

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 19, 2006**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:10 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.

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
- Ms. Linda Kappel, Federal Coordinator
- Mr. Francis DiSalle, Solicitor
- Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary

Agenda Approval

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration

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

- Regular Meeting of the Board, May 15, 2006
- Committee Meeting of the Board, June 5, 2006
- Committee Meeting of the Board, June 12, 2006
- Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, June 12, 2006

	Current		Budgeted	Percent of
FOR MAY, 2006	Collections	Year to Date	2005-06	Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$97,479.85	\$550,417.13	\$348,874	157.8%
North Strabane Township	250,335.33	1,178,514.16	1,250,795	94.2%
Cecil Township	124,348.01	1,069,351.91	1,250,795	85.5%

The motion carried unanimously.

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Bills for Ratification and Approval

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

For Ratification:

FOR MAY, 2006

General Fund	\$3,321,332.29
Athletic Fund	1,330.00
Cafeteria Fund	319,086.48

For Approval:

FOR JUNE, 2006

General Fund	\$310,018.70
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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 MAY, 2006

.....\$52,461	Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval <u>Prior</u> to Transfer
	Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification <u>Subsequent</u> to Transfer
\$220,100

The motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. DiSalle stated that he had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Mr. Yorke asked for verification that the district was purchasing 30 new band uniforms. He also stated that possibly the newspaper was inaccurate in the article about the average increase per household due to the tax increase. Mr. Yorke mentioned that he would be attending a meeting at the Intermediate Unit on Thursday.

Citizens Speak

The following citizens addressed the Board:

Paul Pozonsky	1023 Highland Drive, Canonsburg	H.S. Baseball Coach
Karen Harr		Hire the best teacher
G. Helmick	Canonsburg	Opposed to tax increase

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Resignations

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

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1. the resignation of Jamie Sadowski from her position as a 4th grade teacher at First Street Elementary School, effective August 23, 2006.
2. the resignation of Joanne Gump from her position as a special education aide, effective June 2, 2006, for the purpose of retirement. Mrs. Gump has been an aide since 1996.
3. the resignation of Margaret Semulka from her position as a 2 ½ hour cafeteria worker at Cecil Intermediate School, effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school year.
4. the resignation of Grace Matyuf from her position as a 4 hour custodian at Muse Elementary, effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school year for the purpose of retirement.
5. the following extra-curricular resignations:

Kathryn Brenchak	Odyssey of the Mind Sponsor, effective June 6, 2006
Amy Hancq	Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach
Melissa DalBon	Head Middle School Girls Soccer Coach
Terri Flaherty	Assistant Middle School Girls Soccer Coach
Barbara Waddington	Assistant Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach
Andrew Medved	Head Girls Volleyball Coach

The motion carried unanimously.

High School Principal

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board hire Dr. Michael Ghilani as the principal of Canon-McMillan High School at a starting salary of \$95,000, effective at the start of the 2006-2007 school year.

The motion carried with all present voting aye, with the exception of Mr. Affinito who abstained.

Elementary Principal

Mr. Affinito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yorke that the Board hire Grace Lani as an elementary principal at Borland Manor Elementary and Wylandville Elementary at a starting salary of \$78,000, effective at the start of the 2006-2007 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Other Appointments

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

1. change Janie Senay-Peyat from a 2 1/4 hour cafeteria worker at Muse Elementary to a 3 1/4 hour cafeteria worker at the same school, effective at the start of the 2006-07 school year.
2. change Sally Adamski from a 2 1/4 hour cafeteria worker at Cecil Elementary to a 3 1/4 hour cafeteria worker at the same school, effective at the start of the 2006-07 school year.

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3. hire Joan Long as a 2 1/4 hour cafeteria worker at Muse Elementary, effective at the start of the 2006-07 school year.
4. hire Penney Manning as a 2 1/4 hour cafeteria worker at Cecil Elementary, effective at the start of the 2006-07 school year.
5. approve the following extra-curricular positions at the contracted rate:

William Belleno	Special Education Department Chair	\$1,
		300
Tim Mousetis	Head Varsity Golf Coach	\$2,609
Shannon Crombie	Ass't. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$3,838
6. appoint Amy Hancq as a volunteer girls soccer coach.
7. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated June 2006.

The motion carried unanimously.

Other Recommendations

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

1. approve the memorandum of understanding with Canon-McMillan Education Association for two additional extra-curricular positions.
2. approve the opening of all girls volleyball and boys volleyball coaching positions.

The motion carried unanimously.

Textbook Adoptions

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board adopt the following health textbook (K-6): "Harcourt Health and Fitness," published by Harcourt, Inc., 2007, and the following biology book (grade 10): "Holt Biology," published by Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 2006.

The motion carried unanimously.

Student Trips

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board approve the following student trips:

1. Nine day trip for no more than 24 students to France as close as possible to the spring break of 2007.
2. Trip to Spain to be taken over the spring break of 2007.
3. Student trip to attend the PA State Thespian Conference on November 30, December 1 & 2, 2006 in Connellsville, PA. The only district expense would be for bus transportation.
4. Four students and a chaperone to the National TSA Leadership Conference and Competition in Dallas, Texas on June 21-25, 2006.

If the Secretary of Homeland Defense declares a Code Red, any previously approved trips are cancelled. The Superintendent has the authority to cancel trips regardless of Code Red status to preserve the welfare and safety of our students and staff.

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The motion carried unanimously.

Fundraisers

Mr. Cianelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve the fundraisers for the 2006-2007 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

2006-2007 Budget

Mr. Arista made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
2006-2007 BUDGET

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Section 687 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the Board of School Directors of Canon-McMillan School District, at a meeting of January 17, 2006, submitted a proposed budget for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2006 and ...

WHEREAS... also in accordance with the provisions of Section 687, public notice has been given more than ten (10) days prior to this meeting, and this is the date set for the adoption of said budget, which has been available for public inspection for more than twenty (20) days prior to this meeting...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... that the budget, including salaries, of the Canon-McMillan School District is hereby adopted, as revised, as the annual budget for the school district of Canon-McMillan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006... and said budget is in the amount of \$49,964,881.

The motion carried unanimously.

Taxes

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS ... a portion of the necessary revenue to operate schools is provided by a school tax on real estate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ... that a real estate tax is levied and assessed at the rate of 92 mills, or \$9.20 on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property. Of said millage, 25 mills are levied for general purposes and 67 mills are levied pursuant to the authority vested in the school district by Section 672 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, to pay, in part minimum salaries and increments of the teaching and supervisory staff and to pay interest and principal on indebtedness incurred pursuant to the "Local Government Unit Debt Act," as amended; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED ... that a 2% discount be granted on taxes paid on or before September 30, 2006; and

FURTHER, RESOLVED... that taxes paid between October 1, 2006 and November 30, 2006 shall be paid at face, and

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FURTHER, RESOLVED... that taxes paid on and after December 1, 2006 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 shall be subject to a penalty of 10% of the face amount thereof.

WHEREAS... a portion of the necessary revenue to operate schools is provided by an interim real estate tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... that an interim real estate tax is levied on any building or major improvement to real property not included in the tax duplicate of the School District as of July 1, 2006, pursuant to the authority vested in the School District by Section 6-677.1 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED... that a 2% discount be granted on taxes paid on or before 60 days of the date of the tax notice, and;

FURTHER, RESOLVED... that taxes paid within the 60 days following the above period after the interim tax billing shall be paid at face, and;

FURTHER, RESOLVED... that taxes paid after the 60 day face period of the interim tax billing shall be subject to a penalty of 10% of the face amount thereof.

WHEREAS... a portion of the necessary revenue to operate the schools is provided by a tax on earned income;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... that the existing Earned Income Tax is hereby levied and assessed at the rate of 0.5 % of earned income.

WHEREAS... a portion of the necessary revenue to operate the schools is provided by a tax on the transfer of real estate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... that the existing Real Estate Transfer Tax is hereby levied and assessed at the rate of 1% of the sale price of the real estate.

WHEREAS... a portion of the necessary revenue to operate the schools is provided by an Occupational Privilege Tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... that the existing Occupational Privilege Tax is hereby levied and assessed at the rate of \$5.00 per person.

The motion carried unanimously.

Bids

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board approve the following bids for the 2006-07 school year:

1. Field Maintenance - M. D. Murphy Tree Farm
2. I.U. Bids:

Kurtz	\$ 52,650.85
Dick Blick	272.69
Hampton Office	17,921.72
A. G. F.	2,629.55
Van Dyk	26,104.10

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	Savin	2,955.92	
	School Specialty	2,533.38	
	Vision Business	795.95	
	Cascade	<u>7,145.74</u>	
		\$113,009.90	
3.	Athletic Bids		
	All American Sports Corp.	\$ 477.60	
	Aluminum Athletic Equip.	176.50	
	ATS Total Sports	509.15	
	B&R Pools and Swim Shop	1,125.50	
	Century Sports, Inc.	40,318.35	
	Henry Schein, Inc.	5,862.69	
	IBIS Tek	7,091.25	
	Passon's Sports	<u>790.81</u>	
		\$ 56,351.85	
4.	Tire Bids		
	West Tire		Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and disposal charges for light and medium truck tires

The motion carried unanimously.

Mini-Grant Winners

Mr. Affinito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board award the mini-grants to the following teachers in the amount of \$800 each:

Lynette Stewart	South Central Elem.	"Blankets with Love"
Lucy Moninger & Stacie Scheidler	Cecil Elem.	"Mac Money Makes 'Cents'"
Michelle Patragas & Jody Stein	North Strabane Inter.	"A Hands-On Approach to Physics and Chemistry"
Karen Gavazzi & Mary Dombrowski	North Strabane Inter.	"Around the World in 181 Days"
Ava Hoefler & Heather Shaffer	Hills-Hendersonville First Street Elem.	"24"
Jaime Schutte (assisted by Tacy Ross, secretary)	First Street Elem.	"First Street Walks to Space"

The motion carried unanimously.

Medical and Dentist Services

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board approve Dr. DeRienzo as the school physician for the 2006-07 school year at the current rate and Dr. Sulkowski as the school district dentist for the 2006-07 school year at the current cost, \$1.50 per exam.

The motion carried unanimously.

Authorization of Business Manager

Mr. Pintar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo that the Board authorize the Business Manager to a) approve the payment of bills, and b) accept all lowest responsible bids during the summer. Mr. Yorke, Treasurer, will be the Board's representative to review the bills and bids with Mr. Mamula.

The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

Mr. Pintar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board authorize the Business Manager to make the necessary budget transfers to assist in the closing of the 2005-06 accounting records.

The motion carried unanimously.

Stadium Rental

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yorke that the Board approve the agreement for stadium rental with the Pittsburgh Colts Football Team.

The motion carried unanimously.

Change to 2006-2007 School Calendar

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board change April 27, 2007 from a ½ day dismissal to a full day Act 80 day.

The motion carried unanimously.

Insurance

Mr. Cianelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve a revised insurance premium for the Commercial Package policy for 2006-07 at a reduced cost of \$101,634. This is \$10,288 less due to Robert Simonin reducing his commission. The district would like to thank Mr. Simonin for his continued help and support to the district.

The motion carried with all present voting aye, with the exception of Mr. Affinito who abstained.

Cecil Township Sewage

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board approve sending a letter of intent to participate in the Millers Run Sewage Project and approve the Deed of Sanitary Sewer Easement near Cecil Elementary School.

The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:
The following middle school students won awards at the regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition: Gold Key Award – Rachel Poirier; and Silver Key Award – Chaunty Kessler.

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Jared Hladycz of Wylandville Elementary has achieved four years of perfect attendance (K-3) and Greg Banner of North Strabane Intermediate has achieved three years of perfect attendance (4-6).

Librarian Rosalind Levine wrote and won two grants this year from the Ernest Q. Johnson Cultural Trust. One grant was called "Investigating and Learning about Different Cultures in the Global Community at the Cecil Intermediate School Library/Media Center" and the other grant was called "Enjoying Literature and Improving Reading Skills at the North Strabane Intermediate School Library/Media Center." Mrs. Levine was given \$1,500 for each grant.

Nurse Sue Vulcano on behalf of Canonsburg Middle School was awarded a \$6,160 grant from HighMark for the 7th Grade Annual CM Fit Targeting Fitness Day on September 29, 2006.

The following North Strabane Intermediate School students were recipients of the President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence: Ryan Baumgartner, Patrick Beam, Casey Brett, Emma Chase, Logan Clark, Brandon Cottrill, Zachary Edgell, Tyler Engel, Eric Falascino, Michael Harrison, Victoria Horak, Donald Iams, Benjamin Jones, Samuel Kelly, Victoria Ketter, Nathan Lemley, Brandon Lucot, Kayla Lutz, Elisabeth Mahoney, Breanna McCartney, Morgan McMurdy, Colton Niccolai, Alixandra Papi, Casey Peel, John Pezza, Riley Piechnick, Michael Reis, Tara Schram, Stephen Strosko, Amy Vogrig, Joseph Witkowski, and Gwen Wygal.

The following North Strabane Intermediate School students were recipients of the President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement: Jacob Billy, Aimee Blaze, Brandon Christian, Matthew Douglas, Benjamin DuCarme, Carson Fox, David Franz, Cassandra Fraysier, Justin Gibson, William Hervol, Jonah Hladycz, Emily Hughes, Ashley Hull, Jenna LaVecchia, Ashley Madia, Sarah Maleski, Lauren Manning, Zackhary Mauser, Jared Pacella, Kari Pankas, Alexis Paquin, Nicholas Podlaszewski, Riley Poness, Erica Regoli, Kevin Renzelli, Tyler Rice, Ian Robinson, Colton Shorts, Alexandria Smith, Hayden Smutney, Megan Smutney, Alyssa Thomas, Stephanie Tress, Nicole Valeri, Zachary Vargo, and David Williams.

Other

1. Ms. Link asked the athletic chairperson, Mr. Affinito, to check to be sure the athletic physicals would be held at the High School.

Adjournment

Mr. Romano adjourned the meeting at 7:51 P.M.

Sharon L. Arbel

Secretary