The Conestoga Valley School Board met in a School Board Meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 19, 2026, in the District Administration Board Room, 502 Mount Sidney Road, Lancaster, PA 17602.

School Board Members Present:	Dr. Diane Martin, Julie Fisher, Philip Eby, Dianna Capka, Idette Groff, Philip Benigno, Laura Givler, and Kathy Trowbridge
School Board Members Absent:	Mark Gensel
Administrators Present:	Adele Huntzinger, Dr. Jill Koser, Sarah Schaefer, Dr. Don Mann, Dr. Daniel Hartman, Adam McGraw
Others Present:	Marilyn Martin, Katie O'Dell, Ashley Stalnecker, Rhonda Garman, Tim Garman, Jeremy Rohrer, Melena Painter, Lisa Kernic, Tom Richard, Tara Sangrey, Mary Imler, Angelique Chelton, Jess Branas, Andy Graybill, Philip Givler, Lisa Bartelt, Madeline Evarts, Diane Tyson, Joel Lapp, Jocelyn Gabriel, Joe Young, Denise Burkholder, Margaret Stoner, Joshua Anthony, Jere Mellinger, Heather Mellinger, Clifton Kenon, Aubrie Ensinger, Corey Kendig, Dwilyn Flaud, Chalina Flaud, and Cassaday Painter, Matt Fox

OPENING/WELCOME

Mr. Eby, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone. He then led the Pledge to the Flag. Mrs. Martin noted that eight Board members were present with Mr. Gensel absent. With a quorum in place, the meeting proceeded.

With no changes to the posted agenda, Mr. Eby requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Benigno motioned and Dr. Martin seconded. A voice vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously (8/0).

COMMENTARY ON DISTRICT ACTIVITY

Board Commendations

1. Conestoga Valley is pleased to recognize Anthony Rodriguez, a Conestoga Valley senior and student-athlete, for his outstanding initiative, leadership, and commitment to giving back to his community. Over the summer, Anthony created the Overcomer Performance Community Football camp for football players ranging in age from six to 15. Skill sessions cost just $10 with the final camp free of charge. Anthony and several of his Buckskin teammates coached players on the basics. "I was just trying to give back to some kids who maybe can't afford to go out and get expensive trainers," Anthony said.

2. Congratulations to CVHS seniors Bee Moua, Cooper Lehman, and Evan Harner who were named National Merit Commended Students. This recognition honors students who have demonstrated exceptional academic promise and achievement. Commended Students are recognized for their outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT and represent a select group of high-achieving students from across the nation.

3. Congratulations to CVHS teacher Mr. Will Danz for being selected as the 2026 Excellence in Education Award recipient for the Community Connector Award! Mr. Danz will be honored at the 2026 Excellence in Education Award Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 6. This event will celebrate the accomplishments of educators and their impact on students and the community.

4. The September Art Department Report can now be found online.

Superintendent's Comments
Dr. Hartman congratulated Mr. Danz, High School Internship Coordinator, for his selection as the 2026 Excellence in Education Award recipient for the Community Connector Award – a well-deserved recognition.
He reported he recently attended the Workforce 2030 Summit held at IU13.

Board Comments
Mr. Eby reported he attended the recent LL League Championship tennis tournament. He reminded everyone that the Homecoming Football game and Community Bonfire are occurring this week. Mrs. Fisher reported she attended the Brownstown International Night, which was well attended by the community.

Correspondence – Secretary
None.

PRESENTATIONS
None.

PUBLIC/PROFESSIONAL/STAFF INPUT
Public Comments
Lisa Bartelt – resident/parent – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility
Heather Mellinger – resident/grandparent – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility
Rhonda Garman – resident/parent – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility
Lisa Kernic – resident – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility
Cory Kendig – resident/parent – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility
Diane Tyson – resident – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility
Angelique Chelton – resident – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility
Joel Lapp – resident/parent – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility
Ajay Marwaha – resident/parent – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility
Jocelyn Gabriel – resident/parent – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility
Jared Mellinger – resident/grandparent – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility
Clifton Kenon – resident/parent – commented on historical aspect of the vote tonight
Josh Anthony – resident/parent – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility

Comments from CVEA
Tom Richard – CVEA President – commented on Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility

Comments from Other Employee Groups
None

CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Eby asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A-J. Mr. Benigno motioned to approve the Consent Agenda items A-J and Mrs. Groff seconded. There was a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously (8/0).

Item A - Approval of Minutes from September 14 and 22, 2026.

Item B - Approval of Financial Reports

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Budgetary Transfers - none this month
3. Payment of Expenditures Requiring Approval Request to approve payments in the amount of $2,740,568

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY
September 30,2026

Beginning Cash & Investments August 30, 2026		33,364,004
Receipts		
Cash Management, Checking Account:		
Daily Deposits, Interest Income	215,109	
Tax Deposits	23,339,956	
Federal & State Subsidies	2,205,276	
		25,760,341
Disbursements		
Checking Account	8,213,207	
Payroll Account	2,120,129	(10,333,336)
Cash and Investments as of Septmeber 30, 2026		48,791,008

Account Balances September 30, 2026	
Cash Management, Checking Account	1,094,954
Payroll Account	1,752,377
Grant Fund	484,302
Investments	45,459,375
Total Account Balances	48,791,008

Expenditures Requiring Approval	
General Fund	2,499,022
Food Service	91,097

Construction Fund Series 2022	150,449
Total	2,740,568

Item C - Superintendent's Report

1. RECOMMEND the Board approve the following appointments:
   a. Julie Brubaker – Athletic Event Staff, effective October 20, 2026, (pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures), $varies depending on position
   b. Matthew Adams – JH Girls Basketball Head Coach (McDowell) at Gerald Huesken Middle School, effective on or about November 2, 2026 for the 2026-2027 season, (pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures), Step 10
   c. Kevin Richter – JH Track and Field Assistant Coach (M Thornton) at Gerald Huesken Middle School, effective on or about November 2, 2026 for the 2026-2027 season, (pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures), Step 2
   d. Hunter Golovko – JH Boys Basketball Assistant Coach (Crush) at Gerald Huesken Middle School, effective on or about November 2, 2206 for the 2026-2027 season, (pending receipt of all required documentation, clearance, and disclosures), Step 1

2. RECOMMEND the Board approve the following retirement:
   a. Kimberly Beiswenger – Administrative Assistant to the Principal at Smoketown Elementary School, effective December 31, 2026.

3. RECOMMEND the Board approve the following resignations:
   a. Amy Dulaney – Marching Band Assistant Director (50%) at High School, effective September 28, 2026
   b. Amy Ream – Health and Physical Education teacher at High School, effective November 17, 2026
   c. Triston Horst – Varsity Baseball Head Coach at High School, effective September 30, 2026
   d. Willie McDowell – JH Girls Basketball Head Coach at Middle School, effective October 1, 2026
   e. Mary Thornton – JH Track and Field Assistant Coach at Middle School, effective July 28, 2026
   f. Alexis Kepley – LTS ELA at Gerald Huesken Middle School, effective November 10, 2026
   g. Harold Crush – JH Boys Basketball Assistant Coach at Middle School, effective January 4, 2026
   h. Danny Brooks – Varsity Softball Assistant Coach at High School, effective May 12, 2026
   i. Mara Sunderland – Varsity Girls Soccer Head Coach at High School, effective November 2, 2026
   j. Dana Wentz – Varsity Girls Soccer Assistant Coach (50%), effective May 7, 2026

4. RECOMMEND the Board approve the attached list of STS Guest teachers.

5. RECOMMEND the Board approve the attached list of Brightbill bus drivers for the 2026-2027 school year.

6. RECOMMEND the Board approve the list of volunteer winter coaches as listed.
   - Bowling – Donna Gribble
   - Boys Basketball – Scott Harrison, Ryan Hilton
   - JH Boys Basketball – Brady Cole, Harold Crush
   - Winter Cheer – Katelyn Davis
   - Girls Basketball – Bradley Testa
   - Wrestling – Jhared Simmons
   - JH Wrestling – Clint Holcomb

7. RECOMMEND the Boad approve the Lancaster Bible College student placement request for Spring 2027
    a. David Helms – w/ Mr. Scepanski at High School and Ms. Salaki at Leola Elementary

8. RECOMMEND the Board approve the confidential leaves attached as Executive Content.

9. RECOMMEND the Board approves the following prospective educator permits as part of Act 86 substitute teaching through STS:
    a. Elijah Houser – Millersville University – expected graduation May 2027
    b. Mackenzie Trout - Millersville University - expected graduation May 2027
    c. Zoey Nolt – renewal
    d. Isabelle Wheeler - Millersville University – expected graduation May 2027
    e. Allanah Castaneda – renewal
    f. Hannah Hithner – Millersville University – expected graduation May 2027
    g. Olivia Slaymaker – Millersville University – expected graduation May 2028
    h. Olivia Raff – Millersville University – expected graduation May 2027
    i. Allisan Raquet – Millersville University – expected graduation May 2027

Item D - Approval of 2026 Resolution for Commitment and Assignment of Fund Balance

Item E - Approval of IU13 and CVSD ELD Letter of Agreement for CTC Services 2026-2027

Item F - Approval of HS Focus Group Overnight Retreat Trip

Item G – Approval of Wrestling Team Overnight Trips for 2026-2027 season

Item H – Approval of Attollo Prep (CDCF) MOU 2026-2027

Item I – Approval of Proposal for Intensive Instructional Coaching Institute - Virtual

Item J – Approval of Comprehensive Plan Stakeholders Advisory Committee Members

ACTION/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Item A – Approval of Second (and Final) Reading of District Policy 716 – Integrated Pest Management
Mr. Eby requested a motion to approve the second and final reading of Policy 716. Mr. Benigno motioned and Mrs. Groff seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (8/0).

Item B – Approval of Second (and Final) Reading of Proposed New Policy 123.3 – Sports Sex Eligibility Criteria for Participation in Interscholastic Athletics
Mr. Eby asked if there were any comments or discussions by the Board prior to the vote. Mrs. Groff mentioned that she will be voting 'no' because too much time and money were spent on a non-issue since there are zero concerns with athletes.
Mr. Eby requested a motion to approve the second and final reading of Policy 123.3. Mr. Benigno motioned and Mrs. Capka seconded. A roll call vote was taken and passed (7/1) with Mrs. Groff voting against the policy.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Finance and Operations

Report was attached for review.

Curriculum and Instruction

Report was attached for review.

Federal Funds
No report.

BOARD REPORTS
IU 13 Reports
No written report this month. Mrs. Groff reported the extreme cuts in Early Childhood Education by the federal government will determine how the IU13 can continue to support Early Childhood Education.

PSBA Report
No written report this month. She reported that PSBA continues to lobby the legislature concerning current legislation in process affecting education – potential cell phone ban, adding items to board agendas, and expanding prevailing wages.

Lancaster County Academy
No written report this month.

Lancaster County CTC Report
No report this month.

Construction Team Update
Report was attached for review.

Other Reports
None

BOARD MATTERS
Board Initiatives / Concerns
Ms. Trowbridge requested anyone who has nominations for President and/or Vice-President to forward them to her by the end of the week.

Meeting Dates for November 2026:
Monday, November 9 - Work Session
Monday, November 16 - Regular Meeting
Both meetings begin at 7 pm.
Location: District Administration Board Room, 502 Mount Sidney Road, Lancaster, PA 17602

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Clifton Kenon – resident/parent – commented following the vote on Policy 123.3 stating this sets a precedence of establishing a policy

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mr. Eby asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting to executive session for personnel matters – update on the current CFOO search and personnel matters. Dr. Martin motioned and Mr. Benigno seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (8/0). The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn S. Martin
School Board Secretary