

CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2004

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:18 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. Mr. Buchleitner announced that an executive session had been held prior to the meeting for personnel.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Mr. Arista	P	Mr. Affinito	P	Mr. Pintar	P
Mr. Pihakis	P	Mr. Yorke	P	Mr. Bowman	P
Ms. Link	P	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
Ms. Linda Kappel, Federal Coordinator
Mr. Francis DiSalle, Solicitor
Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary
Mr. Andrew Lightholder, Student Representative

Agenda Approval

Mr. Affinito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

Mr. Buchleitner thanked the Board members for their time and dedication to the school district. They received a token of appreciation and a certificate in honor of January being School Board Recognition Month.

Items for Consideration

Mr. Pintar 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, November 17, 2003
Reorganization Meeting of the Board, December 1, 2003
Committee Meeting of the Board, December 8, 2003
Committee Meeting of the Board, January 5, 2004
Committee Meeting of the Board, January 12, 2004
Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, January 12, 2004

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WAGE TAX REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER, 2003	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2003-04	Percent of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$ - 0 -	\$97,274.13	\$332,455	29.3%
North Strabane Township	123,802.50	354,924.91	1,150,795	30.8%
Cecil Township	88,282.45	293,407.89	1,074,075	27.3%

FOR DECEMBER, 2003	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2003-04	Percent of Expected
1. Canonsburg Borough	\$12,506.00	\$109,780.13	\$332,455	33.0%
2. North Strabane Township	42,584.27	397,509.18	1,150,795	34.5%
3. Cecil Township	23,271.07	316,678.96	1,074,075	29.5%

The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

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

For Ratification:

FOR NOVEMBER, 2003

General Fund \$5,171,196.90

Athletic Fund 4,519.39

FOR DECEMBER, 2003

General Fund \$2,865,085.15

Athletic Fund 6,336.01

Cafeteria Fund 100,727.14

For Approval:

FOR DECEMBER, 2003

General Fund \$189,588.43

FOR JANUARY, 2004

General Fund \$455,488.97

Construction Fund 297,417.09

The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

Mr. Romano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve the following budget transfers:

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Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification Subsequent to Transfer ...\$11,911.00

FOR DECEMBER, 2003

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval Prior to Transfer\$ 2,132.00

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification Subsequent to Transfer ...\$11,148.00

The motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. DiSalle recommended approval of the easement agreement.

Mr. Affinito made a motion seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo that the Board approve the acceptance of an easement agreement with the property owners on Joan Court for a storm sewer project as a result of the North Strabane Intermediate School. This agreement is developed between the school district and North Strabane solicitors.

The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Mr. Yorke stated that as chair of the budget committee he was recommending that the evaluations of administrators be reviewed in April or May and that the number of central office staff be looked at. He also recommended that as part of the redistricting meeting on Thursday that the cost effectiveness of having only three elementary schools (one in each township and borough) be examined. Mr. Yorke then gave his Intermediate Unit 1 report.

Ms. Link commented that she was unaware of a budget committee meeting being held and stated that all Board members should be made aware of all committee meetings. She did not appreciate the singling out of specific people.

Student Representative Report

The student representative reported that the FBLA would be involved in a regional competition at Pittsburgh Technical Institute soon; the Prom Fashion Show will be held on February 10; and the Sadie Hawkins Dance will be held on February 14.

Citizens Speak

The following citizens addressed the Board:

Sam Amorose	320 Summit Avenue, Canonsburg	World War II Monument
Helen Pape	111 Anderson Drive, Canonsburg	Day Care

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Resignations

Mr. Arista made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bowman that the Board accept the resignation of Deborah Rusnak from her position as an elementary teacher for the purpose of retirement, effective with her first day of retirement February 2, 2004, with regrets.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Affinito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo that the Board accept the resignations of the following drivers:

1. the resignation of Bonnie Cowden from her position as a bus driver for the purpose of retirement, effective January 30, 2004.
2. the resignation of James Watson from his position as a bus driver due to disability, effective January 30, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board accept the resignation of Beth Ann Crouch from her position as an instructional aide at First Street Elementary, effective January 1, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pintar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board accept the resignation of Harry Miale from his position as an elementary principal, effective January 28, 2004, for the purpose of retirement.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arista made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo that the Board accept the following extra-curricular resignations:

Kimberly Greenleaf	Middle School TSA Sponsor
Robert Montini	Co-producer High School Spring Musical
Edward Leisman	9th Grade Head Wrestling Coach
Chris LaSalvia	9th Grade Assistant Wrestling Coach
Lance Lewis	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
Ken Wingard	7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach

The motion carried unanimously.

Science Teacher

Mr. Affinito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bowman that the Board approve hire Jeff Wybranowski as a high school science teacher, effective January 21, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

Permanent Substitutes

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board appoint the following as permanent substitute teachers with salary and benefits per Procedure IV-7:

Christine Ponce	for 3rd grade at Cecil Elementary for the second semester of 2003-04 school year
Stacie Scheidler	for 4th grade at Cecil Elementary, effective 12/15/03 through the remainder of the 2003-04 school year
Tiffany Bushko	for 1st grade at South Central Elementary for the second semester of 2003-04 school year

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Jeffrey Jenkins for high school social studies for the second semester of 2003-04 school year
Karley Rossi for 5th grade at North Strabane Intermediate for the second semester of 2003-04 school year
Amy Faust for 2nd grade at Wylandville Elementary for the second semester of 2003-04 school year

The motion carried unanimously.

Mentor

Mr. Arista made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the board appoint Deborah Binotto as a mentor for Stacie Scheidler.

The motion carried unanimously.

Day to Day Long Term Substitutes

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board appoint the following as day to day long term substitutes for the second semester of the 2003-2004 school year:

Kelly Landy	Lucy Moninger
Bethany Dietz	Janice Sidun
Dennis Pastorius	Kelly Sautel

The motion carried unanimously.

Custodians

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board hire the following as 4 hour custodians, effective January 21, 2004:

Sonny (Bernard) Maleski	at Cecil Elementary
Lewis Crouse	at Hills-Hendersonville Elementary

The motion carried unanimously.

Aide

Mr. Affinito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board increase the salary of Eva Tomassetti based on her new aide category as a special education aide at Muse Elementary, effective January 5, 2004. Ms. Tomassetti had been an instructional aide at Muse Elementary.

The motion carried unanimously.

Extra-Curricular

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

Cynthia Berg	Producer/Director of Fall Play, effective 9/03
Cynthia Berg	Thespian Society Sponsor
Cynthia Berg	Drama Club Sponsor
Cynthia Berg	Producer of Spring Musical
Cynthia Berg	Director/Choreographer of Spring Musical
Mark Falvo	Orchestra Director for Spring Musical
Mary Matus	9th Grade Head Girls' Basketball Coach
Ozzie Gavazzi	Middle School Head Wrestling Coach

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Bryan Patnesky	Middle School Head Wrestling Coach
Brian Krenzela	9th Grade Head Wrestling Coach
Bill Adams	9th Grade Assistant Wrestling Coach
Damien Patragas	9th Grade Assistant Wrestling Coach
Michael Maffei	TSA Sponsor at Canonsburg Middle School

The motion carried with all present voting aye, with the exception of Mr. Pintar who voted nay on the retro-active hirings.

Substitute List Addendum

Mr. Affinito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated January, 2004-R.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Policies

Mr. Arista made a motion, seconded by Mr. Affinito that the Board adopt the following new policies:

1. Parent Involvement Policy
2. Gifted Education Services Policy

The motion carried unanimously.

Veteran's Memorial

Mr. Affinito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yorke that the Board approve the American Legion to have the WWII Veteran's Memorial placed on school district property near Canonsburg Middle School and the WWI Veteran's Memorial.

The motion carried unanimously.

Enrollment Boundary Analysis and Transportation Review

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yorke that the Board approve the proposal from Management Partnership Services, Inc. to conduct an enrollment boundary analysis and transportation review.

The motion carried unanimously.

Student Trips

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yorke that the Board approve the following trips:

1. the high school band to participate in both the 2004 Magic Music Days Celebration in Walt Disney World and a competition in Orlando, Florida, on May 6-10, 2004.
2. the high school varsity softball team to attend a spring training trip to Charlotte, North Carolina, on March 24-28, 2004.
3. the high school wrestling team to attend the Virginia Duals on January 8-10, 2004, retroactively.
4. the varsity cheerleaders to compete in the AmeriCheer National High School Cheerleading Championships to be held in Orlando, Florida, on March 25-29, 2004.

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

High School Course Changes

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board approve the high school course changes for the 2004-05 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

High School Band Uniforms

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board approve the process for bidding of new band uniforms for the 2004-05 school year.

The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Buchleitner shared sample logos with the Board. The students will decide on which they like.

Emergency Generator Service

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board approve Bridgeway Power for emergency generator service at an annual cost of \$4,435.

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

Change Orders

Mr. Pintar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Affinito that the Board approve the following change orders for North Strabane Intermediate School:

1. change order request #40N from RYCON Construction in the amount of \$5,300 to add gravel walkway and fence behind the backstop at the upper ballfield and to add concrete apron at entrance to utility shed.
2. change order request #41N from RYCON Construction in the amount of \$4,000 to add work and material for heating equipment valves and piping not shown on the contract documents.

and approve the final negotiated change amount of \$31,148 for Cecil Intermediate School.

The motion carried unanimously.

Field Surface

Mr. Affinito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yorke that the Board begin the process for development of specifications and bidding for new artificial turf for the athletic field at Memorial Stadium.

The motion carried unanimously.

Revision of Class Size Policy

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Affinito that the Board amend Class Size Policy 5309 for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year that no classes will be split after January 28, 2004 (end of the first semester). This

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amendment will stay in effect until all issues of redistricting and class size are resolved through the committee process.

Mr. Mastrangelo amended the motion, seconded by Mr. Bowman that the revision to the policy go into effect immediately.

The amendment failed with all present voting nay, with the exception of Mr. Mastrangelo and Mr. Bowman who voted aye.

The main motion failed with all present voting nay, with the exception of Mr. Affinito who voted aye.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:

The following students were winners of the "Giving Thanks" essay contest sponsored by Canonsburg Hospital: Lauren Harbaugh of Hills-Hendersonville Elementary, and Emma Engel of Borland Manor Elementary.

Emily LoGreco and Andrew Hann, high school chorus students, have been selected to participate in the PMEA District 1 Chorus Festival on January 28-30 at North Allegheny Senior High School.

The following high school chorus students have been selected to participate in the Washington County Band and Chorus Festival on January 24 and February 6 at Chartiers-Houston Senior High School: Emily LoGreco, Andrew Hann, Krystal Michaelson, Carrie Cessna, Leesa Michaelson, Jesse McNurlen, Chad Grosso, and Ryan Brown.

Katie Siffrinn and Andrew Strauch of North Strabane Intermediate School and Katie Galicic, Travis Arrigoni, and Chris Marra of Cecil Intermediate School have been selected to participate at the PMEA Elementary Sing Festival to be held at the Monongahela Elementary Center in the Ringgold School District on March 5.

Renee Lani of North Strabane Intermediate has been selected a "Young Observer" for the Observer Reporter newspaper. Renee is the first sixth grader to be selected.

Roy Harr and Steve Tiberio, both North Strabane Intermediate students, were awarded the Boy Scouts of America "Super Achiever" award for completing all twenty of the achievement pins available to Webelos Scouts.

Mitchell Bayne, a fifth grader at Cecil Intermediate School, placed second in the local Elks essay contest entitled: "What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me." Mitchell received a \$50.00 savings bond from the Canonsburg Elks. North Strabane Intermediate students Christos Semanderes and Carly Hupp placed first and second respectively in the same contest.

Brett Stawiarski, a sixth grade student at Cecil Intermediate School, won his school's Geography Bee and will advance to the next level of competition.

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January is School Director Recognition Month in honor of all school board members who volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of public education in our community.

Information

1. South Central Elementary teacher Jason Legg will be taking a child rearing leave for the second semester of the 2003-04 school year. Colleen Sciorilli, High School social studies teacher, and Margaret DeProspero, North Strabane Intermediate School teacher, will be taking maternity leaves for the second semester of the 2003-04 school year.

Adjournment

Mr. Pihakis adjourned the meeting at 8:12 P.M. He announced that an executive session would follow the meeting.

Sharon L. Avbel

Secretary