

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2006**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:25 P.M. by the President, Mr. Romano, 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. Ms. Link participated in the meeting by speakerphone.

Robert Arista	P	Norman Affinito	P	Robert Pintar	P
Kathleen Smith	P	Edward Yorke	P	Nick Cianelli	P
Debbie Link	P	Kevin Mastrangelo	P	Jay Romano	P

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

- Dr. Nick Bayat, Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Helen McCracken, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Mr. Glenn Mamula, Business Manager
- Mr. Lee Schafer, Director of Support Services
- Ms. Linda Kappel, Federal Coordinator
- Mr. Francis DiSalle, Solicitor
- Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary

Agenda Approval

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration

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

- Regular Meeting of the Board, June 19, 2006
- Special Meeting of the Board, June 29, 2006
- Committee Meeting of the Board, August 7, 2006
- Special Meeting of the Board, August 7, 2006
- Committee Meeting of the Board, August 14, 2006
- Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, August 14, 2006

	Current	Year to Date	Budgeted	% of
FOR JUNE, 2006	Collections		2005-06	Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$12,994.40	\$563,411.53	\$348,874	161.5%
North Strabane Township	58,306.95	1,236,821.11	1,250,795	98.9%
Cecil Township	39,166.33	1,108,518.24	1,250,795	88.6%

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	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2005-06	% of Expected
FOR JULY, 2006				
Canonsburg Borough	\$37,971.48	\$601,383.01	\$348,874	172.4%
North Strabane Township	1,609.54	1,238,430.65	1,250,795	99.0%
Cecil Township	95,858.42	1,204,376.66	1,250,795	96.3%

The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board ratify and approve the following bills:

For Ratification:

FOR JUNE, 2006

General Fund	\$4,783,653.63
Athletic Fund	75,635.00
Cafeteria Fund	86,787.90

FOR JULY, 2006

General Fund	\$2,894,065.55
Cafeteria Fund	13,005.01

For Approval:

FOR JULY, 2006

General Fund	\$326,863.93 for 2005-06
General Fund	195,432.29 for 2006-07

The motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. DiSalle stated that he had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Mr. Yorke stated that the Intermediate Unit had settled the school aides contract. They are working with various universities and the computers are almost connected. He also suggested a person for the Local Tax Study Commission – Rita Polansky.

Citizens Speak

The following citizen addressed the Board:

Robin D'Orazio 702 Alpine Drive, Canonsburg Varsity Golf Team
Mr. Romano told Ms. D'Orazio that the golf fundraisers could be approved at the special meeting next Monday.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bayat mentioned the shirts that were given to the Board members as a token of appreciation for their devotion to the district.

Resignations – Professional Personnel

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board accept the following resignations:

1. the resignation of Samantha Hirshberg from her position as a middle school English teacher, effective August 9, 2006.
2. the resignation of Michael Conlon from his position as an elementary librarian, effective August 21, 2006. Mr. Conlon has accepted other employment.
3. the resignation of Michael Ghilani from his position as high school principal, effective August 22, 2006.
4. the resignation of Samuel Brunatti from his position as an assistant elementary principal at Borland Manor and Wylandville elementaries, effective August 22, 2006.
5. the resignation of Margaret DeProspero from her 5th grade teaching position at North Strabane Intermediate.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resignation – Board Member

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board accept the resignation of Kevin Mastrangelo from his position as a board member representing Cecil Township, effective August 22, 2006, with regrets. We thank Mr. Mastrangelo for his dedication and devotion to the Canon-McMillan School District. We wish him the best.

The motion carried with all present voting aye, with the exception of Ms. Link who voted nay, and Mr. Mastrangelo who abstained.

Resignations – Cafeteria Workers

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board accept the following resignations:

1. the resignation of Joy Cheslock from her position as a 2 ½ hour cafeteria worker at North Strabane Intermediate.
2. the resignation of Giovanna Calabro from her position as a 2 hour cafeteria worker at Borland Manor Elementary.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Appointments:
High School Principal**

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board hire David Helinski as the principal of the High School at an annual salary of \$95,000, effective August 28, 2006.

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The motion carried with all present voting aye, with the exception of Mr. Cianelli who abstained for reasons of procedure.

Professional Personnel

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board hire the following professional personnel for the 2006-07 school year:

Kristen McGowan	Special education teacher, High School, Step 2
Dena Hall	Elementary Teacher, 3 rd grade, Hills-Hendersonville
Jennifer Popiolkowski	Elementary Teacher, 3 rd grade, Borland Manor
Michael Hall	Elementary Teacher, 4 th grade, South Central
Carla Mastrian (½ day)	Elementary Teacher, Kdg, Borland Manor

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

Technology Technician

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board renew the contract of Sherry Siedlak as a technology technician for an additional three years.

The motion carried unanimously.

Day to Day Long Term Substitutes

Ms. Smith 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 2006-07 school year:

Kelly Sadlek
Brian Cornali

The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Cianelli asked whether our pay scale for substitutes was competitive and suggested that it be reviewed yearly.

Change of Status

Mr. Pintar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yorke that the Board change the status of the following employees from temporary professional to professional employees based on six satisfactory semesters:

Diane Byers	Michelle Patragas	Nicole Verrengia
Lisa Stimpson	Michael Conlon	James Hughey
Jade Morgan	Julie Gaetano	Matt Heirendt
Vicki Skraitz	Stacie Vaughan	Lori Anthony
Melissa Miller	Matthew Todaro	Natalie Petro
Nathan Bernosky	Vincent Faith	Colleen Dunn
Clayton Carney	Christopher Nairn	Charlene Rinehart
Jody Stein	Lori Peterson	Miriam Miller
Melissa Homer	Marla Kuhn	Kelly Kiger
Sandra Cavanaugh	Megan Martin	

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The motion carried unanimously.

Cafeteria Workers

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yorke that the Board change Karen Gaston from a 3 ½ hour cafeteria worker at the High School to a 2 ½ hour cafeteria worker at Cecil Intermediate School and change Jill Wales from a 2 ½ hour cafeteria worker at Wylandville Elementary to a 2 ½ hour cafeteria worker at North Strabane Intermediate.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mechanic

Mr. Cianelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board hire Neil Stewart as a mechanic at the contracted rate, effective August 22, 2006.

The motion carried unanimously.

Extra-Curricular

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

Paul Rush	Assistant Band Director	\$4,316
Shana McGuire	Head Middle School Swimming Coach	\$1,198
Lauren Petras	Head Middle School Girls Volleyball Coach	\$2,235
Ginny Goodge	Head Middle School Girls Volleyball Coach	\$2,235
Donna Maceiko	Ass't. Middle School Girls Volleyball Coach	\$1,180
Randy Clonan	Ass't. Middle School Girls Volleyball Coach	\$1,180
Brian Anderson	Head Middle School Girls Soccer Coach	\$2,235
Greg Papson	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$4,378
Brett Berish	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$4,378
Steven Cox	Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach	\$3,496
Ryan Popovich	Head Middle School Boys Soccer Coach	\$2,235
Ryan Mason	Ass't. Middle School Boys Soccer Coach	\$1,180

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

Substitute List Addendum

Mr. Arista made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated August, 2006.

The motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board approve the memorandum of understanding with Act 93 to include elementary assistant principals.

The motion carried unanimously.

Act 1 Mr. Affinito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board approve authorization for the administration to begin the steps and procedures to comply with Act 1, Taxpayer Relief Act. Act 1 requires the school board to appoint a Tax Study Commission. The Commission must consist of 5, 7, or 9 members who are resident individuals or taxpayers of the district, and reflect the “socioeconomic, age and occupational diversity of the school district to the extent possible.”

The motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Appointment to Tax Study Commission

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board approve the appointment of Edward Yorke as the Canon-McMillan School District Board of Education member to the Act 1 Tax Study Commission for the 2006-07 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board approve the appointment of Kathleen Smith and Robert Arista of the Board of Education to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee effective for the 2006 - 2007 school year and in compliance with PDE and the use of the eStrategic Planning process.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adult Lunch Price Increase

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Affinito that the Board increase the adult lunch price from \$2.25 to \$2.75 and adult tier lunch from \$2.50 to \$3.25 effective at the start of the 2006-07 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:
Two Canon-McMillan publications received awards at PSBA’s 37th Annual Educational Publications Contest. The district calendar received an Award of Excellence and the Community Newsletter received an Honorable Mention.

The following Cecil Intermediate School students received Gold Excellence Awards: Gabriella Mickey, Janelle Morgan, Ava Myers, Matthew Jones, Gail Falcione, Anthony Sciulli, Dulce Aguirre, Brandon Freeman, Casey Myers, Justin Williams, Sierra Bakaitis, Kathryn Click, James Spirik, Tyler Wake, Jacob Dahl, Tanner Goray, Andrew Hendal, Caitlin Sivavec, Anthony Bevec, Sean Cote, Hope Gregorchik, Lauren Harbaugh, Jeralyn Tatano, Doug Wilson, Madilynn Delach, Natalie Kessler, Natalie Paonessa, Rachel Robison, and Cooper Schroeder. Silver Achievement Awards were received by: Hanna Bioni, Alexis Keller, Nicolette Mottiqua, Veronica Smiddle, Erin Wells, Colleen Buckley, Morgan Kramer, Anna Lombardo, Daniel Alauzen, Amanda Florez, Travis Dickey, Alaina Hanjorgiris, Alec Liederbach, Nicholas Selker, Tyler Slovik, Madison Barone, Kolbie Checca,

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Kathryn Griffin, Michelle Kelly, Karen Murphy, Cody Rusler, Ashlyn Hill, Joseph Graziani, Kelsey Mastaller, Mira Isoldi Carrozza, Rachel Klemash, Blake Miller, Cortney Zotter, Lennox Holder, Joslin Joiner, Ashland Hoffman, Kelsey Jersey, Thomas Valerio, and Jamari Bradshaw.

Art students Tiffany Zirwas and Lindsay Wright will have their work exhibited at the Mississippi Museum of Art, the Ogden Museum of Southern Art in New Orleans, and Scholastic Corporate Headquarters in New York.

- Information**
1. Dr. Bayat informed the Board that construction on the main street of Canonsburg may cause some changes to bus routes through October 15th.
 2. There will be a special meeting on August 28th for SWAP financial issues and also on September 11th to appoint the Local Tax Study Commission members.

Adjournment Mr. Romano adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Sharon L. Arbel

Secretary