

Conneaut School District January 14, 2026 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

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The Conneaut School District Budget and Finance Committee met on Wed., Jan. 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Alice Schafer Annex gym with chairman David Schaef presiding.

Committee members present, besides the chairman, were Steve Nader and Ed Williamson, board members; Dr. Adam Jardina, superintendent; Yvonne Teed, curriculum director; and Christina Krankota, business manager. Also in attendance were district solicitor Jordan Shuber and building and grounds director Jody Welcheck. Two additional persons were also in attendance to address the committee on tax lien sales.

The committee approved the November 2025 B&F meeting minutes on motion by Mr. Nader, second by Mr. Williamson.

Topics for discussion -

- 1 - Tax Lien sales. After review on unpaid school district taxes, and possible benefits to the school district should they purchased, committee consensus was to have the topic brought before the full board for further discussion and direction.
- 2 - Custodial Contracts. Mr. Welcheck reviewed the costs and proposals from Zazado Custodial Services for a cleaning contract at Conneaut Area Middle School, and from Granda Custodial Services at Conneaut Area Senior High School. Both provided 5 year pricing from 2026 to 2031. It was noted both would provide their own cleaning equipment, something the school district had been providing. Committee consensus was to recommend to the full board of school directors the two cleaning contracts be approved.
- 3 - North Shenango Tax Collection. A letter from the Crawford County Office of the Auditors was reviewed, listing items of errors and findings covering the work of the NS tax collector in 2024 with the office of auditors recommending the township and school district conduct audits. That item was listed on the school board agenda meeting of January 14, recommending the two governments work together in funding an audit.
- 4 - CVMS Insurance Coverage - Business manager Ms. Krankota provided information that the current insurance carrier for the vacant Conneaut Valley Middle School was recommending adjustment in coverage which is different from occupied buildings. Ms. Krankota is to research various insurance vendors and costs.
- 5 - Bi-Monthly List of Bills - Discussion held on the business office paying bills on a bi-monthly basis instead of the once per month current setup. Committee consensus was to continue the once a month payments following board approval of bills at its voting meetings.
- 6 - 2026/2027 Budget - Budget discussion will begin for the 2026[2027 school year at February's B&F committee meeting. More detail on budget items was requested and reviewed. Ms.


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Krankota also shared that the 2023/2024 district audit was basically complete and that it showed an increase in the fund balance. The audit for 2024/2025 needs to be completed.

The meeting adjourned on at 6:47 p.m. on motion by Mr. Nader, second by Mr. Williamson; all in favor.



David Schaefer, Committee Chairperson



Board Secretary, Christine Krankota



Steven Nader, Board President