

# Conneaut School District Budget and Finance Committee March 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The Wednesday, March 11, 2026, meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, held in the Schafer Annex, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by chairman David Schaef.

Also in attendance were committee members - Steve Nadler and Ed Williamson, board members; Dr. Adam Jardina, superintendent; Yvonne Teed, curriculum director/assistant to the superintendent; and Christine Krankota, business manager. Others in attendance were the principals of the two elementary schools, the director of buildings and grounds, the technology director, and a member of the public.

A motion was made by Nader, second by Williamson, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026, Budget and Finance Committee meeting. The motion passed.

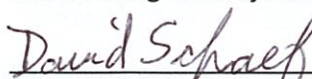
Mr. Doug Parks, Conneaut Lake Elementary School principal, reviewed the school's proposed budget for the year 2026/27. That budget was proposed at \$98,717, a deduction from the current year's budget of \$102,427.

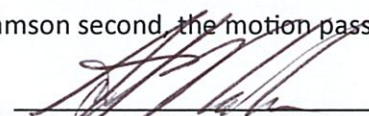
Mr. Damian Goodman, Conneaut Valley Elementary School principal, reviewed the school's proposed budget for the year 2026/27. That budget was proposed at \$99,104, up from this year's budget of \$98,395.

Jody Welcheck, director of buildings and grounds, reviewed a proposal to replace the student lockers at Conneaut Area Middle School, noting their current problem conditions of locking/unlocking, and narrow lockers of just 12-inch width. He shared a quoted price for 425 lockers, replacement cost at \$149,200, that being a 15-inch-wide locker, a possible price increase of 5% if work is delayed into next year, i.e., split into two years. Funds could be taken from the capital funds category. Conneaut work crews could do the demolition to save money - a sum of \$11,770, deducted from the \$149,200. An informal discussion/consensus supported work to be done over the summer with the school board as a whole to be advised of the work planned and costs at the April work session of the board and final approval to be sought at the April board voting session.

A discussion was held on the request from North Shenango Township supervisors to join with the school district in an audit of tax collections done during the 2024 year; the request had been tabled by school board at its January meeting which sought seeking prices for an audit. School resident Valerie Kean-Staab asked if she could address the committee on the audit request; Nader and Williamson were opposed with Williamson saying leave it to the chair which the chair permitted. Kean-Staab expressed her concerns.

The meeting was adjourned by a Nader motion, a Williamson second, the motion passing at 6:23 p.m.

  
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David Schaef, Committee Chairperson

  
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Steve Nader, Board President

  
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Christine Krankota, Board Secretary