

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**MAY 16, 2005**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by the President, Mr. Affinito, in the Cecil Elementary School, 36 Cecil Elementary Drive, Cecil, 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
Manuel Pihakis	P	Edward Yorke	P	John Bowman	P
Debbie Link	P	Kevin Mastrangelo	P	Jay 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. Glenn Mamula, Business Manager  
Mr. Lee Schafer, Director of Support Services  
Ms. Linda Kappel, Federal Coordinator  
Mr. Francis DiSalle, Solicitor  
Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary

**Agenda Approval**

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**Presentations**

Mr. Buchleitner presented a plaque to Sally Gulla, kindergarten teacher at South Central Elementary School, for being named a Teacher Excellence Center Honoree for the 2004-2005 school year. Also receiving a plaque was Tim Bober, a high school student, for placing first in two events at the TSA State Leadership Conference in April.

Mr. Buchleitner also announced that Canon-McMillan was recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for being the first school district in Washington County to be involved in the student assistance program.

**Items for Consideration**

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board accept the following minutes, Treasurer's Report, Wage Tax Reports, and correspondence:

Regular Meeting of the Board, April 18, 2005  
Committee Meeting and Work Session of the Board, April 25, 2005  
Committee Meeting of the Board, May 2, 2005

Committee Meeting of the Board, May 9, 2005  
 Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, May 9, 2005

FOR APRIL, 2005	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2004-05	Percent of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$144,711.42	\$438,109.16	\$342,455	127.9%
North Strabane Township	185,082.70	974,114.75	1,200,795	81.1%
Cecil Township	281,961.07	993,494.34	1,117,226	88.9%

The motion carried unanimously.

**Bills for Ratification and Approval**

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

For Ratification:

FOR APRIL, 2005

General Fund	\$2,718,349.80
Athletic Fund	4,536.02
Cafeteria Fund	68,621.04

For Approval:

FOR MAY, 2005

General Fund	\$405,156.32
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The motion carried with all present voting aye, with the exception of Mr. Pintar and Mr. Pihakis who voted nay.

**Budget Transfers**

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

FOR APRIL, 2005

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval <u>Prior</u> to Transfer .....	\$ 590.00
Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification <u>Subsequent</u> to Transfer ...	\$23,702.00

The motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitor-s Report**

Mr. DiSalle stated that his report was given in executive session.

**Committee Reports**

Mr. Pintar stated that the Superintendent Search Committee has the field narrowed to three candidates. The decision will be made on Monday, May 23.

Mr. Pihakis questioned a bill for attorney fees for the support staff contract negotiations.

**Student Representative Reports**

Mr. Buchleitner stated that the students were attending their senior banquet and could not attend, but had submitted a written report which he proceeded to read. The report detailed all of the end of the year activities which are scheduled.

**Citizens Speak**

No citizens addressed the Board.

***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

**Professional Staff Resignations**

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board accept the letter of resignation of Connie Armitage from her position as principal at South Central Elementary, effective in June, 2005, at the conclusion of her 215 day work year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board accept the letter of resignation and settlement agreement of Mark Hoover from his position as principal of Canon-McMillan High School, effective May 16, 2005.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried with Mr. Mastrangelo, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Pihakis, Mr. Arista, Mr. Yorke, and Mr. Affinito voting aye, and Mr. Pintar, Mr. Romano, and Ms. Link voting nay.

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board accept the letter of resignation of Amy Faust from her position as a teacher at South Central Elementary, effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year, due to her relocation.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board accept the letter of resignation of Michelle Blackhurst from her teaching position, effective June 11, 2003, and settlement agreement.

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

**Other Resignations**

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board accept the following resignations:

1. the resignation of Shirley Fortunato from her position as an 8 hour custodian at South Central Elementary, effective June 1, 2005, for the purpose of retirement. Ms. Fortunato has been employed by Canon-McMillan for 23 **2** years.

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- 2. the following extra-curricular resignations:
 

Ashley Fazio	Canonette Sponsor, effective
	June 2005
Charles Taylor	Boys Tennis Coach

The motion carried unanimously.

**Appointments**

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

- 1. hire Roger Dessify as a temporary 8 hour custodian at South Central Elementary, effective May 17, 2005. Mr. Dessify is presently a 4 hour custodian at the High School.
- 2. hire Joanne Church as a 10-month secretary at Muse Elementary at the contracted rate, effective at the start of the 2005-06 school year.
- 3. transfer Betty Cole to a temporary 10-month secretary position at the High School at the contracted rate, effective at the start of the 2005-06 school year.
- 4. approve the following extra-curricular positions at the contracted rate:
 

Colleen Yarbrough	Spanish Club Sponsor,	\$413
	retro-active to the start of the 2004-05 year	
Lauren Petras	Head Middle School Girls Volleyball Coach	\$2,149
Ginny Goodge	Head Middle School Girls Volleyball Coach	\$2,149
Tracie Hess	Flag Corps Sponsor,	\$1,912
	effective at start of 2005-06 year	
Alyson Pagano	Head Cheerleading Sponsor	\$2,764
	effective at start of 2005-06 year	
- 5. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated May, 2005-R.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Insurance**

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board approve Robert Simonin's insurance recommendations for the 2005-2006 school year:

Commercial Package (ACE-USA)	\$108,254.00
School Leaders Legal Liability (PSBA Ins.Trust)	26,126.00
Umbrella Liability (Old Republic)	15,918.00
Workers Compensation (Old Republic)	<u>213,678.00</u>
	\$363,976.00

The motion carried unanimously.

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**Federal Grant Approval**

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board approve the Federal Grant applications/contracts for the 2005-06 school year. The allocation amount for Title I is \$383,259. The other allocation amounts are not available at this point.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Food Service Agreement**

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo that the Board approve a one year renewal of the food service agreement with Nutrition, Inc. This would be the third year of a five year agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Bids**

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board accept the custodial supply bids.

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

**Tentative Budget**

Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bowman that the Board approve the tentative General Fund Budget for the 2005-2006 school year with a not to exceed total of \$46,108,221, which reflects a 0 mill increase.

Mr. Pintar stated that he could not agree with a 0 mill increase; more reductions need to be looked at since 2 mills was supposed to go into the reserve.

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

**Treasurer**

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bowman that the Board appoint Jay Romano as Board Treasurer for the 2005-06 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Board Secretary**

Mr. Arista made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the Board appoint Sharon Avbel as Board Secretary in accordance with Section 404 of the School Code.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Mini-Grant Award Winners**

Mr. Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board award the mini-grants to the following teachers:

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| Chris Nairn & Ken Schrag   | Canonsburg Middle     | Hands-On Genetics@                        |
| Paula Martin   | South Central Elem.   | Library of My Very Own!@                  |
| Amy Keller   | High School           | Digital Portfolios@                       |
| Sally Gulla  | South Central Elem.   | Reading and Getting it Write!@            |
| Diane Byers  | Muse Elem.            | Math Smart - Differentiated Math Centers@ |
| Lynne Douglas, Sherri Snyder, Erin Vitale, Connie Oluszak, Diane Lodge, Amy Kelemen, Karley Rossi & Jody McIlvaine | North Strabane Inter. | We Are All Different@                     |

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The motion carried unanimously.

### **Ground Lease Agreement**

Mr. Romano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo that the Board approve the ground lease agreement with Matt Bianco School of Baseball.

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

### **Student Trip**

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board approve the Canon-McMillan Thespian Troupe to attend the State Thespian Conference at York Central High School in York, PA, on December 1-3, 2005.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Textbook Adoption**

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board approve the following textbook for the High School Art History course: Exploring Art: A Global Thematic Approach, Thomas Wadsworth, 2005.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Canonsburg Middle School Roofs**

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board authorize the director of support services to continue the process to acquire bids for the Canonsburg Middle School roofs at a 6% fee with the district architect of record.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Stadium Rental**

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

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

### **Recognition**

The Board recognized the following:  
Linda Nichols, high school principal, is the 2005 recipient of the Academy for Adolescent Health, Inc. One Kid at a Time School Administrator Award. The award is given to an administrator who shows exemplary dedication to youth and support for the Academy's Mission to youth. The award will be presented on May 12 at Washington High School.

The Canon-McMillan 1969 football team will be inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Washington/Greene County Chapter on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Holiday Inn Meadowlands. This team was Western Conference Champion in 1969.

The following high school students placed at the TSA State Leadership Conference at

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Seven Springs on April 20-23, 2005: Tim Bober **B** 1<sup>st</sup> in Prepared Presentation, 1<sup>st</sup> in Tech Research and Report Writing, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cyberspace Pursuit, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Extemporaneous Presentation; Kevin Paulsen **B** 2<sup>nd</sup> in PA Safety Illustration Computer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cyberspace Pursuit; Dan Baker **B** 2<sup>nd</sup> in Architectural Model; Dave Baker **B** 2<sup>nd</sup> in Architectural Model, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cyberspace Pursuit, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Desktop Publishing; Richie Paga **B** 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cyberspace Pursuit; Dave Gorman **B** 3<sup>rd</sup> in Agriculture and Biotechnology; Mike Davis **B** 3<sup>rd</sup> in Agriculture and Biotechnology; Cy Messmer **B** 3<sup>rd</sup> in Technology Challenge; and Mike Ryan **B** 3<sup>rd</sup> in Technology Challenge. The following middle school students also placed: Joey Davis **B** 2<sup>nd</sup> in Flight Challenge; Alex Corry, Adam Petris, and Josh Rice **B** 3<sup>rd</sup> in PA R.C. Vehicle; and Adam Petris **B** 3<sup>rd</sup> in PA Safety Illustration Computer Graphics.

Sally Gulla, a kindergarten teacher at South Central Elementary, has been named as a Teacher Excellence Center Honoree for the 2004-2005 school year. She was one of 110 Honorees selected from 63 school districts and 3,330 nominations. Ms. Gulla was honored at the annual Celebration of Teaching Event on April 28 at the Carnegie Music Hall.

**Information** 1. The Clean Buses for Kids funding application completed by Mr. Schafer has been reviewed and approved in the amount of \$284,050.

**Other**

1. Mr. Buchleitner recognized Greg Taranto and the entire Canonsburg Middle School for their participation in the **A**Beating the Odds@ rally at Heinz Field on May 10.
2. Ms. Link stated that she never wanted Honors Band to be eliminated; she is only trying to enhance the program.
3. Mr. Arista mentioned that he had received a nasty letter regarding the band issue. He is not in favor of reducing the numbers in band, but instead supports a better program and if a student prefers not to march, they shouldn't have to. Mr. Arista also gave a brief summary of his previous report on the alternative school.
4. Mr. Pihakis responded to items listed in a political flyer. Mr. Cianelli was given a chance to speak to these issues.

**Adjournment** Mr. Affinito adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M. An executive session followed the meeting.

*Sharon L. Avbel*

Secretary