

MINUTES
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013

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PURPOSE

A special school board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catasauqua Area School District was held on Thursday, May 23, 2013 in the District Administration Office Board Room. President Penny Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Dawn Berrigan, Carol Cunningham, Duane Deitrich, Mary Alice Hartranft, Penny Hahn, Carol McCarthy (arrived at 6:05 P.M.), Christine Naegel, Donald Panto, and Sally J. Reiss (arrived at 6:35 P.M.)

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 (6:05 P.M.)
Melissa Inselmann, Middle School Principal
Eric Dauberman, Elementary School Principal
Ronald DeMaio, Assistant to the Elementary
Principal/Literacy Coordinator
Lois Reed, Business Supervisor
David Knerr, Solicitor

Visitors: See list inserted in Permanent Minute Book

**NOTICE OF
EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

A. Thursday, May 23, 2013 – before special school board meeting for personnel and legal issues

**PRESENTATIONS/
AUDIENCE INPUT
ON AGENDA**

- A. 2013-2014 Budget Development
- B. William Bond – read a statement, budget cuts, technology budget cuts, Chapter 4 not being met
- C. Christina Lutz-Doemling – rebuttal – we are meeting Chapter 4 standards – technology can be integrated into other curriculum
- D. Margie DeMarchi – concern three Praxis certified English, to teach English – kids need more options and electives

**APPROVAL OF
CATASAUQUA AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINAL BUDGET
2013-2014 (PROPOSED)**

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Deitrich, approving the Catasauqua Area School District Final Budget 2013-2014 (proposed):

The Board hereby adopts the attached draft budget as the proposed final budget for fiscal year 2013-2014, prepared by the Board of School Directors in accordance with Section 687 of the Public School Code and in the form prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The President of the Board is authorized and directed to make the certification to the Department of Education required by Section 687(a)(1) of the Public School Code.

The Board may adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the necessary appropriations measures to put it into effect no less than thirty (30) days hereafter, after making such revisions and changes to the proposed final budget as appear advisable, if any. The Board currently intends to adopt the final budget on Monday, June 24, 2013. As soon as practicable, and in no event less than twenty (20) days before adoption of the final budget, the School District shall print the proposed final budget (on the uniform form required by the Department of Education) or otherwise make it available for public inspection to all persons, and shall make it available for duplication to any person, on request. Public notice of the proposed final budget shall be given as soon as practicable, and in no event less than ten (10) days before adoption of the final budget.

The proposed final budget estimates General Fund expenditures of \$25,852,142 for fiscal year 2013-2014, and balances anticipated revenues and expenditures with an anticipated real estate tax rate of 16.41 mills in Lehigh County and 50.36 mills in Northampton County.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll Call – Cunningham aye, Hartranft aye, Deitrich aye, McCarthy aye, Panto aye, and Hahn aye; Berrigan nay, Reiss nay, and Naegel nay. Three (3) ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TAX
ASSESSMENT APPEAL
961 MARCON BLVD.**

Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Deitrich, approving authorization for the solicitor to settle the tax assessment appeal with regard to 961 Marcon Boulevard (Hanover Plaza Associates) (PIN 5640895591645-1) by establishing a new assessed value of \$6,600,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL 1702 HOOVER AVE. Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Deitrich, approving authorization for the solicitor to settle the tax assessment appeal with regard to 1702 Hoover Avenue (Rollins Leasing Corporation) (PIN 641812145293-1) by establishing a new assessed value of \$1,144,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS 1. Jami Gallo – public comments – districts are just making up for state and districts portion not paying their share in late 1999's

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES

A. Tuesday, June 4, 2013	7:00 P.M.	School Board Meeting
B. Monday, June 10, 2013	7:00 P.M.	School Board Meeting
C. Monday, June 24, 2013	6:30 P.M.	Special School Board Meeting

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

D. Sunday, June 2, 2013	7:00 P.M.	Baccalaureate Catasauqua High School Auditorium
E. Monday, June 3, 2013	7:30 P.M.	Commencement Catasauqua High School Gymnasium

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Reiss, seconded by Naegel, to adjourn meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally J. Reiss
Secretary