

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2011**

The Canon-McMillan Special School Board Meeting was called to order at 6:49 P.M. by the President, Ms. Link, in the administration building, located at One North Jefferson Avenue, Canonsburg, PA.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Mr. Pihakis participated in the meeting by speakerphone.

Robert Malwitz	A	Darla Bowman-Monaco	P	Joe Zupancic	P
Eric Kline	P	Manuel Pihakis	P	Paul Scarmazzi	P
Debbie Link	P	Laura Grossman	A	Zeffie Carroll	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
Ms. Betsy Somerville, Director of Special Education
Mr. Michael Lucas, Solicitor
Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary

Agenda Approval

Mr. Kline made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco to amend the agenda to include the names of Dave Andrews and Ira Weiss as possible special counsel.

The motion to amend the agenda carried with all present voting aye, with the exception of Mr. Zupancic who voted nay.

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco to approve the agenda as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Speak

No citizens addressed the Board.

Preliminary Budget

Ms. Bowman-Monaco made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic to

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approve the preliminary General Fund budget for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$63,347,285 which is a 4.498 mil increase.

Ms. Mansmann explained that the budget is very preliminary. Revenue numbers from the 2008-09 school year were used to prepare the budget, but her professional organization has indicated it may be better to use 2006-07 revenues. The district should be able to apply for exceptions for special education and retirement based on the PDE worksheets. The exceptions would total \$1.7 million. Ms. Mansmann should get the State's preliminary numbers on March 16. Mr. Scarmazzi asked how many districts were applying for exceptions. Ms. Mansmann told him that she believed that 7 or 8 districts in Washington County would be applying for exceptions.

The motion carried unanimously.

Special Counsel

Mr. Kline made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco to appoint special counsel (Bruce D. Campbell, Dave Andrews, or Ira Weiss).

Mr. Zupancic stated that the Board is going to make a mistake if they don't go with the recommendation of the administration.

On a roll call vote, Mr. Scarmazzi, Mr. Pihakis, Ms. Bowman-Monaco, and Mr. Kline voted for Ira Weiss, Mr. Zupancic and Ms. Link voted for Bruce Campbell, and Ms. Carroll voted for Dave Andrews.

Mr. Andrews was eliminated from the selection process.

On a roll call vote, Mr. Scarmazzi, Mr. Pihakis, Ms. Bowman-Monaco, Mr. Kline and Ms. Carroll voted for Ira Weiss, Mr. Zupancic and Ms. Link voted for Bruce Campbell. Mr. Weiss was selected.

Adjournment

Mr. Zupancic made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Link adjourned the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

Sharon L. Abel

Board Secretary