MINUTES

CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, March 5, 2013

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PURPOSE

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catasauqua Area School District was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 in the District Administration Office Board Room. President Hahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Dawn Berrigan, Carol Cunningham, Duane Deitrich,

Penny Hahn, Carol McCarthy, Christine Naegel,

Donald Panto, and Sally J. Reiss

Member absent: Mary Alice Hartranft

Non-members present: Robert J. Spengler, Superintendent

Christina Lutz-Doemling, Director of Curriculum

& Assessment

Kathleen Kotran, Coordinator of Instructional

Technology, Federal Programs, and Community Education

David Ascani, High School Principal

Eric Dauberman, Elementary School Principal David Domchek, High School Assistant Principal Bryan Klass, Middle School Assistant Principal

William Gasper, Facilities Manager

Thomas R. Moll. II. Director of Student Activities

(arrived at 7:23 P.M.) Lois Reed, Business Supervisor

David Knerr, Solicitor

Visitors: See list inserted in Permanent Minute Book

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

A. Tuesday, March 5, 2013 – 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. for legal and personnel items

PRESENTATIONS/ AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA A. <u>Eric Dauberman</u> - presented Sheckler Elementary School Students of the Month for December 2012 with an award

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Jonah Arancibia	Lilly Bynoe	Ashley Ritter	Hannah Gibbs
Jonathan Smith	Mason Forstoffer	Zeina Youssef	Tyler Monahan

B. Medical Academy Charter School Update

Dr. Craig Haytmanek and Joanna Hughes reported on the letter send to Mr. Spengler.

C. <u>Vincent Smith – 125 Front Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032</u>
Would like the board to look at the policy for students being late for school and getting a zero.

ADMINISTRATION/ BOARD DISCUSSION

A. <u>Academics & Education – Eric Daube</u>rman

- 1. Sheckler Elementary School– PSSA Prep February 25, 26, 27, 2013 3rd & 4th grades Teachers meet to go over PSSA's
- 2. Literacy Night
 - a. Read Across America kids read 82,677 minutes
 - b. TV Turn-Off
 - c. Fairy Tale Writing
 - d. Scholastic Book Fair sold over \$8,000 \$4,000 will be returned to Sheckler Elementary School
 - e. Commendations to teachers who helped with Literacy Night

3. Credit Recovery – Catasauqua High School – David Ascani

- a. Reported to board about what they are doing to help students who need credits for graduation, etc.
- 4. Need for Religious opt-out policy for state assessments Christina Lutz-Doemling
 - a. New policy will be added to agenda as First Reading

B. Policy

1. Policies are on agenda for approval at this meeting

C. Finance

1. Mr. Spengler will bring information to the board for budget

EXONERATION OF TAX COLLECTORS -2012-2013 INTERIM REAL ESTATE TAXES Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Berrigan, that in accordance with Section 685 of the Public School Code, the tax collectors of the Catasauqua Area School District are hereby exonerated from collecting taxes for the 2012-2013 school year. These taxes are claimed "delinquent" and will be submitted to Portnoff Associates for further collection as such. The deadline for collection of these taxes was December 31, 2012.

2012-2013

Tax CollectorMunicipalityInterim Real EstateDonna SchifkoNorth Catasauqua\$ 275.37

ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll Call – Berrigan aye, Cunningham aye, Deitrich aye, Hahn aye, McCarthy aye, Naegel aye, Panto, and Reiss aye. Zero nay. Motion carried.

FIRST REVISION READING -POLICY #233 SUSPENSION & EXPULSION Motion by Reiss, seconded by McCarthy, approving the first revision reading of the following policy:

Section: PUPILS Policy #: #233

Title: Suspension & Expulsion

Policy inserted in Permanent Minute Book

ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll Call – Berrigan aye, Cunningham aye, Deitrich aye, Hahn aye, McCarthy aye, Naegel aye, Panto, and Reiss aye. Zero nay. Motion carried.

FIRST READING POLICY #105.3 EXCUSAL FROM Motion by Cunningham, seconded by McCarthy, approving the first reading of the following policy:

STATE ASSESSMENTS

ON RELIGIOUS

GROUNDS

Section: PROGRAMS Policy #: #105.3

Title: **Excusal from State Assessments on Religious Grounds**

Policy inserted in Permanent Minute Book

ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll Call – Berrigan aye, Cunningham aye, Deitrich aye, Hahn aye, McCarthy aye, Naegel aye, Panto, and Reiss aye. Zero nay. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL MATTERS -2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Deitrich, approving personnel for the 2012-2013 school year as follows:

A. Appointment of Extra-Curricular Positions – 2012-2013 School Year

It is recommended that the names listed below of extra-curricular positions be appointed as noted for the 2012-2013 school year:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
1.	Eddie Forstoffer*	Assistant Co-Ed Soccer Coach	Volunteer
2.	Rebecca Sofish	Assistant Co-Ed Soccer Coach	Volunteer

^{*}Pending receipt of required employment forms

Roll Call – Berrigan aye, Cunningham aye, Deitrich aye, Hahn aye, McCarthy aye, Naegel aye, Panto, and Reiss aye. Zero nay. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Penny Hahn

A. Questioning about District Logo

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

1. From David Ascani

A. To Robert Fahringer – for an excellent production of **The King and I** – it was a fantastic performance

2. From Eric Dauberman

A. To the following teachers:

Melissa Brown	Lorinne Bodner	Jennifer Thierer
Shannon Wanko	Michael Conner	Julia Heinz
Susan Conner	Brad Evans	Dawn Fisher
Jami Gallo	Deborah Elek	Carla Wolbach
Joanne Santoroski	Laura Gregson	Kristen Zavar
Daniel Kotran	David Troxell	Ronald DeMaio
Janice Walenta	Kimberly Ceccatti	

For helping with the 2nd Annual Literacy Night in conjunction with Sheckler Elementary School's Read Across America/TV Turn-Off Week Celebration

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. <u>Dawn Berrigan</u> Lehigh Career & Technical Institute is welding a chair for NASA
- 2. <u>Duane Deitrich</u> Lehigh County Honor Band Catasauqua High School had eight participants

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NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES

A. Monday, March 11, 2013

7:00 P.M.

School Board Meeting

All meetings listed above will be held in the District Administration Office Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Reiss, seconded McCarthy, to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally J. Reiss Secretary