

CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2004

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by the President, Mr. Pihakis, 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. Arista	P	Mr. Affinito	A	Mr. Pintar	P
Mr. Pihakis	P	Mr. Yorke	P	Mr. Bowman	P
Ms. Link	A	Mr. Mastrangelo	P	Mr. Romano	P

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

Mr. Eugene Buchleitner, Superintendent
Dr. Helen McCracken, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. N. Glenn Mamula, Business Manager
Mr. W. Lee Schafer, Director of Support Services
Mr. Francis DiSalle, Solicitor
Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary

Agenda Approval

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

Mr. Pihakis presented plaques to Tim Bober, Kelsey Eckert, and Melissa Paulsen who placed first in the National TSA Conference in Nashville in June and also the State TSA Conference. Plaques were also given to Jenna Derrico and Maryanne DellaSalla for placing first at the State TSA Conference.

Items for Consideration

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board accept the following minutes, the treasurer s report, the wage tax reports, and correspondence:

Regular Meeting of the Board, June 21, 2004
Special Meeting of the Board, August 9, 2004
Committee Meeting of the Board, August 9, 2004
Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, August 9, 2004

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WAGE TAX REPORTS FOR JUNE, 2004	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2003-04	Percent of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$41,899.94	\$529,431.69	\$332,455	159.3%
North Strabane Township	55,257.38	1,086,753.44	1,150,795	94.4%
Cecil Township	24,838.01	988,101.55	1,074,075	92.0%
WAGE TAX REPORTS FOR JULY, 2004	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2003-04	Percent of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$20,010.18	\$549,441.87	\$332,455	165.3%
North Strabane Township	68,606.20	1,155,359.64	1,150,795	100.4%
Cecil Township	113,040.84	1,101,142.39	1,074,075	102.5%

The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

Mr. Romano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo that the Board ratify and approve the following bills:

For Ratification:

FOR JUNE, 2004

General Fund	\$3,971,396.84
Athletic Fund	2,349.04
Cafeteria Fund	178,206.23

FOR JULY, 2004

General Fund	\$2,551,606.07
Athletic Fund	(35.00)
Cafeteria Fund	8,445.80

For Approval:

FOR JUNE, 2004

General Fund	\$209,074.45
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FOR JULY, 2004

General Fund	\$120,263.20
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FOR AUGUST, 2004

General Fund	\$44,406.71
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The motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor s Report

Mr. DiSalle stated that he had nothing to report.

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Committee Reports Mr. Yorke reported that he had attended the Intermediate Unit meeting last Thursday. A new roof will be put on the building purchased from Brownsville.

Citizens Speak The following citizens addressed the Board:

Francine Vollmer	1441 Yorktowne Drive, Lawrence	Continuity of staff
Mark Secreti	2133 980 Road, McDonald	Wade Academy transportation

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Professional Personnel

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board hire the following professional personnel for the 2004-05 school year:

Jill Zonca	3rd grade teacher at Borland Manor
Yvonne Jones	½ day kindergarten teacher at Cecil Elementary
Bethany Petruska	1st grade teacher at First Street
Ryan Radovitch	3rd grade teacher at First Street
Andrea Insana	4th grade teacher at Hills-Hendersonville
Lori Seekely	1st grade teacher at Muse
Monica Davis	1st grade at South Central
Danielle Urso	1st grade at South Central
Elizabeth Beck	5th grade teacher at Cecil Intermediate
Jeanne Lias	elementary librarian
Alicia Patton	4th grade at First Street
Lindsay Kavelak	2nd grade at South Central

The motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Principal Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo that the Board hire Philip Mary as an assistant principal at the High School, effective August 17, 2004, at an annual salary of \$66,865 as per the Act 93 Agreement.

Mr. Romano commented that he doesn't feel we need another person; should go with the staff in place. Mr. Pintar agreed with Mr. Romano and stated that the person should do more than attendance and discipline. Mr. Yorke felt stronger about others that were interviewed and that someone that goes back and forth from teacher to administrator didn't seem right.

On a roll call vote the motion failed with Mr. Arista, Mr. Mastrangelo, Mr. Bowman, and Mr. Pihakis voting aye, and Mr. Yorke, Mr. Romano and Mr. Pintar voting nay. The item was tabled until next month.

School Psychologist Mr. Pintar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board hire Robin Rudic as a school psychologist effective August 30, 2004, at an annual salary of \$39,000.

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The motion carried unanimously.

Permanent Substitutes

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board appoint the following as permanent substitutes for the 2004-05 school year with salary and benefits per Procedure IV-7:

_____ Kelly Miller	for 3rd grade at Borland Manor, full year
Jason Ramsey	for 6th grade at Cecil Intermediate, full year

The motion carried unanimously.

Day to Day Long Term Substitutes

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board appoint the following as day to day long term substitutes for the first semester of the 2004-05 school year:

Jennifer Peters	Megan Alrutz	Shannon Welsh
Laura Ann Naser	Rebecca Petersavage	Steven Flanders
Crystal Lang		

The motion carried unanimously.

Change of Status

Mr. Romano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board change the status of the following:

1. change the status of the following employees from temporary professional employees to professional employees based on six satisfactory semesters:

Terry Green	Kurt Jenkins
Amy Keller	Rachel Jones
Rita Young	Christie Kotar-Ruth
Kenneth Schrag	
2. change the status of Joanne Church to a temporary 10 month secretary at the High School effective August 16, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

Extra-Curricular

_____ Mr. Arista made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board approve the following extra-curricular positions at the contracted rate:

Evonne Somsy	Department Co-Chair - English	\$600
Mike Morris	Department Co-Chair - English	\$600
Bill Belleno	Department Chair - Special Education	\$1,200
Kelly Brownlee	Department Chair - Mathematics	\$1,200
Debbie Steinmiller	Department Chair - Science	\$1,200
Colleen Yarbrough	Department Chair - Foreign Language	\$1,200

The motion carried unanimously.

Volunteer

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the

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Board appoint Nick Mandich as a volunteer 9th grade football coach.

The motion carried unanimously.

Substitute List Addendum

Mr. Pintar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated August, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Act 93 Mandated Salary Adjustments

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yorke that the Board accept the administrative reviews and salary adjustments as per the approved Act 93 Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Agreement entered into on January 1, 2002 and expiring on June 30, 2008.

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

Elementary Photography

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bowman that the Board approve Mirisciotti Photography for elementary photography for a 3 year term beginning with the 2004-05 school year, which coincides with the High School agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

PSBA Legislative Policy Council Voting Delegates

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board appoint Debbie Link and Robert Pintar as the voting delegates to represent the district at the Legislative Policy Council at this year s meeting on Thursday, September 30, 2004 during the School Leadership Conference 2004 in Hershey and to name Mr. Yorke as the alternate.

The motion carried unanimously.

Fundraiser

Mr. Pintar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board approve the fundraisers for the softball boosters which were inadvertently omitted from the list approved in June.

The motion carried unanimously.

Travel

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo that the Board approve Superintendent and Assistant to the Superintendent travel to local, state and national conferences and out-of-state visits as related to the best interests of the school district and approve Board Member travel to local and

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state conferences and out-of-state visits as related to the best interests of the school district and one national conference. National conferences for Board Members are limited to two trips per four year term.

Mr. Romano requested that the Board be notified of who will be going.

The motion carried unanimously.

Scoreboard

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board approve an addendum to the field project to update the scoreboard with Daktronics through the I.C. Improvements contract. The administration is also going to seek donations for spots for advertising. The approximate additional cost is \$52,000.

Mr. Buchleitner stated that \$28,700 in donations had been received thus far.

The motion carried unanimously.

Textbook Adoption

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board adopt the following textbook for High School Honors Physics: Physics, Second Edition, Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ticket Pricing Proposal

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo that the Board approve the following ticket prices beginning with the 2004-05 school year:

Track, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Golf No charge for admittance to these events

Soccer, Swimming, Volleyball \$4.00 Adult and General Admission; \$2.00 Student tickets

Football, Wrestling, Basketball \$5.00 General Admission for all adults who buy a ticket prior to or on the night of the event. Student pre-sale tickets can be purchased for \$2.00 during school hours; however, student tickets will be \$5.00 at the gate.

* Gold Cards are available at central office for Senior Citizens at no charge.

Those Senior Citizens not in possession of a Gold Card will be required to purchase a ticket at full price at the gate.

** Parent Pass 50% off total

Each athlete, cheerleader, marching band member and auxiliary band member will receive two parent passes which entitle those parents to purchase tickets at 50% off the listed price of the regular ticket.

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bowman to amend the motion to include the following: Canon-McMillan School District students

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not able to purchase tickets in school may purchase them at the game site for the \$2 student price provided they show their Canon-McMillan student ID card. Without an ID card they will be charged the general admission price for that specific athletic event. This general admission price applies to all students coming from visiting schools also.

Mr. Romano asked to see the deficit between the gate receipts and the cost.

The motion to amend carried unanimously.

The main motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:

Finalists at the National TSA Conference in Nashville from the High School included: Jenna Derrico, 3rd place in Prepared Speech High School; David Baker and Richard Paga, 8th place in Structural Engineering. Finalists from Canonsburg Middle included: Tim Bober, 1st place in Prepared Speech Middle School and 3rd place in Technical Writing Middle School; Melissa Paulsen, 6th place in Digital Photography; Tim Bober, Kelsey Eckert and Melissa Paulsen, 1st place in Cyberspace Pursuit; Kelsey Eckert and Melissa Paulsen, 4th place in Medical Technology Challenge.

Mr. Greg Taranto has received a grant from Dominion Peoples on behalf of Canonsburg Middle School. Mr. Taranto submitted the grant to pay for the start up costs of the new mathematical, problem-solving course in eighth grade (T.O.P.S.). It is Mr. Taranto's sixth grant that he has received on behalf of the Canon-McMillan School District.

Sara Green of Muse Elementary has had perfect attendance in grades K-3.

Information

1. By September the Board will need to develop two committees. The first committee is for the continued implementation of the process for reevaluating and remodeling and other necessary items to meet the needs of the elementary schools. The second committee is to begin the negotiation process for the SEIU contract which expires June 30, 2005.
2. On August 3 PASBO did a presentation on Preparing for Referendum. PSBA will be conducting similar presentations for Board members in August and September. This is an item that will need further discussion by the Board. The Board decided to have a committee meeting on August 30 to discuss this issue.

Playground at South Central Elementary School

Mr. Schafer stated that he will have the center of the yard skimmed, put drainage in and then sod it.

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Adjournment

Mr. Pihakis adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M.

Sharon L. Abel

Secretary