

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2011**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:04 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	A	Darla Bowman-Monaco	P	Joe Zupancic	P
Zeffie Carroll	P	Manuel Pihakis	P	Paul Scarmazzi	P
Debbie Link	P	Laura Grossman	P	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. Leslie Lazorchak, Substitute Board Secretary
Ms. Madison Palyas, Student Representative
Ms. Mara Womer, Student Representative

Agenda Approval

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentations

Ms. Lani introduced Senator Solobay who first spoke a little about the Governor's proposed budget. Senator Solobay then told the Board how Tom Olszewski got his students involved in the House Bill which named the Canon-McMillan Alumni Bridge. He thanked Mr. Olszewski and presented him with a framed copy of the Bill. Mr. Olszewski stated that the Class of 2006 did most of the letter writing regarding the project and he read an excerpt from one of the letters.

Dr. McCracken introduced Dr. Taranto, principal of Canonsburg Middle School, who spoke about the Pennsylvania Don Eichhorn Schools: Schools to Watch award. He stated it is a recognition of best practices in middle level learning. The members of the core committee involved in completing the application were: Kelly Domske, Adam Manion, Jason Gillespie, Ken Schrag, Lori Hedderman, Chris Nairn, Randy Clonan, Ricki DeBlasio, Stephanie Kubik, Brian Herrig, and Melissa Dalbon. A video was then played for the Board.

Citizens Speak

No citizens addressed the Board on agenda items.

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General Items for Consideration

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

- Regular Meeting of the Board, February 22, 2011
- Committee Meeting of the Board, February 25, 2011
- Committee Meeting of the Board, March 8, 2011
- Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, March 14, 2011

WAGE TAX REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2011	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2010-11	% of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$151,442.34	\$312,536.90	\$360,000	86.8%
North Strabane Township	183,833.87	675,175.31	1,440,000	46.9%
Cecil Township	137,523.39	567,203.31	1,300,000	43.6%

The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Speak

The following citizen addressed the Board:

Bonnie Burchesky	231 Thornwood Drive, Canonsburg	Great presentations
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Bills for Ratification and Approval

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

Bills for Ratification:

FOR FEBRUARY, 2011

General Fund	\$3,778,905.92
Athletic Fund	6,017.64
Cafeteria Fund	214,300.57

Bills for Approval:

FOR MARCH, 2011

General Fund	\$548,595.46
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The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

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

FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH, 2011

- Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval Prior to Transfer\$9,150.
- Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification Subsequent to Transfer ...\$149,881.

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The motion carried unanimously.

Student Representative Reports

The students reported that the Reading and Math PSSA tests began last week and graduation project exits have started with the presentations beginning April 22nd. Six wrestlers placed at the PIAA championships and the team won the Class AAA Individual Tournament. Eric Forrester placed 7th in the 100 backstroke and 11th in the 100 butterfly at the State Championships. The hockey team lost last night to Upper St. Clair. The high school musical was a huge success; the prom fashion show is this Sunday; and foreign language students are leaving on April 12-14 for Spain, Italy and France.

Ms. Grossman commented on the great school spirit and excellent behavior of the students at the hockey game.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Resignation

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

1. Professional personnel for the purpose of retirement:
 - a. Sally Brown-Pawlosky from her position as an art teacher at the intermediate schools effective June 6, 2011. Ms. Brown-Pawlosky has been with the district for 38 years.
 - b. Joseph Politan from his position as a High School teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Mr. Politan has served the district for over 35 years.
 - c. Rebecca Flamm-Johnson from her position as a 3rd grade teacher at South Central Elementary effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Flamm-Johnson has taught in the district for 35 years.
 - d. Linda Kight from her position as a High School teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Kight has been with the district for 39 years.
 - e. Tanny Deliere from his position as a High School teacher effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Mr. Deliere has taught in the district for 36 years.
 - f. Paula Pagliai from her position as a support teacher at Borland Manor Elementary effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Pagliai has been employed by the district for 17 years.
 - g. Phyllis Bednar from her position as a teacher at the High School effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Bednar has served the district for over 30 years.

- h. Jon McCrory from his position as a teacher at the High School effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Mr. McCrory has taught in the district for over 31 years.
- I. Raymond Rota from his position as a High School teacher effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Mr. Rota has been with the district for over 38 years.
- j. Evonne Somsy from her position as a High School teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Somsy has served the district for 35 years.
- k. Margaret Spinnenweber from her position as a middle school teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Spinnenweber has taught in the district for 32 years.
- l. Jacqueline Zeni from her position as a 4th grade teacher at Wylandville Elementary effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Zeni has served the district for 35 years.
- m. Elizabeth Bellicini from her position as a 4th grade teacher at Wylandville Elementary effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Bellicini has taught in the district for 40 years.
- n. William Belleno from his position as a High School teacher effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Mr. Belleno has been with the district for 32 years.
- o. Madelyn Sellers from her position as a kindergarten teacher at Borland Manor Elementary effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Sellers has taught in the district for 31 years.
- p. Edward Malinowski from his position as a High School teacher effective at the completion of the 2010-11 school year. Mr. Malinowski has served the district for 39 years.
- q. Barbara Cwiklinski from her position as a 6th grade teacher at Cecil Intermediate effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Cwiklinski has been with the district for 27 years.
- r. Tom Olszewski from his position as a High School teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Mr. Olszewski has taught in the district for 39 years.
- s. Ocie Ponton from her position as a 3rd grade teacher at First Street Elementary effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Ponton has

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served the district for 38 years.

- t. Patti Mushrush from her position as a reading specialist at Muse Elementary effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Mushrush has been with the district for 31 years.
2. accept the resignation of Joseph Burgess from his position as a 4 hour custodian at the High School effective March 10, 2011.
3. accept the resignation of Ron Jury from his position as a bus driver effective May 12, 2011 for the purpose of retirement.
4. accept the following extra-curricular resignations:
Brent McAuliffe Head swimming coach
Brent McAuliffe Assistant baseball coach
Michael Garet Head boys soccer coach

Dr. McCracken stated that the total years of the teachers retiring was 678 years. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Pihakis thanked all of the teachers for their dedication.

Appointments

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

1. hire Julie Olson as a temporary professional mathematics/special education teacher at the High School effective March 28, 2011 at the contracted rate.
2. approve the following custodian changes:
 - a. change the status of Rob Davis from a 4 hour custodian at the High School to an 8 hour custodian at the same building effective February 27, 2011.
 - b. change the status of Jim Matera from a temporary 4 hour custodian at South Central Elementary to a 4 hour custodian at Hills-Hendersonville Elementary effective March 7, 2011.
3. approve the following extra-curricular positions at the contracted rate contingent upon receipt and successful review of all required employment documentation:

Anthony Dominick	Middle school girls basketball coach	\$2,614
Jason Dill	Middle school girls basketball coach	\$2,614
Jason Colbert	Middle school girls basketball coach	\$2,614
Vince Faith	Middle school girls basketball coach	\$2,614
Gary Woodruff	Head boys volleyball coach	\$3,415
Stephanie Woodruff	Assistant boys volleyball coach	\$2,144
Malcolm Meredith	9 th grade boys volleyball coach	\$2,925
Brian Smith	Assistant middle school track coach	\$2,614
4. appoint the following as volunteers contingent upon receipt of all required

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documentation:

Erin Cooper	Girls volleyball coach
Ronald Herrnberger	Baseball coach
Frank McLaughlin	Baseball coach
Bob Gneuhs	Softball coach

5. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated March, 2011.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Opening of Coach Positions

Ms. Bowman-Monaco made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board open all coaching positions in the sports of swimming and boys soccer due to the resignation of the head coach.

Mr. Zupancic asked if this was the recommendation of Mr. Montecalvo and he was told it was. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Approvals

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

1. approve the 2011-2012 school calendar with a start date of August 29, 2011 and ending date of June 7, 2012 for the students.
2. approve the 2011-2012 budget for the Western Area Career and Technology Center which shows a decrease in Canon-McMillan's cost of \$46,705.13.
3. approve the Washington County Alternative School Consortium Agreement for the term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 and the resolution committing the district to 10 student slots in the Alternative School.
4. approve the proposed Sichko tax appeal settlement for an approximate annual revenue loss of \$540.
5. approve Bobbie Reed as a contracted carrier at \$16 per day.

Mr. Kline asked if the district's cost to the WACTC or Alternative School would change because of the State budget. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:

Madeline Heiser, a student at Borland Manor Elementary, was the top winner in the "Reading Makes Cents" fundraiser for the Frank Sarris Library.

Canonsburg Middle School student William Kohler has been selected as a 2011

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Carson Scholar based on his academic achievement and service to his community. He will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and be recognized at the Carson Scholars Fund Annual Pittsburgh Awards Banquet on April 30, 2011.

Nayah Williams, a student at First Street Elementary School, has been selected as a Title I Distinguished Student in Pennsylvania by the state Department of Education. Renee Palakovic, Chief for the Division of Federal Programs and Maria Garcia-Morales, regional reviewer from PDE visited First Street on March 2nd to congratulate Nayah on her selection. Nayah will be recognized at the Title I Conference at Seven Springs on April 4th. She will speak about her experiences at First Street and the Title I Reading program.

Citizens Speak

No citizens addressed the Board.

Adjournment

Ms. Link adjourned the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Sharon L. Arbel

Board Secretary