

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 18, 2011**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:13 P.M. by the President, Ms. Link, at the Canon-McMillan Administration Building, 1 North Jefferson Avenue, Canonsburg, PA.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Robert Malwitz	P	Darla Bowman-Monaco	P	Joe Zupancic	P
Zeffie Carroll	P	Manuel Pihakis	P	Paul Scarmazzi	P
Debbie Link	P	Laura Grossman	P	Eric Kline	A

In addition to Board Members, the following non-members were present:

Dr. Helen McCracken, Superintendent
 Mr. Michael Daniels, Assistant to the Superintendent
 Ms. Joni Mansmann, Director of Business and Finance
 Mr. Mike Lucas, Solicitor
 Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary
 Ms. Brianna Sharkady, Student Representative

Agenda Approval

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis to approve the agenda.
 The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Speak

No citizens addressed the Board on agenda items.

General Items for Consideration

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the following minutes, treasurer's report and wage tax reports:

Regular Meeting of the Board, March 21, 2011
 Committee Meeting of the Board, March 25, 2011
 Committee Meeting of the Board, March 28, 2011
 Committee Meeting of the Board, April 4, 2011
 Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, April 11, 2011

WAGE TAX REPORT FOR MARCH, 2011	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2010-11	% of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$60,618.86	\$373,155.76	\$360,000	103.7%
North Strabane Township	112,735.43	787,910.74	1,440,000	54.7%

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Cecil Township	181,308.74	748,512.05	1,300,000	57.6%
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The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the bills for ratification and approval.

Bills for Ratification:

FOR MARCH, 2011

General Fund	\$4,605,601.16
Athletic Fund	5,169.25
Cafeteria Fund	110,347.10

Bills for Approval:

FOR APRIL, 2011

General Fund	\$151,450.85
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The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the following budget transfers:

FOR MARCH/APRIL, 2011

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval <u>Prior</u> to Transfer	\$74,586.
Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification <u>Subsequent</u> to Transfer ...	\$402,843.

The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Ms. Grossman reported on being a chaperone on the middle school band trip. The students were very good and benefitted from the experience. The district should be proud of the students.

Student Representative Report

The student reported that AP testing will be held from May 2 to May 13 and finals will be May 23 to May 27. Over \$1,000 was raised for autism awareness by selling shirts, cookies and bracelets. The high school art show will be May 13; the prom will be May 20; class day will be June 3, and graduation is scheduled for June 4. The girls track and field team won the County meet and the boys volleyball team must win tomorrow to get into the playoffs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Resignation

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board accept the following resignations:

1. the resignation of Suzanne Kline from her position as a 10 month secretary at Wylandville Elementary School effective June 20, 2011 for the purpose of retirement. Mrs. Kline has worked for the district for 26 years.
2. the resignation of George Hildebrand from his position as a bus driver effective June 30, 2011 for the purpose of retirement. Mr. Hildebrand has served the district for over 14 years.
3. the resignation of Sherry Frey from her position as a 4 hour custodian at Canonsburg Middle School effective June 7, 2011 for the purpose of retirement. Ms. Frey has worked in the district for 39 years.
4. the following extra-curricular resignations effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year:

Lori Hedderman	Co-sponsor of National Junior Honor Society
Lisa Dominick	Canonsburg Middle School Yearbook Sponsor
Ray Rota	High School Stock Market Club Sponsor
Michelle Ewig	Head Middle School Girls Soccer Coach

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the following appointments:

1. appoint Sherree Mohler as a mentor for Julie Olson.
2. change the status of Frank Thompson from a 4 hour custodian at the High School to an 8 hour custodian at Cecil Intermediate School effective April 25, 2011.
3. approve the following extra-curricular positions at the contracted rate contingent upon receipt and successful review of all required employment documentation:

Brandon Dittmar	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	\$2,833
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4. appoint Jennifer Strimel as a volunteer girls volleyball coach contingent upon receipt of all required documentation.
5. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated April, 2011-R.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Agreements

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the following:

1. approve a one-year renewal of the food service agreement with Nutrition, Inc. for the 2011-12 school year with a profit guarantee of \$10,000. Breakfast prices for 2011-12 will be increased by \$.05 and lunch and tier lunch prices will be increased by \$.25.
2. approve the software maintenance agreement renewal with ProSoft Technologies, Inc. for the period starting July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
3. approve the agreement with Gallup, Inc. for TeacherInsight assessments with suggested changes from the solicitor.

Mr. Scarmazzi asked if the Gallup data should be Canon-McMillan property. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Disposal of School Busses

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the disposal of three busses through the 422 Auction.

The motion carried unanimously.

Student Trips

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board approve the following:

1. approve the following student trips retroactively:
 - a. 9 TSA students to attend the TSA State Competition at Seven Springs from April 13-16, 2011.
 - b. 2 High School choir students to attend the PMEA State Choir Festival at Cumberland Valley High School from April 13-16, 2011.
2. approve the high school cheerleaders to compete and perform at the 2011-12 College Football Gator Bowl Game in Jacksonville, Florida from December 30, 2011 through January 4, 2012.

If the Secretary of Homeland Security issues an alert or other public evidence exists of potential terrorist danger, the Superintendent has the authority to cancel trips to preserve the welfare and safety of our students and staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the resolution opposing Senate Bill 1.

Mr. Zupancic mentioned that this voucher bill lost some steam last week; it is being pushed off until late next week. The motion carried unanimously.

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Recognition

The Board recognized the following:

On April 1st the staff of the C-M Times (the official newspaper of CMHS) attended the 2011 High School Journalism Workshops and Competition at West Virginia University. Two students, senior Natalie Niccolai and junior Emily Hughes won first place in two separate categories: Natalie won first place for her movie review of the latest HARRY POTTER movie and Emily Hughes won first place for her JELLY BELLY JELLY BEANS PUBLIC RELATIONS PLAN. Congratulations are definitely in order for these two young women as they competed against over a dozen high schools from which over 300 entries were submitted!

For the month of March, students in Miss Knizner's first grade class at Cecil Elementary explored the theme of citizenship and giving back to the community. The students worked together with the rest of the school to conduct their 2nd Annual Snuggle Up and Read Drive. Donations were accepted of gently used stuffed animals and books. Afterwards, the students helped bundle the items together. This year Cecil Elementary is proud to donate 250 bundles to children in need around the area.

Congratulations to Jonathan Balog, eighth grade student at Canonsburg Middle School who finished ninth place overall out of 101 participants at the state level geography bee competition. This was the first year in the history of the competition that nine students, including Jonathan, who went through the preliminary round with a perfect score. Also worthy to note, this was Jonathan's second visit in a row to the state competition, of which, he placed in the top ten as well.

Citizens Speak

The following citizen addressed the Board:

Leslie Dodd 223 S. Jefferson Avenue, Canonsburg Issues with son's school

Ms. Dodd was asked to meet with Dr. McCracken.

Adjournment

Ms. Link adjourned the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

Sharon L. Arbel

Board Secretary