

CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 19, 2010

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by the President, Mr. Pihakis, at the Canon-McMillan High School auditorium, 314 Elm Street Extension, Canonsburg, PA.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Pihakis announced that an executive session had been held prior to the meeting for personnel and litigation.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Robert Malwitz	P	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
Mr. Michael Lucas, Solicitor
Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary
Ms. Alexis Pozonsky, Student Representative

Agenda Approval

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kline to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

Connor Schram was recognized and given a plaque for being the PIAA State Wrestling Champion in the 103 pound weight class. Mr. Pihakis stated that very few freshmen have accomplished this feat.

Citizens Speak

No citizens addressed the Board on agenda items.

General Items for Consideration

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

Regular Meeting of the Board, March 15, 2010
Committee Meeting of the Board, March 29, 2010
Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, April 12, 2010

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WAGE TAX REPORT FOR MARCH, 2010	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2009-10	% of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$61,420.10	\$360,153.88	\$300,000	120.1%
North Strabane Twp.	123,558.22	683,406.04	1,400,000	48.8%
Cecil Township	78,285.03	671,472.00	1,300,000	51.7%

The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

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

Bills For Ratification:

FOR MARCH, 2010

General Fund	\$4,445,897.17
Athletic Fund	6,669.86
Cafeteria Fund	206,312.80

Bills for Approval:

FOR APRIL, 2010

General Fund	\$321,465.56
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The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

Ms. Bowman-Monaco made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board approve the following budget transfers:

FOR APRIL, 2010

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval <u>Prior</u> to Transfer	\$115,467.
Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification <u>Subsequent</u> to Transfer	\$158,888.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Student Representative Reports

The student representative reported that PSSA testing is going on; AP testing is the first week of May and the spring art show is May 21. "Footloose" was a great success; Mr. Helinski and Ms. Matus were part of the musical. Student Council officers will be elected on April 28 and the Prom is June 4. Both the boys and girls track teams won the Washington/Greene County Coaches Meet.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Resignations

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

1. the resignation of Sandra Girdish from her position as a 2.75 hour cafeteria

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worker at South Central Elementary effective at the end of the day, March 26, 2010.

2. the resignation of Lydia Kruse from her position as school psychologist effective at the end of the day May 28, 2010 due to her relocation out of state.
3. the resignation of Frank Dellorso from his position as a driver's education teacher effective at the end of 2009-2010 school year for the purpose of retirement. Mr. Dellorso has taught in the district for 35 years.
4. the resignation of Nancy Mazza from her position as a 10 month secretary at North Strabane Intermediate School effective June 30, 2010 for the purpose of retirement. Mrs. Mazza has worked for the district for more than 31 years.
5. the resignation of Guy Montecalvo from his position as Head Varsity Football Coach.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Pihakis stated that it is with deep regret that the resignations of Mr. Dellorso, Ms. Mazza, and Mr. Montecalvo are accepted.

Appointments

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

1. hire John Thompson as a 2.5 hour cafeteria worker at North Strabane Intermediate School effective March 22, 2010. Effective April 20, 2010, Mr. Thompson's status changes to a 3.5 hour cafeteria worker at the High School.
2. change the status of Jen Rush from a 3.5 hour cafeteria worker at the High School to a 3.75 hour cafeteria worker at the same school effective March 22, 2010.
3. hire Dawn Ellis as a 2.75 hour cafeteria worker at South Central Elementary effective April 16, 2010.
4. change the status of Lorene Huston from a 5 hour driver to a 7.5 hour driver effective April 1, 2010.
5. hire Diane Edwards as a temporary 12 month secretary for the transportation department at the support facility beginning approximately June 21, 2010.
6. hire the following extra-curricular personnel at the contracted rate:

Heather Marini	Head varsity cheerleading sponsor	\$3,363
Justin White	Head varsity golf coach	\$3,052
7. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated April, 2010.

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On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Stipulated Adjudication

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board approve the discipline recommendation for Student G on the basis of a Stipulated Adjudication.

The motion carried unanimously.

Grievance

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board deny the SEIU grievance filed by Andrea Carnahan.

The motion carried with all present voting aye with the exception of Ms. Bowman-Monaco who voted nay.

Settlement of Tax Appeals

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board approve the proposed tax appeals settlement to not exceed a revenue loss of \$4,843.68.

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

Student Trip

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board approve the Lady Mac Basketball program's participation in the KSA Classic Basketball Tournament in Orlando, Florida from December 15-19, 2010. The Lady Mac Booster organization will assume the financial responsibility of the trip.

The motion carried unanimously.

Contracts

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

1. approve the software maintenance agreement renewal with ProSoft Technologies, Inc. for the period starting July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
2. approve the agreement with Gallup, Inc. for the period from May 15, 2010 through May 14, 2011.
3. approve the contract with Group Workcamps Foundation to use the High School to house up to 450 volunteers for a workcamp from June 26 to July 2, 2011.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Policy Revision

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the revision to Policy 126 Class Size.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Recognition

The Board recognized the following:

Connor Schram, Nick Catalano, and Sam Lombardo qualified for the PIAA Wrestling Championships. Connor, a freshman, was the state champion in the 103 pound weight class and Nick, a junior, placed third at 135 pounds.

The girls swimming team was section champs for the second year in a row. Last year was the first time since 1977. The girls relay team of Victoria Watson, Sara Tershel, Alexis Paquin, and Megan Bilko placed 8th at WPIAL Championships. This was the first time in school history that a girls relay team medaled at WPIALs.

Eric Forrester, a junior, qualified for the PIAA Swimming Championships at Bucknell University. Eric finished 12th in the 100 butterfly.

The boys varsity hockey team won the PIHL AAA Title by winning the Penguin Cup Championship game 3-2 on March 27. They competed against Cardinal O'Hara in the State Championship game on April 1 but after double overtime they unfortunately lost the game.

The High School band received the following awards at the 2010 Fiesta Val Music Competition in Orlando, Florida: Concert band, 1st place, superior rating; Canonettes, 1st place, superior rating; Flag Corps, 1st place, excellent rating; and Majorettes, 1st place, excellent rating. Riley Wales received the outstanding soloist award and the concert band also received the Grand Champion Award for overall highest instrumental score at the festival.

The students at Cecil Elementary raised a total of \$2,300 in a fundraiser for Haiti.

Jonathan Balog, a seventh grader at Canonsburg Middle School, competed in the state level competition of the National Geography Bee in State College last Friday, April 9th and placed 4th out of a field of 101 competitors!

Citizens Speak

The following citizens addressed the Board:

Michael Garet	1340 Royal Drive, South Park	School calendar start date
Donna Click	49 Ridgewood Drive, McDonald	Supports Mr. Helinski
Julie Jindra	160 Latimer Avenue, Strabane	Supports Mr. Helinski
Sarah Wessel	15 Montour Street, Canonsburg	Supports Mr. Helinski
Adam Palyas	230 Taylor Drive, Canonsburg	Board meetings should be videoed; Supports Mr. Helinski
Bill Graziani	Oakridge Road, Cecil	Start date of school calendar; who else will quit
Ben Lombardo	133 Ohare Road, Canonsburg	Supports Mr. Helinski
Debbie Tolomeo	123 Majestic Dr., Canonsburg	Supports Mr. Helinski
Nicole Tolomeo	123 Majestic Dr., Canonsburg	Supports Mr. Helinski
Judy Lombardo	133 Ohare Road, Canonsburg	Supports Mr. Helinski
Thomas Watson	1029 Mayfair Dr., Canonsburg	Supports Mr. Helinski

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Calvin Griffith	1009 Meadowbrook Dr., Canonsburg	Supports Mr. Helinski
Bonita Burchesky	231 Thornwood Dr., Canonsburg	Commended Mr. Falvo and Mr. Rush
Karen Fowler	707 Alpine Drive, Canonsburg	No conflicts discussed at Parent Council meetings
Stephanie Pankas	Zeremenko 1009 2 nd Street	Teachers terminated or moved; Supports Mr. Helinski
William Angotti	340 Euclid Avenue, Canonsburg	What are the charges against Mr. Helinski
Lisa Ackerman	459 Huntingcreek	Supports Mr. Helinski

Mr. Lucas thanked the citizens for expressing their views, but explained that the board could not respond to inquiries about employees. Even though an individual may have given out information, the board must respect the privacy and confidentiality of the employee.

Adjournment

Mr. Pihakis adjourned the meeting at 8:04 P.M.

Sharon L. Obel

Board Secretary