

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2007**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by the President, Mr. Cianelli, 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.

Robert Arista	P	Adam Galambos	P	Robert Pintar	A
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
- Ms. Joni Mansmann, Director of Business and Finance
- Mr. Lee Schafer, Director of Support Services
- Ms. Linda Kappel, Federal Coordinator
- Mr. Michael Daniels, Special Education Coordinator
- Mr. Francis DiSalle, Solicitor
- Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary
- Ms. Kathryn Gallagher, Student Board Representative
- Ms. Jamie Kretz, Student Board Representative

Agenda Approval

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration

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

- Regular Meeting of the Board, October 15, 2007
- Committee Meeting of the Board, October 22, 2007
- Committee Meeting of the Board, November 15, 2007
- Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, November 15, 2007

	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2007-08	% of Expected
FOR OCTOBER, 2007				
Canonsburg Borough	\$ 0	\$65,646.41	\$379,549	17.3%
North Strabane	64,551.94	104,625.25	1,479,735	7.1%
Cecil Township	115,366.24	146,792.82	1,349,823	10.9%

The motion carried unanimously.

Bills for Ratification and Approval

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

For Ratification:

FOR OCTOBER, 2007

General Fund	\$3,084,476.45
Athletic Fund	7,096.20
Cafeteria Fund	159,288.64

For Approval:

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General Fund	\$361,284.47
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The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers

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

FOR OCTOBER, 2007

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval Prior to Transfer

.....\$222,608.

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification Subsequent to Transfer\$

76,273.

The motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. DiSalle stated that he had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Mr. Yorke reported that he gave Ms. Mansmann a book detailing all of the services provided by the Intermediate Unit. As athletic chairperson, Mr. Yorke gave a recap of the highlights of the year.

Ms. Smith reported that the contract with the teachers at Western Area Career and Technology Center was ratified last week.

Student Representative Report

The student representatives reported that the fall play "Sleeping Beauty" had just finished. The Powder Puff football game was held recently. There are 76 more days until PSSA testing.

Citizens Speak

The following citizens addressed the Board:

Beth Balog	1000 Mayfair, Canonsburg	New township park
Tom Hull	618 Deerwatch Court, Canonsburg	Weight program
David Bober	1031 Fifth Street, Canonsburg	Political Science 001

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Presentation

Dr. Bayat presented certificates of service to Ms. Link, Mr. Cianelli, and Mr. Arista for 8 years of service as board members. He also presented a token of appreciation to the three members who are ending their service as board members: Mr. Yorke, Mr. Pintar (not present) and Mr. Arista.

Resignations

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve the following resignations:

1. accept the resignation of Aleta Starkey from her position as a music teacher effective January 10, 2008 for the purpose of retirement. Ms. Starkey has been with the district for over 23 years.
2. accept the resignation of Kelly Conlon from her position as an elementary teacher at Hills-Hendersonville Elementary, effective November 16, 2007.
3. accept the following extra-curricular resignations:

Ken Wingard	8 th grade boys basketball coach
Paul Polasky	Middle school head track coach
Shana Porter	Middle school head swimming coach
Tracey Michalak	Assistant varsity softball coach
Jessica Bosacki	Head varsity girls volleyball coach
Jessica Bosacki	9 th grade girls volleyball coach
Eric Taylor	8 th grade girls basketball coach

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

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

1. hire Randy Huddart as the Director of Buildings and Grounds at an annual salary of \$30,000 for a 3 year contract effective December 10, 2007 and contingent upon acceptance of contract terms by both parties and solicitor’s review.
2. hire Chylise Gostic as a 2 3/4 hour cafeteria worker at Borland Manor Elementary effective November 20, 2007.
3. approve the following extra-curricular positions at the contracted rate:

Lee Caffrey	Ass’t. Varsity Boys Swimming Coach \$2,216
Carla Mastrian	Ass’t. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach \$3,991
Bill LoNero	9 th Grade Ass’t. Boys Basketball

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Scott Drakeley	Coach \$2,324 8 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Eric Taylor	\$2,324 Head 9 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach \$3,359
Ron Totterdale	9 th Grade Ass't. Wrestling Coach
	\$2,324

4. approve Alissa Kline as a volunteer softball coach.
5. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated November, 2007 - R.

The motion carried with all present voting aye with the exception of Mr. Yorke who voted nay. Mr. Yorke stated that with regard to item #1, things don't add up; the right trade off isn't there.

Mr. Cianelli stated that an executive session had been held prior to the meeting and another would be held following the meeting for personnel and personnel contracts.

Termination

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board terminate Bernard McNally from his position as a maintenance worker effective November 14, 2007.

The motion carried unanimously.

Refunding of Series of 2003

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board authorizes PNC to prepare the necessary documents and analyses for a refinancing of the Series of 2003 Bonds. No costs will be incurred by the District through this action unless and until the actual sale of the refunding bonds would occur. Prior to that event, once the paperwork is complete PNC will come back to the Board with a market update and at that time the Board will set a savings target for which PNC must meet in order for bond sale to proceed.

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

Student Trips

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galambos that the Board approve the following student trips. All students will have appropriate and monitored study time of no less than 1 hour during each instructional day lost.

1. the high school wrestling team to travel to two wrestling tournaments. The first is at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cleveland (Ironman Tournament)

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from December 6-8, 2007. A school bus would be required for this trip. The second trip is to the Virginia Duals Tournament in Hampton, Virginia from January 10-13, 2008. The expenses for lodging, meals and transportation for this trip will be incurred by the wrestling boosters.

2. the high school band to participate in both the 2008 Magic Music Days Celebration in Walt Disney World and the Festival Disney Music Competition in Orlando, Florida on April 24-28, 2008. The only cost to the district will be the salaries of the substitutes for the band staff members and the cost of the school busses to transport the band to and from the airport.
3. the high school foreign language department exploring plans for trips to France, Spain and Italy in the spring of 2009. The trips will be taken over Easter break. Early bird registration will lock in 2008 prices. They want permission to start the process and all costs will be the responsibility of the foreign language clubs and parents.

The motion carried unanimously.

Contracted Carriers

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galambos that the Board approve the list of contracted carriers for the 2007-08 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Facility Permits

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arista that the Board approve the following facility permits:

1. Melissa's Studio of Dance to use the high school auditorium on December 15, 2007 for a dance recital
2. Modernettes to use the high school gymnasiums and cafeteria on April 5-6, 2008 for the PA State Baton Twirling Championships
3. Platinum Elite All-Stars and Boosters to use the high school gymnasiums and cafeteria on March 8-9, 2008 for cheerleading and dance competition
4. Vella Dance Studio to use the high school auditorium on June 10-14, 2008 for a dance recital.

The motion carried unanimously.

Common Cents Initiative

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galambos that the Board approve the district's participation in the I.U. #1 Consortium and the Commonwealth of PA "Common Cents/Shared Services Initiative" for the 2007-08 school year to provide programs designed to encourage school districts to share services with one another in order to increase efficiency and improve service delivery for students. This resolution is contingent upon approval by PDE and the I.U. #1 Board of Directors.

The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Revision

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Link that the Board approve

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the revision to Policy 304, Employment of District Staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

Geotechnical Services

Mr. Yorke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Grossman that based on the recommendation of Burt Hill the Board should accept the proposal of CEC for limited geotechnical services at the Muse Elementary site at a cost of \$5,700. Also, that the Board approve CEC to perform bearing capacity testing to determine the type of foundations required for new construction at an additional cost of \$500.

The motion carried unanimously.

PlanCon

Ms. Link made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board enter into the minutes the letter and appended materials from the Department of Education on the Cecil Intermediate School project which references PlanCon Part J, Project Accounting Based on Final Costs, being reviewed and approved.

The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

The Board recognized the following:

At the recent PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference Debbie Link, Nick Cianelli and Bob Arista were honored for their long-term commitment as school directors. School directors are recognized when they reach exactly 8, 12, 16 years, etc. Ms. Link, Mr. Cianelli and Mr. Arista have 8 years of service.

Adjournment

Mr. Cianelli adjourned the meeting at 7:36 P.M.

Sharon L. Arbel

Secretary