

CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by the President, Ms. Link, at the Canon-McMillan Administration Building, 1 North Jefferson Avenue, Canonsburg, PA.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Ms. Link announced that an executive session had been held prior to the meeting.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Robert Malwitz	P	Adam Galambos	P	Joe Zupancic	P
Kathleen Smith	P	Manuel Pihakis	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. Helen McCracken, Superintendent
Mr. Greg Taranto, Assistant to the Superintendent
Ms. Joni Mansmann, Director of Business and Finance
Mr. Francis DiSalle, Solicitor
Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary
Mr. Kevin Slavin, Student Board Representative

Agenda Approval

Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

Confidential Employee Agreement

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the three year Confidential Employee Agreement through June 30, 2011.

The motion carried with all present voting aye with the exception of Mr. Galambos and Mr. Cianelli who voted nay.

Director of Business and Finance Agreement

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve the salary parameters of a five year contract for the Director of Business and Finance through June 30, 2013. The 2008-09 salary is \$86,572 with increases for the next four years as per the Act 93 Agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

Common Cents Presentation

Ms. Mansmann introduced Dr. Jane Heiple who explained the Common Cents Initiative and its objectives and goals. 38 schools were accepted as volunteers for the pilot from across the state. Canon-McMillan was one of them. Dr. Heiple told the Board that potential savings between \$319,000 and \$534,000 could be realized by the use of shared services in the areas of transportation, purchasing, real estate and facilities, technology services, food services, and instructional services. She then explained the next steps in the process. The district needs to decide which initiatives (if any) to focus on and then prioritize the areas that it would like to pursue. The Common Cents team will work with the district to provide implementation support.

Items for Consideration

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board approve the following minutes, treasurer’s report, wage tax reports, and correspondence:

Regular Meeting of the Board, August 18, 2008
 Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, September 8, 2008

FOR AUGUST, 2008	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2007-08	% of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$ 0	\$619,213.05	\$379,549	163.1%
North Strabane Twp.	64,329.71	1,256,804.61	1,479,735	84.9%
Cecil Township	113,582.57	1,238,116.75	1,349,823	91.7%

The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve the following bills for ratification and approval:

Bills For Ratification:

FOR AUGUST, 2008

General Fund	\$3,144,615.74
Athletic Fund	37,492.50
Cafeteria Fund	185,768.55

Bills For Approval:

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General Fund	\$305,531.53
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The motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor’s Report

Mr. DiSalle stated that he had nothing to report.

Committee Report

There were no committee reports.

Student Representative Report

The student representative, Kevin Slavin, mentioned the Classrooms for the Future Award and Project 720 Award received by the High School. On Friday night Lead CM participated in MacPac during the football game. Peer Jury will be starting, Open House is on Thursday at the High School, Hall of Honor Awards will be presented at the September 26 football game and Homecoming is October 10. He also mentioned that the band received the Band of the Week Award and also the Spirit Award from John Fetcko.

Citizens Speak

The following citizen addressed the Board:		
Paul Bizick	421 Mary Lane, Canonsburg	Requested a private meeting with the Board

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Resignation

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

1. the resignation of John Petchel from his position as a high school science teacher effective September 15, 2008 for the purpose of retirement. Mr. Petchel has been with the district for 34 years.
2. the resignation of Karley Rossi from her position as a 6th grade teacher at North Strabane Intermediate effective August 20, 2008. Ms. Rossi has accepted other employment.
3. the resignation of Kelly Day from her position as a 2 1/4 hour cafeteria worker at Muse Elementary effective at the end of the day September 9, 2008.
- _____4. the resignation of Deborah Hilderbrand for her position as an 8 hour custodian at South Central Elementary effective August 25, 2008.
5. the resignation of Janie Senay-Peyatt from her position as a 4 hour custodian at South Central Elementary effective August 15, 2008.
6. the resignation of Richard Moore from his position as a driver effective August 15, 2008. Mr. Moore has accepted other employment.
- _____7. the resignation of Steve Kropinak from his extra-curricular position as high school science club sponsor.
8. the resignation of Laura Grossman from her position as a member of the Canonsburg Library Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

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

1. hire the following temporary professional personnel effective at the start of the 2008-09 school year at the contracted rate:
Aimee Eismont as ½ day kindergarten teacher and ½ day extended day kindergarten teacher at First Street Elementary
Tyler Bluemling as 6th grade teacher at North Strabane Intermediate
2. appoint the following as permanent substitute teachers for vacancy with salary and benefits per Procedure IV-7:
Lisa DeMedio for high school English (1st semester)
Jennifer Hugo for 4th grade at Hills-Hendersonville Elementary (1st semester)
3. appoint Jody Stein as a mentor for Tyler Bluemling for the 2008-09 school year.
4. change the status of Todd Ogradowski to 8 hour head custodian at the high school effective August 26, 2008.
5. change the status of Charles Cherokee to 8 hour head custodian at Cecil Intermediate School effective September 2, 2008.
6. hire Chanin Hampe as a 4 hour custodian at South Central Elementary effective September 16, 2008.
7. hire Irene DeJohn as a 2 ½ hour cafeteria worker at North Strabane Intermediate School effective September 16, 2008.
8. hire Janie Peyatt as a 2 ¼ hour cafeteria worker at Muse Elementary School effective September 11, 2008.
9. change the status of Bea Womer from a 2 ½ hour cafeteria worker at Wylandville Elementary School to that of a 3 ¼ hour cafeteria worker at Muse Elementary School effective September 15, 2008.
10. change the status of Jamie McNurlen from a 6 hour cafeteria worker at Canonsburg Middle School to that of a 7 ½ hour cafeteria worker at the High School effective September 22, 2008.
11. change the status of Linda Camerson from a 3 ¾ hour cafeteria worker at Canonsburg Middle School to that of a 5 hour cafeteria worker at Hills-Hendersonville Elementary School effective September 16, 2008.
12. approve the following extra-curricular personnel at the contracted rate:

Clayton Carney	Head Middle School Boys Soccer Coach	\$2,417
Jeremy Kuharcik	Ass't. Middle School Swim Coach	\$ 738
Kim Gillis	SEC Club Co-sponsor	
		\$214.50
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Joyce Mason	SEC Club Co-sponsor	\$214.50
Kim Gillis	National Honor Society Co-sponsor	\$ 605
Joyce Mason	National Honor Society Co-sponsor	\$ 605

13. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated September, 2008-R.

The motion carried unanimously.

Swim Coach Positions

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board open all varsity swim coach positions due to the resignation of the head coach.

The motion carried unanimously.

Canonsburg Library Representative

Barb Sandy was asked to introduce herself to the Board.

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malwitz that the Board appoint Barb Sandy as a representative to the Canonsburg Library Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Clubs

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve the list of clubs and activities for the 2008-09 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Student Trip

Mr. Malwitz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve the trip for the Canonsburg Middle School Symphonic Band to attend the Dixie Classics Grand National Invitational in Chattanooga, Tennessee from April 16-19, 2009. Expenses for this trip will be met by the Canonsburg Middle School Band Boosters.

The motion carried unanimously.

Additional Fundraisers

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galambos that the Board approve the additional fundraisers for Borland Manor Elementary.

The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:

Heather Shaffer, 4th grade teacher at First Street Elementary, has been selected as a finalist in the Intel Schools of Distinction competition. As a finalist Ms. Shaffer received a plaque and a grant for \$2,500 to help further support the science and mathematics program.

The Canonsburg Middle School chess club placed first in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Chess League during the 2007-08 season. It was the team's first year of play in the league and the other teams represented high schools. Fred Custer is the sponsor of the club.

High School student Maureen Lewandowski had 9 years of perfect attendance instead of 7 as reported last month.

Intermediate school technology teacher, Sandy Cavanaugh, has been notified that she is the Technology Education Association of Pennsylvania's (TEAP) 2008 recipient of the Elementary School Teacher Excellence Award.

Mr. Pihakis asked that William Schmidt, former student and Olympic athletic, be recognized for contributing to the cost of the WPIAL track rings.

Information

1. The following students will be the Board representatives for 2008-09: Chris Camerson, Kevin Slavin, Alyson Maund, and Morgan Palyas.

Adjournment

Ms. Link announced that the Board will meet in an executive session following the meeting for a privileged matter.

Mr. Cianelli asked what time the meeting scheduled by Mrs. Mansmann would be on Wednesday with Highmark regarding alternate health plans, as he planned on attending.

Ms. Link adjourned the meeting at 7:54 P.M.

Sharon L.

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Secretary