

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 21, 2008**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:03 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	P	Adam Galambos	P	Joe Zupancic	P
Kathleen Smith	P	Manuel Pihakis	P	Nick Cianelli	P
Debbie Link	P	Laura Grossman	A	Jay Romano	P

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

- Dr. Nick Bayat, Superintendent
- Dr. Helen McCracken, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Ms. Joni Mansmann, Director of Business and Finance
- Ms. Linda Kappel, Federal Coordinator
- Mr. Francis DiSalle, Solicitor
- Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary
- Ms. Abigail Veydt, Student Board Representative
- Ms. Kathryn Gallagher, Student Board Representative

Agenda Approval

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve the following minutes, treasurer's report, wage tax reports, correspondence, and bills for ratification and approval:

- Regular Meeting of the Board, March 24, 2008
- Committee Meeting of the Board, March 31, 2008
- Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, April 14, 2008

	Current	Year to	Budgeted	% of
FOR MARCH, 2008	Collections	Date	2007-08	Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$91,692.33	\$476,595.2	\$379,549	125.6%
North Strabane	104,983.66	629,298.83	1,479,735	42.5%
Cecil Township	63,489.04	591,091.65	1,349,823	43.8%

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For Ratification:

FOR MARCH, 2008

General Fund \$3,379,203.40

Athletic Fund 2,723.22

For Approval:

FOR APRIL, 2008

General Fund \$868,380.57

The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

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

FOR MARCH, 2008

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval Prior to Transfer\$64,058.

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification Subsequent to Transfer....\$19,744.

The motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. DiSalle stated that he had nothing to report.

Committee Report

Ms. Smith reported that a company donated a forklift to the Western Area Career and Technology Center. She also told the Board that she would be in Harrisburg on May 19 to speak to legislators as part of the Legislative Advocacy Conference.

Student Representative Report

The student representatives reported that the Lead C-M trip was a wonderful experience and they thanked the Board for approving it. They also reported that AP testing begins May 15, the Art Show will be held on May 29, and Commencement will be June 10.

Citizens Speak

The following citizen addressed the Board:

Dave Kennon 122 Surrey Drive Retirement Incentive

Dr. Bayat mentioned the upcoming budget meeting on April 28. Mr. Pihakis asked if Ms. Mansmann's year 1 numbers on the retirement incentive issue were accurate and she stated that they were. She did state that the sick day numbers in other years may be inaccurate. Ms. Mansmann reminded the Board that the preliminary budget would be approved on May 12.

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Ms. Link asked for a list options and possible budget cuts for the April 28 meeting. She also stated that she had never been informed if there were 20 teachers interested in retiring.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Resignations

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board accept the resignation of Amy Collins from her position as a 3 ½ hour cafeteria worker at North Strabane Intermediate School, effective March 28, 2008.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

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

1. change the status of Joe Daniels from an 8 hour custodian to that of a temporary maintenance worker, effective April 22, 2008.
2. hire Bea Womer as a 2 ½ hour cafeteria worker at Wylandville Elementary effective April 23, 2008.
3. change the status of Stacie Wheeler from a 2 ½ hour cafeteria worker at North Strabane Intermediate to that of a 3 ½ hour cafeteria worker at the same school effective April 23, 2008.
4. approve the following extra-curricular positions at the contracted rate:
Ruth Ann Fox H.S. Spring Musical Choral Director \$2,519
5. appoint Diane Gibson as a volunteer varsity track and field coach.
6. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated April, 2008-R.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approvals

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

1. approve the facility permit for Dance Extensions Performing Arts to use the High School auditorium on June 20 and 21, 2008 for a dance recital with rental fee and charges as indicated.
2. authorize and institute a sub-committee of the Strategic Planning academic initiative for the purpose of:
 - a. Ongoing evaluation of the current state of the academic program(s) in this district,
 - b. Researching and evaluating proposals to see what strategies

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are available to enhance the academic level of this district,
and

- c. Providing recommendations to the Board on how we might address the academic needs of our students in the 21st century.

The sub-committee will be managed under the auspices of the Canon-McMillan Educational Partnership and any funding will be developed through its efforts.

This sub-committee is to be composed of members of the Board, school district administration, faculty, government (local, state and federal), business community, community members and former students who have been out of the school system for at least five years.

The motion carried unanimously.

ognition

The Board recognized the following:

The following teachers will be recognized by the Teacher Excellence Center at Carnegie Music Hall on April 24th: Deborah Murdock, Charlene Rinehart, and Stacie Scheidler. Accompanying the teachers will be Dr. McCracken and their principals, Mrs. Lani, Mr. Kleinhans, and Mrs. Unitas.

North Strabane Intermediate School has been selected to receive a Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh - Elementary Science Olympiad Program grant in the amount of \$2,100. The grant award must be used to establish or continue a Science Olympiad program at the school.

Canonsburg Middle School has received an honorable mention award from PSBA in the Schools of Excellence in Technology competition.

The following students were winners in the Children and Youth Services "Be Engaged and Thankful" art contest: 1st place – Brittany Byer (4th grade, Borland Manor); honorable mention – Trisha Klan (4th grade, Borland Manor), Alexa Nyiri (4th grade, Wylandville), Chelsea Hartman (5th grade, Cecil Intermediate), and Emma Engel (5th grade, North Strabane Intermediate). These students were recognized at a breakfast at the Holiday Inn on April 9.

First Street Elementary is one of 18 schools named as a finalist by the Intel Foundation.

Each finalist will receive an Intel Schools of Distinction grant of \$2,500 and the winners will receive an additional \$7,500. First Street was recognized for offering their students a rigorous, challenging and engaging mathematics program. Winning schools will be invited to send a group of three representatives to Washington, D.C. in September for celebration, recognition, and sharing of best practices.

On April 17, 42 S.C.O.P.E. students participated in the annual Games Tournament at Canonsburg Middle School. The winners were: Othello – Charles Harr (4th grade, South Central); Mancala – Alex Ablak (4th grade, Wylandville); Boggle – Nate Setar (3rd

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grade, Borland Manor); 24 Mental Math – Arjun Mittal (4th grade, South Central); and 24 Primer Mental Math – Zayne Webster (3rd grade, Hills-Hendersonville). The tournament was organized by Diane Lodge, elementary gifted support teacher.

Information

1. Permission has been granted for the International Maritime Security Network to have scuba practice and training at the High School pool. The dates of usage will be coordinated with the school.
2. The SHASDA Spring Conference will be held on May 9-10 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe.

Adjournment

Ms. Link adjourned the meeting at 7:23 P.M.

Sharon L. Arbel

Secretary