

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2008**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:06 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	A	Nick Cianelli	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. Francis DiSalle, Solicitor  
 Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary

**Agenda Approval**

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**Items for Consideration**

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

Regular Meeting of the Board, June 16, 2008  
 Special Meeting of the Board, August 4, 2008  
 Committee Meeting of the Board, August 11, 2008  
 Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, August 11, 2008

	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2007-08	% of Expected
FOR JUNE, 2008				
Canonsburg Borough	\$(114,438.89)	\$619,213.05	\$379,549	163.1%
North Strabane Twp.	156,330.82	1,192,474.90	1,479,735	80.6%
Cecil Township	26,512.02	1,124,534.18	1,349,823	83.3%

	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2007-08	% of Expected
FOR JULY, 2008				
Canonsburg Borough	\$ 0	\$619,213.05	\$379,549	163.1%

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North Strabane Twp.	64,329.71	1,256,804.61	1,479,735	84.9%
Cecil Township	113,582.57	1,238,116.75	1,349,823	91.7%

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Bills for Ratification and Approval**

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

Bills For Ratification:

FOR JUNE, 2008

General Fund	\$3,968,379.93
Athletic Fund	304.82
Cafeteria Fund	455,156.64

FOR JULY, 2008

General Fund	\$4,055,776.92
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Bills For Approval:

FOR AUGUST,

General Fund	\$21,650.42
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The motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitor's Report** Mr. DiSalle stated that he had nothing to report.

**Committee Report** There were no committee reports.

**Citizens Speak** No citizens addressed the Board.

### ***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

**Resignation** Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board accept the resignation of Sue Martin from her position as a 3 1/4 hour cafeteria worker at Muse Elementary, effective July 28, 2008. Ms. Martin would like to be placed on the cafeteria substitute list.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. transfer Mark Abbondanza to the position of middle school principal at an annual salary of \$84,904 effective August 19, 2008.

2. hire the following professional personnel effective at the start of the 2008-09 school year:

Ashley Knizner	½ day kindergarten teacher at Cecil Elementary; ½ day extended day kindergarten teacher at South Central Elementary
Stefanie Nesser	1 <sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Muse Elementary
Stacy Ambrogio	1 <sup>st</sup> grade teacher at South Central Elementary
Lauren Gehret	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at South Central Elementary
Charisse Los	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Hills-Hendersonville Elementary

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Melissa Cashell Social studies teacher at Canonsburg Middle School
  
3. appoint the following as permanent substitute teachers with salary and benefits per Procedure IV-7:

Cassie Loughry	For 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade at Cecil Elementary, full year
Stephanie Bitz	For 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade at Cecil Elementary, 1 <sup>st</sup> semester
Tyler Bluemling	For 4 <sup>th</sup> grade at Hills-Hendersonville Elementary, 1 <sup>st</sup> semester
Sandy Grilli	For High School business, full year
  
4. hire Connie Crider as a 10-month secretary at Borland Manor Elementary at the contracted rate, effective August 19, 2008.
  
5. hire the following special education para-educators at the contracted rate, effective at the start of the 2008-09 school year:

Louise Blunkosky	Cecil Elementary
Elaine Hixon	Muse Elementary
  
6. approve the change of status of the following employees from temporary professional to professional employees based on six satisfactory semesters:

Karley Rossi	Jamie Compeggie	Jason Ramsey
Kelly Mezyk	Christina Tassone	Crystal Lang
Kathryn Ramsey	Tiffany Schmidt	Patrick Hudock
Melissa Moore	Elizabeth Hanson-Bowen	Jason Colbert
Maggie Sisson	Joanna McCullough	Lyndsay Boyle
  
7. appoint the following teachers as mentors for the 2008-09 school year:

Mike Caporizzo	for Jodi Cassell
Jason Gillespie	for Anthony Dominick
Roberta DeJohn	for Mollie Huffman
Diane Byers	for Heather Marini
Jenny Auman	for Rebecca Meyers
Lynne Douglas	for Lee Caffrey
Dottie Baker	for Lisa McCready

Jason Colbert	for Paul Wolf
Chris Nairn	for Stephanie Kubik
Rick Bell	for Scott Drakeley
Kathy Rheam	for Sandy Grilli
Heather Hagerman	for Stefanie Nesser
Stacie Scheidler	for Cassie Loughry
Tiffany Kolarcik	for Stacy Ambrogio
Paula Martin	for Ashley Knizner
Lynette Stewart	for Lauren Gehret
Vince Faith	for Melissa Cashell

8. appoint Diane Gibson as a volunteer varsity cross country coach.
9. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated August, 2008.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Title Change**

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board change the title of Michael Daniels to Director of Special Education with no increase in salary. A memorandum of understanding with Act 93 will add this position to the agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Legislative Policy Council Delegates**

Mr. Galambos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board approve Ms. Smith and Mr. Zupancic as the voting delegates to represent the district at the Legislative Policy Council at this year's meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2008, during the School Leadership conference in Hershey.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Board Policies**

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve Policy 702.1 Naming School District Facilities and a revision to Policy 206 Assignment within District.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Superintendent Travel**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board approve Superintendent travel to local, state and national conferences and out-of-state visits as related to the best interests of the school district. All travel would be within the parameters of the budget.

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

**Board Member Travel**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board approve Board Member travel to local and state conferences and out-of-state visits as related to the best interests of the school district. All travel would be within the parameters of the budget.

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

**Safari Settlement**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board accept the settlement offer from Safari Circuits/Safari Technology.

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

**Cell Tower**

Mr. Galambos made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board authorize T-Mobile to apply to North Strabane Township for a variance to erect a cell tower on the High School property.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Recognition**

The Board recognized the following:  
The following students have achieved at least 3 years of perfect attendance: Jared Hladycz (6 years) and Benjamin Hladycz (4 years) of North Strabane Intermediate; Vincent Lavorgna (4 years) of Wylandville Elementary; High School students Khristina Gardner (7 years), Maureen Lewandowski (9 years), Melissa Harbert (6 years), Addison Galambos (4 years), Breanna Bakaitis (4 years), Miranda Slebonick (4 years), Eric Heirendt (3 years), and Devon Cole (3 years); and Middle School students Emily Bell (3 years), Jamari Bradshaw (3 years), Ava Myers (3 years) and Kelsey Stevens (3 years).

**Other Discussion**

1. Mr. Cianelli asked Ms. Mansmann for information on the shortfall for the 2007-08 school year (approximately \$1.5 million).

**Adjournment**

Ms. Link announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting for personnel and will meet again after the meeting for personnel. Ms. Link adjourned the meeting at 7:16 P.M.

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Secretary