

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 21, 2010**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the President, Mr. Pihakis, at the Canon-McMillan Administration Building, One North Jefferson Avenue, Canonsburg, PA.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Pihakis announced that an executive session had been held prior to the meeting for personnel. He asked that if anyone was recording or filming the meeting, they give their name and address. There was no response.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken.

Robert Malwitz	P	Darla Bowman-Monaco	P	Joe Zupancic	P
Zeffie Carroll	P	Manuel Pihakis	P	Paul Scarmazzi	P
Debbie Link	P	Laura Grossman	A	Eric Kline	P

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

Dr. Helen McCracken, Superintendent  
Mr. Michael Daniels, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Ms. Joni Mansmann, Director of Business and Finance  
Mr. Michael Lucas, Solicitor  
Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary

**Agenda Approval**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens Speak**

No citizens addressed the Board on agenda items.

**General Items for Consideration**

Mr. Malwitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the following minutes, treasurer's report, wage tax reports, and bills for ratification and approval:

Regular Meeting of the Board, May 17, 2010  
Special Meeting of the Board, June 3, 2010  
Committee Meeting of the Board, June 14, 2010  
Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, June 14, 2010

WAGE TAX REPORT FOR MAY, 2010	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2009-10	% of Expected
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Canonsburg Borough	\$259,193.88	\$619,347.76	\$300,000	206.5%
North Strabane Twp.	545,527.67	1,228,933.71	1,400,000	87.8%
Cecil Township	576,377.79	1,247,849.79	1,300,000	96.0%

Bills For Ratification:

FOR MAY, 2010

General Fund	\$3,593,637.16
Athletic Fund	4,792.13
Cafeteria Fund	77,397.15

Bills for Approval:

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General Fund	\$342,344.07
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The motion carried unanimously.

**Budget Transfers**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kline that the Board approve the following budget transfers:

FOR JUNE, 2010

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval <u>Prior</u> to Transfer .....	\$61,672.
Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification <u>Subsequent</u> to Transfer ....	\$43,841.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

Mr. Zupancic stated that the recommendation of the athletic committee for the girls head basketball coach and girls head volleyball coach are listed on tonight's agenda.

Ms. Bowman-Monaco stated that the buildings and grounds committee has received a priority list from Mr. Huddart. They will review it to see what can be done this summer.

***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

**Resignations**

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

1. the resignation of Marci Foley from her position as a paraprofessional at North Strabane Intermediate School effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year.
2. Be it resolved, the School Board of Directors of the Canon-McMillan School District hereby accepts the resignation of Fred Custer from his position as a middle school social studies teacher effective June 30, 2010 and hereby approves the separation agreement.

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On a roll call vote the motion carried with all present voting aye with the exception of Mr. Kline who voted nay.

## Appointments

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board approve the following appointments:

1. hire Dr. Kara Wisniewski as a school psychologist (Act 93, 215 day position) at an annual salary of \$50,000 effective at the start of the 2010-11 school year.
2. hire the following temporary professional teachers for the 2010-2011 school year at the contracted rate:

Janet Gilbert	elementary teacher
Erin Stankus (Step 2)	elementary teacher
Robert Stone	driver's education teacher
3. hire Diane Edwards as a 10-month secretary at the High School effective at the start of the 2010-11 school year at the contracted salary.
4. change the status of Jill Wales from a 2.25 hour cafeteria worker at First Street Elementary to a 2.5 hour cafeteria worker at North Strabane Intermediate effective August 17, 2010.
5. hire Alicia Long as a 2.25 hour cafeteria worker at First Street Elementary effective August 17, 2010.
6. hire Denise Lewis as a temporary 12-month secretary for the transportation department at the support facility from August 2, 2010 through January 3, 2011.
7. change the status of Frank Thompson from a 4 hour custodian at Muse Elementary to an 8 hour custodian at the High School effective June 30, 2010.
8. change the status of Karen Shinshasky from an 8 hour custodian at Cecil Intermediate to a temporary 8 hour head custodian at the same school effective June 7, 2010.
9. approve the following extra-curricular personnel at the salaries set forth on the agenda:

Joe Grosso	Junior varsity golf coach	\$1,917
Frank Zebrasky	Head girls basketball coach	\$7,128
Ken Wingard	Head girls volleyball coach	\$3,415
Russ Moore	First assistant football coach	\$5,977
Todd Ogrodowski	Assistant varsity football coach	\$5,122
Brian Smith	Assistant varsity football coach	\$5,122
Brian Ward	Assistant varsity football coach	\$5,122
Brian Barnhart	Assistant varsity football coach	\$5,122
Marvin Dunklin	Assistant varsity football coach	\$5,122
Dennis Cole	Assistant varsity football coach	\$5,122

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Larry Clutter	Assistant varsity football coach	\$5,122
Lance Vallee	9 <sup>th</sup> grade head football coach	\$3,850
Jeff Ogradowski	9 <sup>th</sup> grade assistant football coach	\$2,905
Jon Weber	Middle school football coach	\$2,905
Paul Wolf	Middle school football coach	\$2,905
Mike Miller	Middle school football coach	\$2,905
Mike Koot	Middle school football coach	\$2,905

10. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated June 2010.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Other Recommendations**

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

1. approve the discipline recommendation for Student H and Student I on the basis of Stipulated Adjudications.
2. deny the SEIU grievances.
3. approve the memorandum of understanding with the Canon-McMillan Education Association related to the retirement allowance.
4. approve the sabbatical leave of absence for professional development for Sally Jeswilkowski for the 2010-2011 school year.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried with all present voting aye with the exception of Ms. Bowman-Monaco who voted nay.

### **Bids**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the following bids for the 2010-11 school year:

1. Tires
2. Bus
3. Custodial
4. I.U.

Kurtz	\$51,923.29
Standard Ceramic	6.00
J.E. Foss	48.30
Cascade	3,385.55
National Art	9,181.68
Hampton	2,730.35
RIS Paper	14,969.40
Scott Electric	1,104.81
Mark IV	5,134.88
Standard Stationary	869.82

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Triarco	794.25
Blick Art	371.36
AGF	17,039.08

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Fundraisers**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Board approve the fundraisers for the 2010-11 school year.

Ms. Carroll asked that a schedule of the various fundraisers be provided. The motion carried unanimously.

**Mini-Grants**

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

Beth Bowen	Cecil Elementary	Learning Styles: Identifying the Key to Every Student's Success
Tiffany Kolarcik	South Central Elem.	"I" Touch the Future
Rebecca Raub & Sherri Snyder	North Strabane Intermediate	Digital Literacy Makes Reading Easy ... Get Carried Away with a Playaway
Ashley Knizner	Cecil Elementary	Family Fun Night
Paula Martin	South Central Elem.	What I Learned in Extended Day Kindergarten
Stefanie Nesser & Heather Hagerman	Muse Elementary	Think Tac Toe

The motion carried unanimously.

**Contracts**

Ms. Bowman-Monaco made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the following contracts:

1. approve the agreement with Canonsburg General Hospital for providing a number of nursing assistants for the 2010-11 school year.
2. approve the agreement with Frank Vulcano to continue the Powerade Christmas Wrestling Tournament for an additional three years commencing in 2011.
3. approve the agreement with Marilyn Posner, public relations coordinator, for the 2010-11 school year.
4. approve iN Community Magazine for community publications for the 2010-11

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school year.

5. approve the agreement with the Service Employees' International Union, AFL-CIO, Local 32BJ effective July 1, 2010 through and including June 30, 2013.
6. approve the independent contractor agreement with Janet Bucey for the 2010-2011 school year for occupational therapy services.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried with all present voting eye with the exception of Mr. Kline who abstained.

#### **Authorization of Director of Business and Finance**

Ms. Bowman-Monaco made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board authorize the Director of Business and Finance to a) approve the payment of bills, and b) accept all lowest responsible bids during the summer. Mr. Malwitz, treasurer, will be the Board's representative to review the bills and bids with the Director of Business and Finance. Also, the Board should authorize the Director of Business and Finance to make the necessary budget transfers to assist in the closing of the 2009-2010 accounting records.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Medical and Dentist Services**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board approve Dr. DeRienzo as the school physician for the 2010-11 school year at the current rate of \$6.00 per student and Dr. Sulkowski as the school dentist for the 2010-11 school year at the current rate of \$1.50 per exam.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Physician for Athletics**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board continue its agreement with Dr. Anthony Canterna to serve as the school district physician to provide athletic physicals and provide home football game coverage for the 2010-11 school year at a cost of \$10,000.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **2010-2011 Budget**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board adopt the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION 2010-2011 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 February 16, 2010, submitted a proposed budget for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2010 and ...

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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, 2010... and said budget is in the amount of \$61,685,839 which is a 3.56 mil increase.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried with all present voting aye with the exception of Ms. Link who voted nay.

## **Taxes**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco 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 105.41 mills, or \$10.54 on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property. Of said millage, 25 mills are levied for general purposes and 80.41 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, 2010; and

FURTHER, RESOLVED... that taxes paid between October 1, 2010 and November 30, 2010 shall be paid at face, and

FURTHER, RESOLVED... that taxes paid on and after December 1, 2010 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 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, 2010, 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.

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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.

#### **Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution**

Ms. Bowman Monaco made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board adopt the 2010 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Disposal of School Busses**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman-Monaco that the Board approve the disposal of two school busses through the 422 auction.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Recognition**

The Board recognized the following:

Hannah McClendon, a student at Canonsburg Middle School, was named the language arts winner in Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's Litter Hawk Youth Award Program. Hannah wrote a poem about recycling, "What Can We Do?" She illustrated the effect that humans have on the environment and makes suggestions to reduce humans' footprints. The Litter Hawk program gives children and teens a chance to illustrate their concern about littering and illegal dumping prevention, recycling, proper disposal, beautification and stewardship through visual arts, language arts and community outreach activities.

Guy Montecalvo was one of two individuals honored with the Tri-State Track & Field Coaches Association Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented on May 20 at Baldwin High School.

Seven Canon-McMillan athletes garnered very special awards at the Almanac Premiere Performers Banquet held at the Greentree Radisson on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Michael Hull was named "Male Athlete of the Year", Taylor Schram was named Female

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Soccer "Player of the Year" and was a finalist for "Female Athlete of the Year", Nick Gibson was named Male Track & Field "Athlete of the Year", Chelsea Zahn was named Female Track & Field "Athlete of the Year", Conner Schram was named Wrestling "Athlete of the Year", Brendan McGinnis was a finalist for the "Waldie/Shaeffer Award", and Chad Hagan was a finalist for Male "Athlete of the Year". These awards were won in competition with such Almanac area schools as: Upper St. Clair, Mt. Lebanon, Bethel Park, Peters Twp., Chartiers Valley, South Fayette, Seton-La Salle, Chartiers-Houston, etc.

Mr. Mike Maffei, Canonsburg Middle School Technology Education teacher, received a grant for \$3,000 from the Ernest Q. Johnson for Charity group to help with upgrade costs of the computer applications class. The Computer Learning Curriculum (CLC) allows for students to experience various aspects aligned with the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education recommendations. To date, this is Mr. Maffei's third grant that he received to help fund the program.

Nathan Lewis of Cecil Intermediate School has achieved 6 years of perfect attendance and Nicholas Lesjak of the same school has achieved 5 years.

The boys track team won the WPIAL championship in May. This was their second WPIAL championship in three years.

Muse Elementary School ranked second in an analysis conducted by the Pittsburgh Business Times which looked at three years worth of Pennsylvania System of School Assessment Exam results. A total of 327 schools were ranked.

Payton Miller, a second grader at Muse Elementary, was entered into the Heinz Art Contest. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Heinz was at Muse to present her with a \$1,000 check and Muse was presented with a voucher for \$1,000 worth of Heinz ketchup. Her artwork will be on the new ketchup packages coming out in January.

Melody Vissman, a third grader at Hills-Hendersonville Elementary was one of 400 State Finalists in the Doodle 4 Google contest. Her doodle was chosen from a total of 33,000 entries from across the country.

The middle school band scored the highest out of the twelve bands in attendance at Hershey Park at the end of May. Symphonic Band and Concert Band both took 1st place with Superior ratings. They also won the top overall middle school band award (highest scoring band) and were the only school to win the Esprit De Corps Award which is for the most disciplined, well mannered group that has the "it" factor which makes them a cut above the rest of the bands.

The following students from Cecil Intermediate School have achieved the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence: Lucas Abbondanza, Katherine Barbarossa, Mark Bowers, Haylee Bunner, Nicholas Charles, Austin Czartorski, Corrine Day, Jordan Dobbin, Rachael Dodaro, Nicholas Donofrio, Nicole Fitch, Emily Francis, Erica Ganser, Taylor Gebhart, Victoria Gesselberty, Rachel Hodges, Austin Homerosky, Marcus Kairush, Jada Kemp, Nicholas Kiger, Andrew Kim,

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Karissa Kubiczki, Christina Le, Sabrina Linck, Stacie Motosicke, Benjamin Ostrowski, Caley Piechnick, Ashleigh Pifferetti, Alena Poljak, Taylor Riedel, Andrew Rust, Ashley Setto, Drew Sipos, Kayla Steiner, Allison Thomas, Devon Trieshock, Anthony Vercek, Jacob Viviano, and Abigail Zanardelli. These Cecil Intermediate students have achieved the Presidential Award for Educational Achievement: Brittany Bernaciak, Alyssa Bernens, Allison Brekosky, Ian Brumbaugh, Sierra Cervantes, Connor Cooley, Edward Cottrill, Cooper Donehoo, Emily Dowling, Brendan Downey, Nicholas Fulks, Alexa Garver, Ian Godfrey, Brandon Hanlin, Ashley Hannigan, Paige Harlan, Grace Harris, Meagan Hart, Kate Hart, Brooke Hoffman, Nicole Klein, Nicholas Konyk, Steele Kosarik, Jenna Kowalo, Luc Lavella, Dean Leasure, Alexis Lohm, Evan Macioszek, Luke Maher, Mercedes Manda, Kelci Marchetti, Timothy Marra, Jesse Marra, John McDermitt, Blake Mechtel, Andreas Migias, Theodore Mikula, Jordan Miles, Joshua Miller, Zachary Moore, Ahmad Morris Walker, Kelsey Murano, Gage Poljak, Olyvia Reed, Grant Rhoads, Brighton Richter, Linda Rush, Emily Seckar, Richard Sherman, Christian Snatchko, Zachary Sodini, Morgan Spoharski, Dylan Springer, Maria Stopenski, Elizabeth Sweda, Gabriella Sweitzer, Garrett Tatano, Anthony Ventura, Erin Veydt, Allyssa Yenchik, Lauren Yesenchak, and James Zeremenko.

The following students from North Strabane Intermediate School have achieved the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence: Jaime Bisbey, Alexander Boni, Christopher Buchleitner, Brittany Byer, Patrick Corwin, Erika Coury, Andrew Cummins, Anthony D'Amico, Kate DuCarme, Domenic Eannace, Caroline Finney, Ethan Galambos, Valerie Galati, Megan Galderise, Marlie Gallagher, Antonia Gelorme, Gabriella Gochman, Charles Harr, Ronan Holland, Mackenzie Jacobs, Melanie Jones, Jaden Klan, Trisha Klan, Faith Lohr, Noah Miller, Matthew Mish, Arjun Mittal, Regis Nairn, Joshua Palma, Gregory Pansino, Bridget Paonessa, Autumn Pliska, Eric Podlaszewski, Kirsten Rush, Katelyn Sarver, Julia Severyn, Carly Shanahan, Kenneth Sible, Jordan Smith, David Stawowczyk, Dara Thomas, Connor Towers, Michael Trossman, Ashlyn Whipple, and Grayson Young. These North Strabane Intermediate students have achieved the Presidential Award for Educational Achievement: Alexander Ablak, Mitchell Barton, Kelsey Baxter, Kathrine Buxton, Lindsay Carlson, Christian Chapman, Shane Danyo, Jared Dernoshok, Ariana Diaz, Christopher Elish, Darrien Ewig, Justin Fleischmann, Brianna Galardini, Monica Godfrey, Cortny Goodell, Austin Harrity, Ryan Holveck, Natalie Hritsko, Braden Illig, Hannah Kitchen, Jonathan Klan, Micah Kusturiss, Haylee LaBarbera, Declan Lewis, Bart Lorusso, Angeline Majestic, Breanna McDade, Jacob Nicolaus, Paige Novick, Alexa Nyiri, Karol Parkhill, Nickolas Peroni, Tanner Piechnick, Chloe Rotondo, Madison Ruane, Michael Sadlek, Kelly Shannon, Jacob Shuman, Justin Smereczniak, Brett Smiley, Gabrielle Spencer, Madelyne Spotloe, Liboria Street, Zachary Streno, Emily Sulc, Eric Tarentino, Dalton Tinnemeyer, Rebecca Turney, Mackenzie Wagner, Richard Wagner, Jessica Walsh, Collin Whitten, and Garrett Whitten.

Chelsea Zahn placed third in the discus at the PIAA Track & Field Championships. This is her second state medal in as many years.

Students in first grade at Cecil Elementary School put together a community service

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project titled, "Snuggle Up and Read." During the month of May, gently used children's books and stuffed animals were collected, tied into bundles and sent to children in need to continue the importance of reading over the summer. Cecil Elementary was able to donate 170 bundles and approximately 60 chapter books.

The Canonsburg Middle School Concert Choir and CMS Singers performed for an adjudication on Friday, May 28th at Carnegie Mellon University. Both groups received Superior ratings and trophies from the judges.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> Grant Strimel received the Washington-Greene Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame "Scholar Athlete Award."

**Citizens Speak**

No citizens addressed the Board.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Pihakis adjourned the meeting at 7:25 P.M. An executive session will follow the meeting for personnel.

*Sharon L. Arbel*

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Board Secretary