/travel (budgeted).

Committee of the Whole continued—

5. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany students (5) to Penns Valley High School for Regional Band on March 19-21, 2026 (Thursday-Saturday) at a cost of \$1,495: \$625/registration; \$250/travel; \$250/lodging; \$50/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted—sharing bus & pending auditions).
 6. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany Concert Band students (40) to the Elementary School to conduct side-by-side learning experiences on Thursday, March 26, 2026 and for small group visits on other dates during March 2026 at a cost of \$120/travel (budgeted).
 7. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany sixth grade band students (5) to the District 6 Band Fest at Portage on Friday, April 10, 2026 at a cost of \$510: \$150/registration; \$150/travel; \$50/meals; \$160/substitutes (budgeted).
 8. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany students (3) to the Poconos for All-State Band on April 22-26, 2026 (Wednesday-Sunday) at a cost of \$2,815: \$1,275/registration; \$350/travel; \$450/lodging; \$100/meals; \$640/substitutes (budgeted—may be sharing bus & pending auditions).
 9. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany the Jazz Band (25) to visit Laurel View Village/Heritage Ridge/Quality Life Services/Galleria Mall on Thursday, April 30, 2026 or other dates to be determined in April 2026 at a cost of \$410: \$250/travel; \$160/substitute (budgeted).
 10. Permission for Catherine Grove to accompany band members (15) to Jerome to participate in the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 25, 2026 at no cost to the district.
 11. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany students (60) to the Elementary School for a performance of the musical on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at a cost of \$280: \$120/travel; \$160/substitute (budgeted).
 12. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany the Rotary Interact Club (30) to Laurel View Village to participate in spring clean-up on a date to be determined in April 2026 at a cost of \$540: \$220/travel; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).
 13. Permission for Catherine Grove/Mari Grace Lingenfelter/Jenny Custer to accompany music students (50) on a field trip to Tennessee on April 16-19, 2026 (Thursday-Sunday) at a cost of \$960/substitutes (not budgeted—remainder of costs paid by Boosters/students).
 14. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (10) to Fast Freight Express on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at no cost to the district.
 15. Permission for Samantha Rosa to accompany students (number to be determined) to 814 Lanes & Games on Monday, November 24, 2025 as a reward for top Cherrydale sellers at no cost to the district.
 16. Permission for Bethany Spengler to accompany the Art Club (9) to St. David's Learning Place on Thursday, October 23, 2025 to teach an art lesson to the preschoolers at no cost to the district.
- B. Informational Items – The Elementary and Secondary Newsletters were included with the agenda.

Committee of the Whole continued—

3. Human Development

A. Recommend approval of the following Conference/Workshop Requests:

1. Permission for Kara Duplin/Kellie Hankinson/Erin Stroz to attend the Counselor Network at I. U. 8/Altoona on Monday, September 29, 2025 at a cost of \$66/travel (budgeted).
2. Permission for Kellie Hankinson to attend the Somerset County Student Assistance Program Network at Camp Allegheny on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at cost of \$25/registration (budgeted).

B. Recommend approval of the request from Geneve Buckham for a leave of absence beginning approximately January 5, 2026 and continuing through approximately March 1, 2026 in accordance with the terms of the Professional Agreement.

C. Recommend approval of additional Substitute Teachers submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2025-2026 school year: Jacklyn Best (Grades PK-4); Raul Blanco (Emergency); James Carr (Music K-12/Elem. Principal); Rachel Croyle (Emergency); Taylor Price (Grades PK-4) .

D. Recommend approval of a Contract Amendment Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide a custodial worker for a maximum of 40 hours per week (pay rate of \$13.35 per hour), retroactive to August 25, 2025 and continuing for the 2025-2026 school year. (formerly up to 25 hours week)

E. Recommend appointment of Roger Conley as a bona fide volunteer Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach with compensation of \$2,060 for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

Leesha Boyle	Music Department
Frances Brown	Elementary School
Thomas Brown	Elementary School
Kristie Byer	Elementary School
Jessica Claycomb	Elementary School
Daniel Conn	Varsity Football
Douglas Croyle	Elementary School
Alyssa Defibaugh	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Emily Del Signore	Sixth Grade Field Trips
Mark DeSantis	Elementary School
Rebecca DeSantis	Elementary School
Matthew Duray	Grades 3-4 Girls' Basketball
Diane Feathers	Elementary School
Ryan Gilmore	Football
Rachel Gironda	Elementary School
Kayla Heinrich	Elementary School
Brittani Hillegass	Elementary School
Jeri Lynn Hunsberger	Elementary School
Nicole Kennedy	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Jonathon Kimmel	Elementary School
Dagny Kiser	Elementary School
Jenna Kroner	Elementary School
Jill LaRue	Elementary School
Dawn Levadnuk	Elementary School
Ean Levadnuk	Elementary School

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Mary Mauzy	Elementary School/Music Department
Ashley McClelland	Elementary School
Jason Miller	Music Department
Megan Miller	Music Department
Lindy Mishler	Elementary School
Michelle Mock	Scholastic Quiz
Erin Mulhollen	Elementary School
Annie Pahel	Elementary School
Ashley Pollino	Elementary School/High School Field Trips
Brittany Risch	Elementary School
Chelsea Ryan	Elementary School
Michael Schlosser	Junior High Boys' Soccer
Bernard Seth III	Elementary School
Courtney Seth	Elementary School
Virginia Stephen	Elementary School
Samantha E. Stevanus	Elementary School
Theresa Tedjeske-Boboige	Elementary School
Jessalynn Thomas	Elementary School
Rachel Thomas-Kimmel	Elementary School
Joel Valentine	Football
Rebecca Williams	Elementary School
Nicolas Yoder	Music Department

- G. Informational Item – The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Zoe Leasock as Speech Team Co-Advisor effective September 2, 2025.

4. Support Services

- A. Recommend permission to enter into an Agreement with Behavioral Health Services of Somerset and Bedford Counties (BHSSBC)/Magellan Behavioral Health to manage the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Program effective November 1, 2025.
- B. Request permission to enter into an agreement with Epic Communications to provide services for E-Rate Funding Year 2026 (2026-2027).
- C. Discussion was held concerning PSBA Officer Elections. The slate of candidates will be included on the regular meeting agenda for approval.

5. District or Business Planning

- A. Recommend approval of revised Policy 122/Extracurricular Activities.

6. Buildings & Grounds

- A. Recommend approval of the following Use of Facilities Requests:
1. C. T. Soccer Boosters/Monthly Meetings
High School Classroom/Auditorium/Library
September through November 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Kristi Purdy

Committee of the Whole continued—

2. Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania/Sign Up Night
Elementary School Cafeteria
Thursday, September 18, 2025 (4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Krysten Smith
3. Grades 3-4 Girls' Basketball
Elementary School Gym
Selected Dates, September through November 2025 (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Matthew Duray
4. C. T. Youth Football League/Games
High School Stadium/Concession Stand/Press Box/Restrooms
October 18 or 19, 2025 (8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
October 25 or 26, 2025 (times to be coordinated with Mr. Feathers)
November 1 or 2, 2025 (times to be coordinated with Mr. Feathers)
Use of Facilities Fee: \$40.00 per hour
Branden Hill
5. C. T. Soccer Boosters/MS Dance
High School Cafeteria
Friday, November 21, 2025 (4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
Lori Shropshire
6. C. T. PTA/Monthly Meetings
Elementary School Library
First Tuesday of Month (except Nov. 5), September through June (7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Allison Endler
7. C. T. PTA/Cherrydale Order Pickup
Elementary School Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 (1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Danette Teeter
8. Elementary P. T. A./Cherrydale Fundraiser Mega Party
Elementary School Multipurpose Room & Gym
Friday, November 14, 2025 (3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Danette Teeter
9. C. T. PTA/Santa Shop
Elementary School Library/Multipurpose Room
November 29 & 30, 2025 for setup (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
December 2 through 4, 2025 (during school day)
December 4, 2025 (4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Allison Endler
10. C. T. PTA/Someone Special Dance
Elementary School Gym/Multipurpose Room
Thursday, February 12, 2026 (2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Allison Endler

Committee of the Whole continued—

11. C. T. PTA/Fifth Grade Promotion Party
Elementary School Classrooms/Multipurpose Room/Gym/Pavilion
Friday, May 29, 2026 (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Alison Endler

- B. Discussion was held concerning the request from Luke Breeze to rent the High School Auditorium. A motion to authorize Mrs. Dull to continue talks with Luke Breeze concerning this issue will be included on the regular meeting agenda.

7. Budget & Finance

- A. Recommend acknowledgment of receipt of the following changes in Occupation Valuation Classification: Rebecca Kuzar - Housewife; Shawn Kuzar – Manager; Christine Locher – Retired; Diane Saylor – Retired; Gregory A. Seidel – Retired; Rhonda Yourich – Retired.
- B. Discussion was held concerning the possible enactment of a Flat Rate Occupation Tax in lieu of the current Occupation Tax which is based on 250 mills (25%) of the Somerset County Valuations. Further discussion of this item will be held at the regular meeting.

An executive session was held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:07 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations and real estate matters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

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

1. Permission to enter into a cooperative sports agreement with Shade-Central City School District for Varsity Girls' Soccer beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. (Note: Participants would be required to pay the C. T. activity fee.)
2. Permission for Kara Duplin to accompany students (2) to the Youth Force Summit at the Blair County Convention Center on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at no cost to the district.
3. Permission for Ashley Kopp to accompany Life Skills students (10) to the UPJ Education Department on selected Thursdays during October and November 2025 to participate in the Bridge program at a cost of \$1,625: \$1,365/travel; \$260/meals (budgeted).
4. Permission for Mari Grace Lingenfelter to accompany choir members (14) to Shanksville-Stonycreek High School for District 6 Chorus Auditions on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at a cost of \$360: \$140/registration; \$220/travel (budgeted).
5. Permission for Bethany Spengler to accompany the Art Club (9) to Career Rehabilitation Building Services/Hooversville on Thursday, October 9, 2025 to paint a mural at no cost to the district.
6. Permission for Kelly Digon/Renee Dryer to attend Enhanced Core Reading Instruction Vocabulary & Comprehension Training at I. U. 8/Duncansville on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at a cost of \$458: \$118/travel; \$20/meals; \$320/substitutes (covered by SPEL Grant).
7. Permission for Jeanette Swiokla to attend Text Dependent Analysis at I. U. 8/Duncansville on September 30 & October 20, 2025 at a cost of \$435: \$75/registration; \$20/travel; \$20/meals; \$320/substitutes (budgeted).

8. Permission to change the employment status of Susan LaLima (Elementary) and Marylou Murray (High School) from Substitutes to Kitchen Helpers at a rate of \$11.12 per hour for three (3) hours per day effective September 17, 2025, with fringe benefits as outlined in the Cafeteria Employees' Handbook.
9. Appointment of the following bona fide volunteer athletic personnel with compensation as listed for the 2025-2026 school year, pending receipt of required documentation:

Kathryn Kerr	Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach	\$2,781
Nathan Lehman	Assistant Rifle Team Coach	\$1,545

10. Additional Substitute Teacher submitted by Ignite Education Solutions for the 2025-2026 school year:
Hannah McKnight (English 7-12).
11. Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to provide a School Psychologist for a maximum of 60 hours (pay rate of \$50 per hour), with the total cost not to exceed \$4,026 for the 2025-2026 school year.
12. Permission for the following individuals to serve as volunteers during the 2025-2026 school year:

Mitchell Cable	Elementary School/Elementary Wrestling
Deanna Maurer	High School Field Trips
Krista Shaffer	Elementary School
Christine Troxell	Music Department
Drew Volocko	Elementary School
Lindsey Volocko	Elementary School

13. Girl Scout Troop 22068/Meetings
Elementary School Library/STEAM Room
Selected Thursdays, September 25, 2025 through May 21, 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Nicole Croyle
14. C. T. Volleyball/Grades 4-7 Girls' Volleyball Clinic
High School Gym
Saturdays, October 2025 (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
Robin Holsopple
15. C. T. Soccer Boosters/Junior High Banquet
High School Cafeteria
Monday, October 20, 2025 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Amy McIntosh
16. Reaching Educational Achievements with Clinical Mental Health/Parent Workshops
Elementary School Cafeteria/Classroom
October 21, 2025; December 11, 2025; April 8, 2026 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Alexis Christofes
17. Travel Basketball Tryouts
High School Gym
Sunday, October 26, 2025 (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Paul Baer
18. Acknowledgment of receipt of changes in Occupation Valuation Classification as follows: Brady Rouser – Totally Disabled; Larry Stahl - Retired.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to approve the Schoolwide Title I School Plan for the Elementary School.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Alesantrino, to abolish the existing bylaws and establish a new framework for the Conemaugh Township Area School District Foundation.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mrs. Troxell, seconded by Mrs. Byer, to direct the Board Secretary to cast votes for election of the following candidates for PSBA offices as listed:

Holly Arnold	President-Elect
Matt Vannoy	Vice President
Julie Preston	Central Zone Representative
Kathy K. Swope	PSBA Insurance Trustee (term ending December 31, 2028)
Roberta M. Marcus	PSBA Insurance Trustee (term ending December 31, 2028)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Phillippi, seconded by Mrs. Troxell, to authorize the Superintendent to continue talks with Luke Breeze regarding his request to rent the High School Auditorium.

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

MOTION by Mr. Alesantrino, seconded by Mr. Sleek, to approve an electric contract with Chrislynn Energy for a 24-month term beginning January 1, 2026 at a rate of \$.09621/kwh. (currently \$.0979/kwh)

Recorded vote: All Directors present voted in the affirmative.

Financial Report – A Cash Balance/Investment Report, Capital Reserve Account Report, and Self-Funding Analysis for July were included with the agenda. Mr. Studer also distributed a report on cyber school students and a monthly financial report for August.

Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Dull reviewed her list of meetings/activities/upcoming events. She also updated the Board concerning several other matters, including a burst pipe on the second floor of the High School and the resulting repairs to be made. TEN is providing the district with information regarding an alarm that would note excessive water usage during non-occupied hours.

Discussion was held concerning a Flat Rate Occupation Tax. This item will be discussed again in October.

There being no further business, Mrs. Saylor-Stahl declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl E. Sleek, II, Secretary