

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2006**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:12 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. Mr. Yorke participated in the meeting by speakerphone.

Robert Arista	P	Norman Affinito	A	Robert Pintar	P
Kathleen Smith	P	Edward Yorke	P	Nick Cianelli	P
Debbie Link	P	Laura Grossman	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
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 Board Representative
Mr. Steven McKean, Student Board Representative

Agenda Approval

Mr. Cianelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link to amend the agenda to include the authorization for an expenditure to Cypher & Cypher for additional services related to detailed portions of the 2005-06 and 2006-07 budgets at an approximate cost of \$5,000.

The motion to amend the agenda carried unanimously.

Presentation

Mr. Kleinhans, principal of Cecil Elementary, and Ms. Unitas, assistant principal, introduced fourth grade teachers, Ms. Scheidler and Ms. Hart, who spoke about their Mini-Grant – C-Mart. C-Mart is a school store to improve school-wide behavior and attendance, promote character education and allow the students to make a “real world” connection to math.

Mr. Yorke left the meeting at 7:19 P.M.

Items for Consideration

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

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Regular Meeting of the Board, October 16, 2006
Committee Meeting of the Board, October 19, 2006
Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, November 13, 2006

FOR OCTOBER, 2006	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2006-07	% of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$0	\$4,095.18	\$589,780	0.7%
North Strabane Township	63,254.47	159,122.288	1,209,048	13.2%
Cecil Township	94,776.39	94,776.39	1,150,070	8.2%

The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

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

For Ratification:

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General Fund	\$3,156,211.59
Athletic Fund	6,390.12
Cafeteria Fund	142,709.68

For Approval:

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General Fund	\$634,504.61
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The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

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

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification Subsequent to Transfer
...\$308,833.00

The motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. DiSalle stated that he had nothing to report.

Student Representative Reports

The students told the Board about the Winter Dance; three cross country runners who went to States; PSSA retests are over; and that the Fall Play was held.

Citizens Speak

The following citizens addressed the Board:

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Jeffrey Delach	708 Second Street, Canonsburg	Retirement Incentive
James McPeake	Ridge Avenue, Canonsburg	Retirement Incentive
Jane McKenery	505 Bluff Street Canonsburg	Retirement Incentive
Karen Pihakis	3101 Laurel Ridge Circle, Bridgeville	Cheerleading Uniforms
Paul Setto	622 Promise Lane, Canonsburg	Retirement Incentive
Rita Polansky	814 Vance Drive, Canonsburg	Retirement Incentive

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Resignations

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

1. the resignation of Karen Helbling from her position as payroll/personnel secretary, effective at the end of the day, October 27, 2006.
2. the resignation of Amanda Dubich from her position as day to day long term substitute, effective November 17, 2006.
3. the resignation of Patrick Hudock from his position as Head Middle School Wrestling Coach effective November 21, 2006.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

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

1. hire Ken Schrag as an Assistant Principal at Canonsburg Middle School at an annual salary of \$63,900 effective November 28, 2006. This is a 215 day position as per the Act 93 agreement.
2. hire Sherry Siedlak as the payroll/personnel secretary at the contracted rate, effective November 1, 2006.
3. hire Danny Kemp as a full-time driver, effective November 21, 2006.
4. hire Heather Kotar to a 3 ½ hour cafeteria worker at the high school, effective November 21, 2006.
5. approve the following extra-curricular positions at the contracted rate:

Kathryn Brenchak	Assistant Varsity Girls Swim Coach	\$2,131
Chad Maggi	Head Middle School Wrestling Coach	\$2,422
Allen Williams	Assistant 9 th Grade Wrestling Coach	\$2,235
Tim Miller	Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach	\$2,422
Justin White	Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach	\$2,422
Jack Smarslak	Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach	\$2,422
6. appoint Brian Anselmino and William LoNero as volunteer Assistant Boys

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Basketball Coaches.

7. change the status of the following drivers:
 - a. Alan Wharton from a 5 hour driver to a 6 1/4 hour driver, effective September 12, 2006.
 - b. Gordon Hoskins from a 6 1/4 hour driver to a 7 1/2 hour driver, effective September 19, 2006.
 - c. Jean Coffman from a 5 hour driver to a 6 1/4 hour driver, effective September 26, 2006.
 - d. David Duda from a 5 hour driver to a 6 1/4 hour driver, effective September 5, 2006.
 - e. An additional 5 hours per week for John Belleno for the district box run, effective September 26, 2006.

8. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated November, 2006.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Clubs Mr. Arista made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve the list of clubs and activities for the 2006-07 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Representatives to Canonsburg Library Board

Mr. Pintar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith to table the following motion until the December meeting: recommend the Board appoint _____ and _____ as members of the Canonsburg Library Board of Directors. The Board has the option of extending the current members for an additional three years (beginning January 1, 2007) or appointing another person(s).

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

Student Trips

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pintar that the Board approve the following student trips. As by practice, 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.

1. The High School wrestling program to Cleveland, Ohio and Hampton, Virginia. The Ironman Tournament will be held in Cleveland at Walsh Jesuit High School. The wrestlers would leave on Friday, December 8, 2006 and return on the evening of Saturday, December 9th. The plan for the Virginia Duals is to depart on Thursday, January 11, 2007 and return on Sunday, January 14th. The expenses for lodging, meals and transportation for both trips will be incurred by the wrestling boosters.
2. A spring training trip for JV/Varsity Baseball to Gaffney, South Carolina.

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The team would leave after school on Thursday, March 22, 2007 and return to school Wednesday, March 28th, 2007. The baseball boosters will be sponsoring the trip and all expenses will be incurred by them.

3. A spring training trip for JV/Varsity Softball to Charlotte, North Carolina. The team will depart after school on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 and return on Sunday, April 1, 2007. The expenses for lodging, meals and transportation will be incurred by the CM softball boosters.

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

SWAP Proceeds

Mr. Cianelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board transfer the SWAP proceeds from the Debt Service Fund to the General Fund, effective June 30, 2006.

The motion failed with all members present voting nay.

Finance/Audit Committee

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board increase the responsibilities of the finance/audit committee to include a review of the audit.

The motion carried unanimously.

Additional Auditor Services

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve Cypher & Cypher to conduct additional consulting services regarding detailed portions of the 2005-06 budget and the 2006-07 budget at an approximate cost of \$5,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:
At the recent PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference Jay Romano and Edward Yorke were honored for their long-term commitment as school directors. School directors are recognized when they reach exactly 8, 12, 16 years, etc. Mr. Romano and Mr. Yorke have 12 years of service. Also recognize Laura Grossman as being a 1st year member.

Other Information

1. Dr. Bayat suggested that the district mechanics do an assessment of the Canonsburg Library Bookmobile. The Board members agreed.
2. Mr. Cianelli asked if it would be possible for the Canonsburg Library Board to hold their meetings in the Canon-McMillan board room. They usually meet at the Presbyterian Church on the second Tuesday of the month. Securing of the building seemed to be the only concern.

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3. Ms. Smith asked Mr. Schafer to check the lights at the tennis courts because they aren't coming on early enough in the evening.
4. Mr. Schafer reported that the fencing around South Central's play area would be reduced from 10 feet high to 6 feet and the cost would drop from \$9,830 to \$7,462.
5. Mr. Cianelli mentioned that Eric Kline wants to offer his services to walk through the schools and check for maintenance items. It was suggested that Mr. Kline speak to Dr. Bayat and Mr. Schafer and that a written agreement be developed.
6. Mr. Romano stated that this was his last meeting as President of the Board and he wanted to thank the other Board members for their support.

Adjournment

Mr. Romano adjourned the meeting at 8:04 P.M. The meeting was followed by an executive session.

Sharon L. Arbel

Secretary