

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 16, 2009**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by the President, Mr. Romano, at the Canon-McMillan Administration Building, 1 North Jefferson Avenue, Canonsburg, PA.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Romano announced that an executive session had been held prior to the meeting for personnel. He also stated that a few items had been added to the agenda since last week.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Robert Malwitz	P	Adam Galambos	P	Joe Zupancic	P
Kathleen Smith	P	Manuel Pihakis	P	Nick Cianelli	P
Debbie Link	A	Laura Grossman	P	Jay Romano	P

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

Dr. Helen McCracken, Superintendent
 Mr. Greg Taranto, Assistant to the Superintendent
 Ms. Joni Mansmann, Director of Business and Finance
 Ms. Linda Kappel, Federal Coordinator
 Mr. Guy Montecalvo, Athletic Director
 Mr. Mike Lucas, Solicitor
 Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary

Agenda Approval

Mr. Malwitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

Senior Zach Zuzek presented the Board with a certificate that he had received on January 17, 2009 for the NSCAA/adidas High School Scholar All-American Soccer Team.

Items for Consideration

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

Regular Meeting of the Board, February 17, 2009
 Committee Meeting of the Board, March 9, 2009
 Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, March 9, 2009

WAGE TAX REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2009	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2008-09	% of Expected
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Canonsburg Borough	\$87,500.65	\$355,918.05	\$244,643	145.5%
North Strabane Twp.	151,776.58	358,073.73	937,798	38.2%
Cecil Township	157,954.57	311,557.49	856,251	36.4%

The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galambos that the Board approve the following bills for ratification and approval:

Bills For Ratification:

FOR FEBRUARY, 2009

General Fund	\$4,076,344.13
Athletic Fund	3,524.85

Bills for Approval:

FOR MARCH, 2009

General Fund	\$270,087.40
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The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galambos that the Board approve the following budget transfers:

FOR FEBRUARY, 2009

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval <u>Prior</u> to Transfer	\$4,866.
Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification <u>Subsequent</u> to Transfer ...	\$51,093.

The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Resignations

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board accept the following resignations:

1. the resignation of Joseph Smiley from his position as an assistant elementary principal at First Street and Hills-Hendersonville elementaries effective June 30, 2009.
2. the resignation of Donna Porco from her position as a 7 hour cafeteria worker at the High School effective June 30, 2009 for the purpose of retirement. Ms. Porco has been with the district for over 28 years.
3. the following extra-curricular resignations:

Steven Bucci	Head Varsity Baseball Coach
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Jordan Abromovitz Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
Amy Hancq Middle School Assistant Girls Soccer Coach

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

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

1. change the status of Sue Gaynard from a 5 ½ hour cafeteria worker at Canonsburg Middle School to a 6 hour cafeteria worker at the same school effective March 2, 2009.
2. change the status of Debbie Tarnik from a 5 hour cafeteria worker at Canonsburg Middle School to a 5 ½ hour cafeteria worker at the same school effective March 24, 2009.
3. hire Lizanne Boni as a 2 ½ hour cafeteria worker at Wylandville Elementary effective March 17, 2009.
4. hire Mary Jackson as a 4 hour custodian at South Central Elementary at the contracted rate effective March 16, 2009.
5. approve the following extra-curricular positions effective March 4, 2009 at the contracted rate contingent upon receipt and successful review of all required employment documentation:

Frank Zebrasky	Head Varsity Baseball Coach	\$3,774
Matt Baker	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	\$2,619

6. appoint Zach Zebrasky, Brent McAuliffe, Jonathan Cahill, Zach McCombie and Eric McCombie as volunteer baseball coaches and Andrew Hudak as a volunteer lacrosse coach.
7. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated March 2009.

The motion carried unanimously.

WACTC Budget for 2009-10

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galambos that the Board approve the 2009-2010 budget for the Western Area Career and Technology Center which shows a decrease in Canon-McMillan's cost of \$73,800.

Ms. Smith stated that the reduction was due to a reduced student enrollment. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Policies

Mr. Malwitz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve the

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new Board policy, 623 Credit Cards and approve the revision to 237 Electronic Devices.

The motion carried unanimously.

School Calendar for 2009-2010

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board approve the school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ms. Smith suggested using January 18 as the first snow make up day. Ms. Grossman asked if the year couldn't start even earlier. Mr. Galambos mentioned that the PIAA rules dictate that fall practices begin 3 weeks prior to Labor Day which doesn't give the teams much time before some of the coaches who are teachers are in school and then the athletes are also in school. Another suggestion was to use December 23 as a school day.

The motion carried unanimously with the one change of using January 18 as the first snow make up day.

Occupational Therapy Agreements

Mr. Malwitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the Independent Contractor agreements with Jillet Mertens and Wendy Borne for occupational therapy services.

The motion carried unanimously.

Facility Permits

Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the facility permit for Dance Extensions Performing Arts Center to hold a dance recital in the high school auditorium on June 20, 2009 and approve the facility permit for Platinum Elite All-Stars to hold a cheer/dance competition in the high school gymnasium on April 5, 2009 with rental and charges as indicated.

The motion carried unanimously.

Student Trips

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board approve the following student trips. 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.

1. 27 high school TSA students who have qualified to advance to the TSA State Conference at Seven Springs Resort on April 15-18, 2009. The estimated cost for lodging, meals, and conference registration is \$9,274.
2. 34 high school students to travel to France from April 1-9, 2009 at no cost to the district.
3. 18 high school students to travel to Italy from April 3-12, 2009 at no cost to the district.
4. 15 high school students to travel to Spain from April 4-13, 2009 at no cost to the

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district.

Mr. Pihakis asked if TSA could do some fundraising to offset costs. Dr. McCracken indicated that they are planning to do more next year. Ms. Smith reminded the Board that the practice has been to treat academic champions the same as sports champions.

The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:
Ken Schrag and Greg Taranto have been selected to present a session entitled, "Got results? How Students Including Economically Disadvantaged Students at the Middle School Level Attain Academic Proficiency and Beyond" at the annual Pennsylvania Association of Federal Program Coordinators (PAFPC) conference at Seven Springs on April 6, 2009.

Information

1. The district has received a \$16,000 grant from the EIO (Educational Improvement Organization) Fund of the Washington County Community Foundation made possible by a corporate donor, CONSOL Energy. One half of the grant is for the Science Matters Program and the other half is for the High School Leadership Academy.
2. After attending the Improving Schools Conference and being very impressed with the accomplishments at Canon-McMillan, the Rochester Area School District has asked Dr. Nicolaus if a team of 5 of their teachers could shadow four teachers from First Street Elementary on March 12.

Other

1. Mr. Romano mentioned that the cafeteria bids will be opened on Thursday.
2. Ms. Smith suggested that the March 23 budget committee meeting could focus on areas with increases or decreases. Ms. Mansmann suggested that March 30 would be a better date for her.
3. Mr. Cianelli asked Ms. Mansmann to investigate the additional overall revenue from the last 7 years. He asked that the tax rate increase be separated out. Mr. Zupancic asked if there was a board consensus to give Ms. Mansmann this additional work. After further discussion, Mr. Romano suggested that Ms. Mansmann only do from 2005-06 and forward which wouldn't be as difficult.

Adjournment

Mr. Romano adjourned the meeting at 7:51 P.M.

Sharon L. Awbel

Board Secretary