

CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2011

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:01 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. Ms. Link announced that the Board had met in executive session prior to the meeting for personnel matters.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

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

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
Ms. Grace Lani, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Mike Lucas, Solicitor
Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary
Ms. Brianna Sharkady, Student Representative
Mr. Addison Galambos, 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, January 18, 2011
Committee Meeting of the Board, January 25, 2011
Committee Meeting of the Board, January 28, 2011
Committee Meeting of the Board, January 31, 2011
Special Meeting of the Board, February 14, 2011
Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, February 14, 2011

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WAGE TAX REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2011	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2010-11	% of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$80,633.20	\$161,094.56	\$360,000	44.8%
North Strabane Township	100,697.18	491,341.44	1,440,000	34.1%
Cecil Township	106,866.04	429,679.92	1,300,000	33.1%

The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the bills for ratification and approval.

Bills for Ratification:

FOR JANUARY, 2011

General Fund	\$4,536,403.75
Athletic Fund	5,645.00

Bills for Approval:

FOR FEBRUARY, 2011

General Fund	\$1,958,455.77
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The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

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

FOR FEBRUARY, 2011

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval <u>Prior</u> to Transfer	\$2,800.
Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification <u>Subsequent</u> to Transfer ...	\$15,792.

The motion carried unanimously.

Student Representative Reports

The students reported that Frederic Forrester and Melissa Harbert have been named National Merit Finalists; final graduation project reports are due March 4; "Beauty and the Beast" will be held on March 10-12; and the Prom Fashion Show will be on March 27. Change Day raised \$4,400 for the Santa Fund; Ms. Geist's class alone raised \$920. Emily Hansen has scored her 1,000th point in basketball and Chelsea Banks was the talent show winner. The wrestling team won the PowerAde Tournament and were the WPIAL section champions. The seniors have ordered their caps and gowns for graduation.

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Start Date for 2011-2012

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board adopt August 29, 2011 as the starting date for students for the 2011-2012 school year.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried with all present voting aye with the exception of Mr. Pihakis who voted nay.

Additional Fundraiser

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board approve the additional fundraiser for the football boosters.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution and Right-of-Way Agreement

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the resolution and right-of-way agreement with Allegheny Power for electrical service to the CDL modular on Western Area Career & Technology Center property.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Policy Revision

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board approve the revision to Policy 005, Organization.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Student Trip

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board approve the varsity and junior varsity baseball teams to travel to the Ripken Baseball Complex in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 23-27, 2011 (pending additional paperwork). All transportation, accommodations and meals will be the responsibility of the booster club.

As by practice, if the Secretary of Homeland Defense declares a Code Red, any previously approved trips are cancelled. The Superintendent has the authority to cancel trips regardless of Code Red status to preserve the welfare and safety of our students and staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for 2011-12

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board approve the Intermediate Unit 1 general operating budget for 2011-12 in the amount of \$2,047,662. Canon-McMillan's estimated contribution is \$69,396.52 which is a slight increase over last year's estimate of \$68,677.91.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:

Lori Hedderman, guidance counselor at Canonsburg Middle School authored a book called, Saying Goodbye to your Children. The book helps parents plan for their end-of-life care, prepare children for their parents' death, and record memories of one's life.

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., all grade levels at First Street Elementary collected more than 2,490 cans of non-perishable food items. This is an annual drive organized by third grade teacher, Ms. Ocie Ponton, who congratulated and thanked students for their continuous support and generosity for those in our community in need. The top two classrooms also participated in a "Snowball Fight". Mrs. Judy McPherson's AM Kindergarten took first place and threw snowballs (white rolled-up tube socks) at Principal Robert Kleinhans. Second place winners, Mrs. Maria McNally's second grade threw their "snowballs" at Assistant Principal, Tula Dziak.

WTAE Channel 4 News and meteorologist Steven Cropper visited Cecil Elementary school on January 26th. Along with Mr. Cropper, Miss Mindy from the Carnegie Science Center, shared information and answered questions about weather. Students conducted a Penny Drive and raised \$800.53 for Project Bundle Up. The program aired on the evening news and is also available to view on the website: <http://www.wtae.com/video/26629045/detail.html>.

Congratulations to Canonsburg Middle School on being selected a Pennsylvania Don Eichhorn Schools: Schools to Watch. As a recognized 2011 School to Watch, schools and educators throughout our state will have an opportunity to make connections, communicate with and visit the school and experience firsthand what a high performing middle grade school is like while daily working on its' trajectory towards success. Canonsburg Middle School joins a very select cadre of 21 schools in Pennsylvania, and over 250 around the nation, that are Schools to Watch!....and the only "Schools to Watch" middle school in Washington County!!!

On February 5th, the Mathcounts team from Canonsburg Middle School traveled to W & J College for a local competition. The trip to W & J College was a huge success! The team won an award for placing 2nd overall out of 13 teams. Courtney Pojeta was recognized as the top scoring female competitor, which earned her a \$100 savings bond. Jonathan Klan was ranked 8th out of over 120 students. Last, but not least, Kyle Burns and Ashutosh Sharma placed in the top six and will be traveling to Hershey, PA for the State Competition on March 19th. The Mathcounts team is sponsored by Mr. Randy Clonan, CMS math teacher.

Frederic Forrester and Melissa Harbert, both seniors, have achieved National Merit Finalist Status.

Our students did a wonderful job at District Band last week at South Park High School. We had 3 of the top ten clarinets: Ashley Madia, a junior, Natalie DeMarino, a Sophomore, and Hannah Cappozzoli, a Sophomore. 56 schools were represented.

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Canon-McMillan High School students did very well in this year's Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of Southwestern Pennsylvania. In the art competition, two students' works received Gold Keys and were sent to New York for national level adjudication with national winners to be announced March 8. The two are Jenna LaVecchia and Morgan McMurdy, both juniors. Jenna LaVecchia received a Gold Key and an American Vision Award, the highest level of achievement on the regional level, for her photography piece, "The Telling Pool" and an additional Gold Key for a photography piece, "The Path to Imagination." Morgan McMurdy's Gold Key is for a photograph, "Hear Me."

Winners of Silver Keys for distinguished achievement on the regional level were: Meredith Harrison, Jenna LaVecchia, and Danielle Stevenson. Merit Award winners were: Mira Carrozza, Hannah Dollish, Joseph Kosky, Jenna LaVecchia, Katie Loflin, Morgan McMurdy, Casey Peel, Brady Pivac, and Angela Zanaglio.

Other Canon-McMillan High School students who submitted artwork to the competition and had their entries exhibited in Gallagher Hall at California University were: Daniel Corwin, Sarah Glunt, Bryan Gogarty, Carina Iannarelli, Maria Perez, Shannon Santoro, Jon Slezak, Madison Barone, Madilynn Delach and Zoe Peckich. In the writing competition, four seniors were recognized for their short stories: Ashley Currey, Kaleen Hayes, Rachel Moeser, and Kirsten Ayres.

Joni Mansmann has recently been granted status as a Pennsylvania Registered School Business Administrator (PRSBA). She should be congratulated on meeting the rigid personal, ethical and professional standards established by the program.

Mr. Pihakis asked that condolences be sent to Tom Sypula's family. Mr. Sypula did the football films and will be missed.

Citizens Speak

No citizens addressed the Board.

Adjournment

Ms. Link adjourned the meeting at 7:21 P.M.

Sharon L. Cibbel

Board Secretary