

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the President, Mr. Pihakis, at the Canon-McMillan High School auditorium, 314 Elm Street Extension, Canonsburg, PA.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Pihakis announced that an executive session had been held prior to the meeting for personnel.

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	A	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
 Dr. Dawn Nicolaus, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 Mr. Randy Huddart, Director of Buildings and Grounds
 Mr. Jonn Mansfield, Director of Transportation
 Ms. Betsy Somerville, Director of Special Education
 Mr. Michael Lucas, Solicitor
 Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary

Agenda Approval

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

Regular Meeting of the Board, January 25, 2010
 Committee Meeting of the Board, February 1, 2010

WAGE TAX REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2010	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2009-10	% of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$100,411.63	\$152,973.12	\$300,000	51.0%

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North Strabane Twp.	92,134.91	373,124.09	1,400,000	26.7%
Cecil Township	88,989.36	396,939.98	1,300,000	30.5%

The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

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

Bills For Ratification:

FOR JANUARY, 2010

General Fund	\$4,517,236.30
Athletic Fund	4,965.00
Cafeteria Fund	109,776.96

Bills for Approval:

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General Fund	\$274,631.53
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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, 2010

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval <u>Prior</u> to Transfer	\$111,630.97
Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification <u>Subsequent</u> to Transfer	\$46,152.00

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Resignations

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

- the resignation of Linda Cannon from her position as a 5.5 hour cafeteria worker at Wylandville Elementary effective at the end of the day January 26, 2010 for the purpose of retirement.
- the following extra-curricular resignations:

Tim Mousetis	Head varsity golf coach
Kristen Drakeley	Head varsity cheerleading sponsor

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

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

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1. change the status of the following employees from temporary professional to professional employees based on six satisfactory semesters:
Kristen McGowan Dena Hall
Brian Cornali Danielle Blonar
Tami Jaworski Kristen Mavrich
2. appoint Ryan Radovitch as a mentor for Brittany Andy.
3. change the status of Jennifer Rush from a 2.5 hour cafeteria worker at North Strabane Intermediate to a 3.5 hour cafeteria worker at the High School, effective February 16, 2010.
4. approve the following extra-curricular position at the contracted rate contingent upon receipt and successful review of all required employment documentation:
Matt Klaphake 9th Grade Boys Volleyball Coach
Geoff Marks Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach
5. appoint the following as volunteers:
Robert Wallace varsity boys volleyball coach
Stephanie Woodruff varsity boys volleyball coach
6. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated February, 2010.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Stipulated Adjudication

Mr. Malwitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the discipline recommendation for Student D on the basis of a Stipulated Adjudication.

The motion carried unanimously.

Starting Date for 2010-2011 School Year

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board adopt August 30, 2010 as the starting date for students for the 2010-2011 school year.

The question was asked why the date couldn't be earlier. Mr. Zupancic and Mr. Malwitz withdrew their motions and the item was tabled.

Preliminary Budget

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$60,731,959, which is a 3.06 mil increase.

Mr. Zupancic stated that the increase is below the index of 3.5% and that the increase is mainly due to the change in pension contributions. The motion carried unanimously.

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Allegheny Power Agreement

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board approve the electric service agreement with Allegheny Power.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Intermediate Unit 1 General Operating Budget For 2010-2011

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the Intermediate Unit 1 General Operating budget for 2010-2011 in the amount of \$2,040,040. Canon-McMillan's estimated contribution is \$68,677.91 which is a slight increase over last year's estimate of \$67,158.68.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Pension Resolution

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

A Resolution urging Legislative Action on School Employee Pension Reform
By the Board of Directors of the
Canon-McMillan School District

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS) has voted to increase the employer contribution to the system for the 2010-2011 school year to 8.22%, a 72% increase over the 2009-2010 rate; and

WHEREAS, the employer contribution rate is projected to increase sharply in the next four years, reaching a peak of 33.60% in the 2014-2015 school year; and

WHEREAS, the employer contribution rate is projected to remain over 30% until the year 2020; over 25% until the year 2027 and over 20% until the year 2032; and

WHEREAS, the projected increases in employee contribution would cost the Canon-McMillan School District and its taxpayers approximately an additional \$9,700,000 between the 2010-2011 school year and the 2014-2015 school year, and

WHEREAS, these projections present critical problems that effectively force the addition of significantly higher financial burdens on taxpayers, school districts and the commonwealth and consequently demand both a short-term and a long-term solution; and

WHEREAS, a meaningful solution to these problems must involve the identification of another funding source for PSERS, decreasing or cutting the costs/liabilities of the system, including benefit levels, and deferring the system's liabilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board of school directors of the

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Canon-McMillan School District calls upon the General Assembly to begin immediate consideration of school employee pension reform with the dual purpose of reducing projected employer contribution rate increases over the next four years and reducing projected costs to school districts, taxpayers and the commonwealth over the next two decades, while maintaining an appropriate pension benefit for school employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly approve HB 2135 or SB 1185, both of which would make PSERS a hybrid defined benefits/defined contribution system for future school employees, as a potential solution to the long-term cost issues presented by projections in the employer contribution rate.

Mr. Zupancic, the district's PSBA liaison, stated that this resolution was sponsored by PSBA. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Policy Revision

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board approve the revision to Policy 217, Graduation Requirements.

Dr. McCracken stated that administrative procedures will be developed. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Fundraisers

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the fundraisers for the Jr. High Softball boosters.

The motion carried unanimously.

Student Trips

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the high school varsity and junior varsity softball and baseball teams to travel to the Ripken Experience Training Facility in Myrtle Beach, SC, from March 30, 2010 to April 3, 2010. The softball and baseball boosters will provide the transportation, meals and lodging for the players and coaches.

Ms. Carroll asked if there would be any cost to the district and how Easter break will be affected by the snow days. Dr. McCracken indicated that the district would be applying to PDE for a waiver related to making up one or more snow days. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:

Ian Scanlon, fourth grade student at Borland Manor Elementary, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 13th.

Congratulations to our boys' wrestling team for winning the WPIAL Championship on February 9th with a win over Kiski Area.

Reports

Written reports were given by the following administrators:

1. Michael Daniels

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2. Dawn Nicolaus
3. Randy Huddart
4. Jonn Mansfield
5. Betsy Somerville
6. Joni Mansmann

Other

1. Mr. Zupancic indicated his willingness to run for election to the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors.
2. Ms. Grossman asked why the high school play date got bumped.

Citizens Speak

The following citizens addressed the Board:

Stephanie Zeremenko	1009 Second Street	Supports Mr. Helinski
Fred Lombardo	133 O'Hare Road	Questionnaire from last month; why not on agenda
Adam Palyas	230 Taylor Drive	Interview of his daughter; supports Mr. Helinski; performance evaluations
Ben Lombardo	133 O'Hare Road	Students support Mr. Helinski

Adjournment

Mr. Pihakis adjourned the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

Sharon L. Cibbel

Board Secretary