

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

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:19 P.M. by the President, Ms. Link, at the Canon-McMillan Administration Building, 1 North Jefferson Avenue, Canonsburg, PA.

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

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Robert Malwitz	A	Darla Bowman-Monaco	A	Joe Zupancic	P
Zeffie Carroll	A	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:

Mr. Michael Daniels, Substitute Superintendent
Ms. Joni Mansmann, Director of Business and Finance
Ms. Grace Lani, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Matt Harding, Director of Support Services
Mr. Mike Lucas, Solicitor
Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary
Mr. Nick Smutney, Student Board Representative
Ms. Alayna Littell, Student Board Representative

Agenda Approval

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

Mr. Daniels presented a token of appreciation to the outgoing board members for their service to the district and the community: Debbie Link, Laura Grossman, and Robert Malwitz (not in attendance).

Stand Up for Public Education

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board approve the Stand Up for Public Education resolution:

WHEREAS, school districts in the commonwealth have continued to make steady gains in academic achievement and create innovative and effective programs and curricula for all public school students and Pennsylvania has made eight straight years of improvements in student achievement in math and reading with nearly three quarters of Pennsylvania students on grade level in reading and more than three quarters of the commonwealth's students on grade level in math based on the PSSA scores; and
WHEREAS, Pennsylvania was ranked seventh among states for K-12 student achievement

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and ninth overall, according to *Quality Counts 2011*; and
WHEREAS, Pennsylvania’s public schools are credited with a 90% graduation rate for 2009-10; and

WHEREAS, according to a September 2011 PSBA Pennsylvania opinion poll, more than two-thirds of Pennsylvanians are satisfied with the quality of their community schools; and
WHEREAS, a 2011 Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup poll shows that more than half of all Americans give their local schools A’s and B’s and the number of Americans giving an “A” to their local schools is the highest on record; and

WHEREAS, the Canon-McMillan School District continues to maintain and improve its rigorous academic program with 87.5% of all students advanced or proficient in math and 88.5% of all students advanced or proficient in reading as measured by the PSSA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canon-McMillan School District will *Stand Up for Public Education* and work to create a movement among school board members, administrators, parent/teacher groups, staff, retired teachers, students, taxpayer community, business community leaders, local media, legislators and other local government officials.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canon-McMillan School District will promote increased awareness of the great successes of our students, teachers and schools and be proactive in sharing the good news about our community schools and create an atmosphere of pride.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canon-McMillan School District will invite our local legislators to our schools to engage in student programs so they can see first-hand the good work that students and staff are accomplishing.

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. Pihakis that the Board approve the following minutes, treasurer’s report and wage tax reports:

- Regular Meeting of the Board, October 17, 2011
- Committee Meeting of the Board, October 28, 2011
- Committee Meeting of the Board, November 7, 2011
- Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, November 14, 2011

WAGE TAX REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 2011	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2011-12	% of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$16,249.28	\$95,667.16	\$360,000	26.6%
North Strabane Township	75,979.97	171,937.28	1,500,000	11.5%
Cecil Township	149,485.90	202,517.07	1,340,000	15.1%

The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

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

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Bills for Ratification:
 FOR OCTOBER, 2011
 General Fund \$3,857,881.53
 Cafeteria Fund 204,662.65

Bills for Approval:
 FOR NOVEMBER, 2011
 General Fund \$2,568,108.55

The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board approve the following budget transfers:
 FOR OCTOBER, 2011
 Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval Prior to Transfer\$233,655.
 Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification Subsequent to Transfer ...\$49,809.

The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Mr. Kline stated that the policy committee is submitting a revision to Policy 121, Field Trips; a revision to Policy 126, Class Size; and a draft policy, Use of District Name, Color, Insignia or Logos, for a first reading. He also stated that the trademark insignia policy will need the solicitor's review.

Student Representative Reports

The student representatives told the Board that the high school band dinner held last Saturday was very successful; the band participated on Veteran's Day at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies; and the seniors won the Powder Puff Game yesterday which raised \$2,000 for the Santa Fund. The hockey team is 5 and 0; girls cross country finished 8 and 3 and boys cross country finished 7 and 5. Bella Voce will hold a concert on December 15.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Resignations

Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board accept the following extra-curricular resignations:

Janet Deliere	High School femina club sponsor
Melissa Cashell	Varsity assistant softball coach
Allen J. Williams	Assistant 9 th grade wrestling coach
Jason Dill	Middle School girls basketball coach
Denise Toward	Head girls tennis coach
Eric Berthoud	Middle School chess club sponsor

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The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

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

1. change the status of Robert Powell from an 8 hour custodian at the High School to an 8 hour head custodian at Cecil Elementary School effective November 7, 2011.
2. appoint Kathy Ramsey as a mentor for Brook Sharpnack.
3. appoint the following as a substitute for a teacher on leave for the second semester of the 2011-12 school year with salary and benefits per Procedure IV-7:

Stephanie Lawrence 3rd grade at Hills-Hendersonville Elementary

4. approve the following cafeteria workers at the contracted rate:
 - a. hire Laverne Gibbs as a temporary 2.25 hour cafeteria worker at First Street Elementary effective November 10, 2011.
 - b. hire Jennifer Gall as a 2.25 hour cafeteria worker at Muse Elementary effective November 14, 2011.
 - c. hire Lara Snedeker as a temporary 2.5 hour cafeteria worker at Wylandville Elementary effective November 21, 2011.
 - d. hire Marsha Tonti as a temporary 3.5 hour cafeteria worker at the High School effective November 21, 2011.
 - e. change the status of Belinda Senay-Calderwood from a 5 hour cafeteria worker to a 5.25 hour cafeteria worker at the High School and Borland Manor Elementary breakfast effective November 21, 2011.
5. hire Sharon Browning as a 5 hour driver at the contracted rate effective January 3, 2012.
6. approve the following extra-curricular personnel at the contracted rate contingent upon receipt and successful review of all required employment documentation:

Bill Haney	9 th grade assistant boys basketball coach	\$2,614
Nathan Santelli	9 th grade assistant wrestling coach	\$2,614
7. appoint the following as volunteers contingent upon receipt of all required documentation:

Susan Perich	Varsity girls basketball
Katie Kestler	Varsity girls basketball
Brian Anselmino	Varsity boys basketball
8. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated November, 2011-R.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Para-Educator Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board approve the following disciplinary recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED, that as Pamela Tomsic has not requested a hearing after proper receipt of notice and statement of charges, Pamela Tomsic is hereby removed from service pursuant to Section 514 of the School code.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Stipulated Adjudications

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board approve the discipline recommendation for Student A and Student B on the basis of Stipulated Adjudications.

The motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kline that the Board approve the memorandum of understanding with SEIU.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

125 Cafeteria Plan

Mr. Kline made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the following:
BE IT RESOLVED, the Canon-McMillan School Board hereby confirms the IRC § 125 Cafeteria Plan for Act 93, Confidential and SEIU personnel and adopts the revised plan for each group as prepared by the Solicitor.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Open Coach Position

Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board open the J V girls tennis coach position due to the resignation of the head girls tennis coach.

The motion carried unanimously.

Copier Contract

Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the contract with Van Dyk.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Contracted Carriers

Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the following contracted carriers for the 2011-12 school year:

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GG&C Bus Company	to Western PA School for the Blind	\$215/day (shared rate)
GG&C Bus Company	to DePaul School for Hearing & Speech	\$154/day (shared rate)

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

School Calendar Revision

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kline that the Board revise the 2011-12 school calendar by removing February 8, 2012 as one of the scheduled snow make-up days.

The motion carried unanimously.

High School Course Name Changes

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board approve the high school course name changes for the 2012-13 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Audit

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board accept the financial audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 as presented by Cypher & Cypher on November 7, 2011.

The motion carried unanimously.

Disposal

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kline that the Board approve the disposal of a wrestling mat through the Resilite Company. They are purchasing the mat for \$2,000.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Daniels indicated that the money would be used in conjunction with PowerAde funds to purchase a new mat.

Student Trips

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

1. The wrestling team to travel to the Greenville Duals on December 9-10, 2011 in Greenville, PA, to the Hoover High School Holiday Tournament on December 16-17, 2011 in North Canton, OH, and to travel to the Virginia Duals on January 12-14, 2012 in Hampton, VA. All costs for travel, meals and lodging will be paid by their booster club.
2. The boys basketball team to travel to the Parkersburg, West Virginia Tournament on December 29-30, 2011. All costs for travel, meals and lodging will be paid by their booster club.
3. The high school foreign language department to explore plans for trips to France, Spain and Italy in the spring of 2013. The trips will be taken over Easter break. Early bird registration will lock in 2012 prices. The department is requesting permission to start the process and all costs will be the responsibility of the foreign language clubs and parents.

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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.

Tax Collection Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kline that the Board approve Rob Maceiko for delinquent earned income/net profits tax collections for Canonsburg Borough effective January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Recognition The Board recognized the following:
Andrew Sontag, a junior at the High School, will be receiving the Eagle Scout Award at an Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony on December 3, 2011.

Chelsea Geist, an environmental and zoology science teacher, spearheaded the creation of the "Geist Trail" behind the high school. It is the newest addition to the district's environmental movement and was made possible through the Mini-Grant that Ms. Geist received from the district. The official ribbon-cutting was held on November 1 and the trail will be ready for use in the spring.

Debbie Link is recognized for her 12 years of service as a board member; Laura Grossman is recognized for 5 ½ years of service; and Bob Malwitz is recognized for 4 years of service.

Citizens Speak No citizens addressed the Board.

Adjournment Ms. Link adjourned the meeting at 7:49 P.M.

Sharon L. Orbel

Board Secretary