

CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2008

The Canon-McMillan Special School Board Meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by the President, Ms. Link, in the administration building, located at One North Jefferson Avenue, Canonsburg, PA.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Robert Malwitz	P	Adam Galambos	P	Joe Zupancic	P
Nick Cianelli	P	Manuel Pihakis	P	Kathy Smith	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
Dr. Helen McCracken, Assistant to the Superintendent
Ms. Joni Mansmann, Director of Business and Finance
Ms. Linda Kappel, Federal Coordinator
Mr. Francis DiSalle, Solicitor
Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary

Citizens Speak

No citizens addressed the Board at this time.

Resignation

Mr. Cianelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board accept the resignation of William Gallagher from his position as District Accountant effective February 5, 2008. Mr. Gallagher has accepted other employment.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

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

1. hire Scott Urbanek as a paraeducator at Canonsburg Middle School effective February 15, 2008 at the contracted salary.
2. appoint the following as permanent substitutes for teachers on leave with salary and benefits per Procedure IV-7:
Jennifer Gansberger 6th grade at North Strabane Inter., 2nd semester
Rebecca Meyers Learning Support at First Street, 2nd semester
3. hire Raechel Lorusso as a 10-month secretary at Borland Manor Elementary effective January 29, 2008 at the contracted rate.

The motion carried unanimously.

Bond Refinancing

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis that the board approve the resolution authorizing the school district to incur up to \$4,650,000 of debt through the issuance of general obligation bonds. Authorization of the issuance of the bonds will allow the district to refinance bonds that were issued in 2003 to pay for various capital projects throughout the district. Refinancing at current interest rates will reduce the district's cost of debt.

Mike Zubasic of PNC and Linda Hackett of Houston Harbaugh were present to discuss the refunding with the board. The consensus of the board was that if the savings are \$100,000 or more then the bonds should be sold. Mr. Zubasic explained that the funds could be taken at closing or used for capital projects within three years. Ms. Mansmann mentioned the construction debt which exists from prior construction projects.

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pihakis to amend the original motion to include the funds being used to offset part of the construction debt.

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

Food Service Agreement

Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the board authorize the school district to request PDE to extend the Nutrition Inc. contract for one more year (2008 - 2009) as per the requirement set by PDE, as suggested by a board member.

The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Speak

The following citizen addressed the Board:

Chrissy Galambos 1033 Highland Drive, Canonsburg

Construction of
schools & stadium &
publication of
information

Adjournment

Ms. Link adjourned the meeting at 6:26 P.M.

Sharon L. Arbel

Secretary