

CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 22, 2009

The Canon-McMillan Special School Board Meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by the Vice-president, Ms. Smith, 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. Romano participated in the meeting by speakerphone.

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

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

Dr. Helen McCracken, Superintendent
Ms. Joni Mansmann, Director of Business and Finance
Mr. Michael Daniels, Director of Special Education
Mr. Michael Lucas, Solicitor
Ms. Leslie Lazorchak, Substitute Board Secretary

Citizens Speak

The following citizens addressed the Board:

Karen Harr	47 Pacers Ridge	Budget
Maureen Thompson	120 Briwood Drive	Budget
Joan Celento	317 Spruce Street	Budget
Steve Burchesky		Budget

Resignation

Mr. Cianelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board accept the resignation of Janice Marino from her position as a 4 hour custodian at First Street Elementary effective June 20, 2009.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

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

1. hire Elizabeth Somerville as the Director of Special Education at an annual salary of \$84,500 for this 260 day position effective July 1, 2009 or pending release from her current employer.
2. hire Bob Chuey as the Special Education Coordinator at an annual salary of \$72,000 for this 260 day position effective July 1, 2009.

6/22/09

3. hire the following elementary professional personnel for the 2009-10 school year at the contracted rate:

Laura Clink	Lynn Brunner
Jessica Billy	Jennifer Hugo
Michelle Schrader	Stephanie Bitz
Amber Maricone	

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2009-1010 Budget

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2009-2010 BUDGET

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Section 687 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the Board of School Directors of Canon-McMillan School District, at a meeting of May 18, 2009, submitted a proposed budget for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2009 and ...

WHEREAS... also in accordance with the provisions of Section 687, public notice has been given more than ten (10) days prior to this meeting, and this is the date set for the adoption of said budget, which has been available for public inspection for more than twenty (20) days prior to this meeting...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... that the budget, including salaries, of the Canon-McMillan School District is hereby adopted, as revised, as the annual budget for the school district of Canon-McMillan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009... and said budget is in the amount of \$59,780,084 which is a 4.85 mil increase.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried with all present voting aye with the exception of Mr. Galambos, Ms. Smith, Mr. Cianelli, and Mr. Romano who voted nay.

Taxes

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS ... a portion of the necessary revenue to operate schools is provided by a school tax on real estate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ... that a real estate tax is levied and assessed at the rate of 101.85 mills, or \$10.19 on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property. Of said millage, 25 mills are levied for general purposes and 76.85 mills are levied

6/22/09

pursuant to the authority vested in the school district by Section 672 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, to pay, in part minimum salaries and increments of the teaching and supervisory staff and to pay interest and principal on indebtedness incurred pursuant to the "Local Government Unit Debt Act," as amended; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED ... that a 2% discount be granted on taxes paid on or before September 30, 2009; and

FURTHER, RESOLVED... that taxes paid between October 1, 2009 and November 30, 2009 shall be paid at face, and

FURTHER, RESOLVED... that taxes paid on and after December 1, 2009 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 shall be subject to a penalty of 10% of the face amount thereof.

WHEREAS... a portion of the necessary revenue to operate schools is provided by an interim real estate tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... that an interim real estate tax is levied on any building or major improvement to real property not included in the tax duplicate of the School District as of July 1, 2009, pursuant to the authority vested in the School District by Section 6-677.1 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED... that a 2% discount be granted on taxes paid on or before 60 days of the date of the tax notice, and;

FURTHER, RESOLVED... that taxes paid within the 60 days following the above period after the interim tax billing shall be paid at face, and;

FURTHER, RESOLVED... that taxes paid after the 60 day face period of the interim tax billing shall be subject to a penalty of 10% of the face amount thereof.

WHEREAS... a portion of the necessary revenue to operate the schools is provided by a tax on earned income;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... that the existing Earned Income Tax is hereby levied and assessed at the rate of 0.5 % of earned income.

WHEREAS... a portion of the necessary revenue to operate the schools is provided by a tax on the transfer of real estate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... that the existing Real Estate Transfer Tax is hereby levied and assessed at the rate of 1% of the sale price of the real estate.

WHEREAS... a portion of the necessary revenue to operate the schools is provided by an Occupational Privilege Tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... that the existing Occupational Privilege Tax is hereby levied and assessed at the rate of \$5.00 per person.

6/22/09

Mr. Cianelli requested an executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

On a roll call vote the motion for an executive session failed with all present voting nay with the exception of Mr. Galambos, Ms. Smith, Mr. Cianelli, and Mr. Romano who voted aye.

On a roll call vote the motion to approve the tax resolution carried with all present voting aye with the exception of Mr. Galambos, Ms. Smith, Mr. Cianelli, and Mr. Romano who voted nay.

Tax Anticipation Note

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board approve the Tax Anticipation Note resolution.

On a roll call vote the motion carried with all present voting aye with the exception of Ms. Link who abstained.

Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

Mr. Cianelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board adopt the 2009 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

On a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Burt Hill Professional Services

Mr. Malwitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board terminate the terms and agreements indicated in the Master Agreement between the Canon-McMillan School District and Burt Hill for professional services.

The motion carried with all present voting aye, with the exception of Mr. Romano who voted nay.

Hills-Hendersonville Elementary Roof Project

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board authorize The Hayes Design Group - Architects to proceed with professional services relating to the preparation of bid documents for the replacement of the roof on Hills-Hendersonville Elementary School, per Option 4 as included in the Roof Analysis Report prepared by The Hayes Design Group - Architects dated June 15, 2009. The fees for professional services performed by The Hayes Design Group - Architects are as outlined in their Proposal Letter dated June 15, 2009, for the option selected by the School Board, will be for the not-to-exceed amount of \$16,300.

The motion carried with all present voting aye, with the exception of Mr. Romano who voted nay.

6/22/09

Dr. McCracken told the Board that she will keep the Board updated as to the architect search. Mr. Cianelli stated that he would want to have a list of all the projects that the architect has worked on.

Student Search Policy

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board approve policy 226.1 Student Searches.

The motion carried unanimously.

Agreement with Public Relations Coordinator

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board approve the agreement with Marilyn Posner, public relations coordinator, for the 2009-10 school year.

On a roll call vote the motion carried with all present voting aye, with the exception of Mr. Romano who voted nay.

Agreement with In Community Magazine

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board approve iN Community Magazine for community publications for the 2009-10 school year.

On a roll call vote the motion carried with all present voting aye, with the exception of Mr. Romano who voted nay.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Sharon L. Abel

Secretary