

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the President, Mr. Cianelli, 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 Arista	P	Norman Affinito	A	Robert Pintar	A
Kathleen Smith	P	Edward Yorke	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 of Schools
Dr. Helen McCracken, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Lee Schafer, Director of Support Services
Ms. Linda Kappel, Federal Coordinator
Mr. Francis DiSalle, Solicitor
Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary
Ms. Barbara Vargo, Student Representative
Ms. Darius Matthews, Student Representative

Agenda Approval

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

Dr. Nicolaus, principal of Hills-Hendersonville Elementary and First Street Elementary, thanked the Board for appointing Ms. Brose and Mr. Smiley as university interns. Ms. Brose then spoke about the "Essential 55," professional goals, and team efforts.

Items for Consideration

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

Budget Committee Meeting of the Board, January 10, 2007
Regular Meeting of the Board, January 16, 2007
Policy Committee Meeting of the Board, January 22, 2007
Budget Committee Meeting of the Board, February 5, 2007
Committee Meeting of the Board, February 12, 2007
Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, February 12, 2007

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	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2006-07	% of Expected
FOR JANUARY, 2007				
Canonsburg Borough	\$60,879.34	\$108,524.81	\$589,780	18.4%
North Strabane Township	81,295.65	411,719.40	1,209,048	34.1%
Cecil Township	96,332.34	307,373.12	1,150,070	26.7%

The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

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

For Ratification:

FOR JANUARY, 2007

General Fund	\$3,764,346.58
Athletic Fund	6,636.82
Cafeteria Fund	197,758.47

For Approval:

FOR FEBRUARY, 2007

General Fund	\$229,926.71
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The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

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

For January, 2007

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval Prior to Transfer\$

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Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification Subsequent to Transfer

....\$7,560

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 Board approved their budget. Many new grants kept the budget without an increase.

Ms. Smith indicated that the Western Area Career and Technology Center's expenditures were slightly lower than the previous year.

Student Representative Reports

The students reported on the preparation for the Prom Fashion Show which will be held on February 25th. The spring musical "The King & I" will take place

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March 14-17; spring sports physicals have taken place; the 11th grade PSSA Writing test has been completed; and the Varsity Girls Basketball team advanced to the first round of playoff games this past weekend, but they lost.

Citizens Speak No citizens addressed the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

1. the resignation of Lora Lee Mueller from her position as a bus driver effective March 30, 2007 for the purpose of retirement. Ms. Mueller has driven for the district for over 36 years.
2. the resignation of Kayla McClain from her extra-curricular position of 9th grade girls volleyball coach.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. appoint William Kotsanis as a 6th grade permanent substitute teacher at Cecil Intermediate School for the second semester of the 2006-07 school year.
2. change the status of the following from temporary professional employees to professional employees based on six satisfactory semesters in the district:

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3. change the status of the following custodians to temporary 8 hour custodians effective November 28, 2006:

Bob Wojuzak	Canonsburg Middle School
Missy Matthews	Canon-McMillan High School

4. hire Carol Bosko as a 2 ½ hour cafeteria worker at South Central Elementary, effective February 22, 2007.
5. change the status of Faith Cain from a 3 hour cafeteria worker at Borland Manor Elementary to a 5 hour cafeteria worker at North Strabane

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Intermediate, effective February 22, 2007.

6. appoint Janet Bayat as a mentor for William Kotsanis at Cecil Intermediate School.
7. approve the following extra-curricular personnel at the contracted rate:

Darlene Jones	Assistant Varsity Boys Volleyball Coach	\$2,919
Randy Clonan	9 th Grade/Jr.High Boys Volleyball Coach	\$2,500
Jessica Bosacki	9 th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach	\$2,500
Trent Goerk	Head Boys Tennis Coach	\$2,857
8. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated February, 2007-R.

The motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board approve the memorandum of understanding with Canon-McMillan Education Association related to the technology tests.

The motion carried unanimously.

Budgets

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

1. approve the 2007-08 budget for the Western Area Career and Technology Center. Canon-McMillan's projected cost is \$523,732.21.
2. approve the Intermediate Unit 1 General Operational Budget for 2007-08. Canon-McMillan's estimated contribution is \$63,453.72.

The motion carried unanimously.

Additional Fundraiser

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yorke that the Board approve the fundraiser/senior project of Ashley Poore to raise money for the Greater Canonsburg Library.

The motion carried unanimously.

Facility Permit

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board approve the facility permit for Vella Dance Studio to use the High School auditorium from June 12-16, 2007 with rental fees and charges per Policy 1301.

The motion carried unanimously.

Starting Date for 2007-08 School Year

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board adopt August 29, 2007, as the starting date for students for the 2007-08 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Revisions and Approvals

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

1. approve the PSBA revised policies and the district committee's revisions in Section 000 of the new Policy Manual, effective with the start of the 2007-08 school year or after the completion of the entire Policy Manual.
2. approve the revisions to Policy 5607, Class Rank Policy (effective immediately) and Policy 5312, Grading and Reporting Student Progress (effective 2007-08) and in conjunction with the PSBA policy review service.

The motion carried unanimously.

Act 1 Resolutions

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

1. RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of Canon-McMillan School District, as follows:
The Board, by majority consent, hereby accepts the recommendation of the Local Tax Study Commission made at the Board's meeting of December 6, 2006 that the Board place on the May 15, 2007 ballot for the approval of voters an additional .4% earned income tax. The revenue generated from this tax shall be used primarily to fund homestead/farmstead exclusions for qualified homestead/farmstead property.
2. RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of Canon-McMillan School District, as follows:
 - a. The school district shall place a referendum question on the May 15, 2007 primary election ballot. The referendum question shall be in substantially the following form, with additions or changes (other than the tax rate) as determined by the school board President and election officials prior to the election:

Do you favor imposing an additional .4% earned income tax? The revenue generated from the increased tax rate will be used to reduce taxes on qualified residential properties by \$339.83. The current earned income tax rate is .50%.
 - b. The school district administration, in consultation with the school board, shall prepare and present to election officials a non-legal interpretative statement that shall accompany the referendum question in accordance with the Pennsylvania Election Code.

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- c. School district officials shall take any and all action necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- d. Should a majority of electors voting on the May 15, 2007 referendum question vote in the affirmative, the school district shall take action to assess and levy the tax beginning on July 1, 2007. This tax shall be self-executing and shall continue in force on a fiscal year basis without annual reenactment except in a year in which the rate of the tax is changed or the tax is repealed.

The motion carried unanimously.

Substitute Pay Scale

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board change the substitute pay schedule for the 2007-08 school year to \$85 per day for days 1 through 90 and \$100 per day for any days over 90. Teachers retired from Canon-McMillan School District would be paid \$100 per day.

The motion carried unanimously.

Course Offerings

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board approve the new course offerings at the High School. These new offerings will be placed in the revised Program of Studies booklet for the 2007-08 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:

The following high school chorus students were selected to participate in the PMEA Region 1 Chorus Festival on February 21-23, 2007 at South Fayette High School: Kristy Bissell and Julianne Avolio.

Information

1. Mr. Yorke reminded the Board that the Intermediate Unit Annual Convention would be held on March 20th at California University.

Other

1. Mr. Cianelli distributed two sheets related to the retirement incentive issue to everyone and then proceed to explain them. Then Mr. Cianelli read a statement.

Adjournment

Mr. Cianelli adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Sharon L. Arbel

Secretary