

September 14, 2026

The Conestoga Valley School Board met in a School Board Work Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2026, in the District Administration Board Room, 502 Mount Sidney Road, Lancaster, PA 17602.

School Board Members Present: Idette B. Groff, Phil Eby, Kathy Trowbridge, Julie Fisher, Philip Benigno, Dianna Capka and Diane Martin (virtual attendance)

School Board Members Absent: Mark Gensel, Laura Givler

Administrators Present: Matt Furlong, Jill Koser, Sarah Schaefer, Dan Hartman, Adele Huntzinger

Administrators Absent: Don Mann

Others Present: Marilyn Martin, Ken Johnson, Mike Resh, Liza Kuhn, Madeline Evarts, Elizabeth Graham, Diane Tyson, Todd Lassa

Opening/Welcome

Mr. Eby, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He then led the Pledge to the Flag. Marilyn Martin noted that six board members were present in person and Dr. Martin was attending virtually with Mr. Gensel and Ms. Givler absent. With a quorum in place, Mr. Eby announced the meeting will proceed.

Mr. Eby asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Benigno motioned and Mrs. Capka seconded. A voice vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously (7/0).

Commentary on District Activity

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Hartman thanked Mr. Hawkins, Athletic Director, for his work in bringing Omari Pearson to the district for a student athletic presentation. He also thanked the athletic department for its pregame tribute commemorating the 9/11 25th anniversary. The tribute was very well done.

He acknowledged the following district administrators who recently received their Administrative Level II certificate – Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Johnston and Dr. Alouisa.

He acknowledged IT Professionals Day and thanked Adam McGraw, CTIO, and Dylan Probst, Director of Technology, and their team for the dedicated work they provide in support of staff and students.

Lastly, he announced an upcoming Community Forum event featuring the showing of THE FILM "Multiple Choice". This will be shown in the high school auditorium on October 6, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Board Comments

Ms. Trowbridge commented on the excellent content and presentation of the district Buckskin News, compiled by Katie O'Dell, Public Relations Director. She encouraged residents to take the time to read it.

Mrs. Fisher recently attended the Brownstown Elementary Back to School Night. She also attended the student athletic presentation by Omari Pearson. She commented on the value this presentation gave to student-athletes.

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Public/Professional/Staff Input

Public Comments

None

Action/Discussion Items

Item A- Review of Change Orders

- GC-01 Fritz Elementary
- MC-01 Fritz Elementary
- GC-13 Smoketown Elementary – unused allowance, credit coming back to the district

Mr. Ken Johnson, Director of Operations, reviewed the change orders with the Board. Following review, these change orders will be part of the consent agenda for approval at the September 22, 2026, meeting.

Review Board Agenda

Tentative Agenda for September 22, 2026

The agenda for September 22, 2026, school board meeting was attached for review.

Public Comments

None

Board Matters

Board Initiatives

Mr. Eby drew attention to the upcoming events listed in the agenda.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, September 15 - HS NHS Induction @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 17 - HS Back to School Night @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 24 - GHMS Back to School Night @ 6 pm

Adjournment

Mr. Eby then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting to executive session for a legal matter involving stormwater management fees. Mr. Benigno motioned and Mrs. Capka seconded. A voice vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously (7/0). The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn S. Martin
School Board Secretary