

MINUTES
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Held Virtually at 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, April 14, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER** **President, Carol Cunningham**
President, Carol Cunningham Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
The Pledge of Allegiance was given

3. **ROLL CALL**

Board Members		Non Board Members	
Carol Cunningham	X	Robert J. Spengler	X
Duane Deitrich	X	Dave Knerr	X
Jason Bashaw	X	Christina Lutz-Doemling	X
Steve Becker		Lois Reed	X
Lauren Cieslak	X	Kathleen Kotran	X
Jillian Emert	X	Wayne Karess	X
Dale Hein	X	Melissa Inselmann	X
Donald Panto	X	Eric Dauberman	X
Shawn McGinley	X	Greg Freeman	
		Adam Schnug	X
Student Representatives		Shelley Keffer	X
Amber Kalnas		Thomas Moll	
Jacob Drummer			

X = Present

Visitors: See List Inserted in Permanent Minute Book

4. **NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

A. None

5. **PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA**

NEW

A. **Public attendees, during the meeting, may submit input as per the agenda by emailing: BoardMeetingComments@cattysd.org.**

6. **ADMINISTRATION/BOARD DISCUSSION & REPORTS**

A. None

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)**

A. **School Board Meeting Held on March 10, 2020**

- 8. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT FOR MARCH 2020**
- 9. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS MARCH 2020**
- 10. **APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ALL A/P BILLS APRIL 2020**
- 11. **APPROVAL TO RATIFY ALL EXPENSES OTHER THAN A/P MARCH 2020**

Items 7A, 8, 9, 10, and 11, were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

*MOTION BY: Deitrich SECONDED BY: Hein
 AYE: Cieslak, Deitrich, Cunningham, Hein, Emert, McGinley, Panto, Bashaw
 NAY: 0
 Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried*

12. FINANCIAL

A. Approval of PlanCon Part K – Project Refinancing

Request approval of PlanCon Part K – Project Refinancing for the District’s General Obligation Series 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE

*MOTION BY: Deitrich SECONDED BY: Cieslak
 AYE: Cieslak, Deitrich, Cunningham, Hein, Emert, McGinley, Panto, Bashaw
 NAY: 0
 Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried*

13. PERSONNEL

A. Approval of Appointment of Extra-Curricular Positions – 2019-2020 School Year

It is recommended that the names listed below of extra-curricular positions be appointed as noted for the 2019-2020 school-year:

Name	Position	Stipend
Allysha Weaver	CMS Audio Visual Shared and pro-rated	\$327.95

B. Intent to Retire

Approval is requested to accept the Intent to Retire, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year:

Name	Assignment	Years of Service
Kurt Anchorstar	Elementary Teacher	33 Years
Claudette Burker	Elementary Teacher	32 Years
Judith Evans	Middle School Teacher	36 Years

C. Intent to Retire

Approval is requested to accept the Intent to Retire, effective October 9, 2020:

Name	Assignment	Years of Service
Janice Walenta	Middle School Teacher	27 Years

Items 13A, 13B, and 13c, were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

*MOTION BY: Deitrich SECONDED BY: Emert
 AYE: Cieslak, Deitrich, Cunningham, Hein, Emert, McGinley, Panto, Bashaw
 NAY: 0
 Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried*

14. CURRICULUM

A. None

15. BOARD APPROVALS

A. Authorization is Requested to Waive the Senior Career Presentation Graduation Requirement, “Completion of Career Portfolios” as per the CHS Student Handbook and CHS Career Planning Guide, for School Year 2019-2020 Due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

B. Tax Assessment Appeal — 534 3rd Street
 Authorization for the Solicitor to settle the tax assessment appeal with regard to 534 3rd Street (CP Landing LLC) (PIN 640809074786-1) by establishing a new assessed value of \$3,456,300.

C. Tax Assessment Appeal — 912 Airport Center Drive (Target)
 Authorization for the solicitor to settle the tax assessment appeal with regard to * Airport Road (commonly known as 912 Airport Center Drive) (Target Corporation) (PIN 641803060765-2) by establishing a new assessed value of \$9,465,400.

D. Approval of Additional Revised Van/Bus Stops

Approval is requested of the revised Van/Bus Stops for the School Year, effective immediately. Indicated Stops are subject to change due to additional student enrollments/withdrawals, alternate educational placements, new students/changes that occur at an address that is classified by the state as a hazardous road, or change/addition to a student IEP. All revisions will be maintained by the Transportation Operation Office, and will be made available at all times. Additionally, changes are stored within the transportation software management system.

None

** At this point Dale Hein inquired as to what the assessed value for the tax assessment “was” for 912 Airport Center Drive (Target). Mr. Hein was not able to find it online, Dave Knerr then commented he will find it and will email him the information.*

Items 15A, 15B, 15C, and 15D, were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Deitrich SECONDED BY: Cieslak

AYE: Cieslak, Deitrich, Cunningham, Hein, Emert, McGinley, Panto, Bashaw

NAY: 0

Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

16. OLD BUSINESS**17. NEW BUSINESS****18. COMMENDATIONS****19. INFORMATION ITEMS****20. CORRESPONDENCE**

Items 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 were combined by Board request

Wayne Karess: Shared his opinion of how things are coming together despite obstacles. Critical maintenance needing to be done was successfully completed remotely.

Kathy Kotran: Commented on how it has been a very busy few weeks, and are working through things.

Dale Hein: Had nothing to comment on tonight.

Lois Reed: Said Thank you to Daniel Muthersbaugh and his staff for all the preparation and help with the Grab & Go Lunches.

Melissa Inselmann: Indicated CMS had a great first day of online learning and are off to a good start.

Jason Bashaw: Thank you for the effective and efficiency of tonight's Board Meeting and appreciated all the hard work that went on behind the scenes, thank you.

Christina Lutz-Doemling: Would like to commend the entire educational team for all their hours of hard work getting ready for online instruction and looking forward toward any challenges ahead.

Duane Deitrich: Stay safe and healthy, and also acknowledged and thanked everyone for all the sympathy cards he received for the passing of his step-father.

Lauren Cieslak: Thank you staff and administration for all the time and effort into making this great for our kids during this difficult time.

Shelley Keffer: Commended Jenna Potak, our SRO, for her all her efforts in doing home visits checking on students and parents that cannot be reached, and for delivering iPads to students as necessary. This has not been an easy task for Jenna, so it has been much appreciated.

David Knerr: Nothing to say, but it was nice seeing everyone from a distance.

Donald Panto: Expressed his appreciation and thankfulness of everyone on the call and everyone who had a part in getting the Catasauqua Area School District's students, staff, and community through these very extraordinary times.

Adam Schnug: Expressed how proud he is of his staff, students, and parents for their patience as we all go through these unprecedented times. CHS had a good first day of online instruction and is looking forward to this journey as we start it.

Jillian Emert: Thank you to everybody and Mr. Spengler for keeping the Board up to date and to all the teachers and administration it was nice to see all the videos and clips of what all the teachers are doing and it was nice to see how we are able to touch the students through online learning.

Shawn McGinley: Commented on how interesting the creativity was that the teachers put out through the enhanced online learning.

Eric Dauberman: Wanted to recognize the teachers of Sheckler Elementary who have done an outstanding job in keeping up with the online learning and reaching out making personal contacts with students and parents. Mr Dauberman himself sat in on a Zoom meeting that he found to be pretty entertaining and educational. Also a thank you to Kathy Kotran, Wayne Karess, and Daniel Kotran for their help in distributing iPads.

Robert J. Spengler: Expressed that he would not want to travel this road with any other team but the team that surrounds him. Our Board provides such a level of support that gives a level of comfort that allows us to take risks that is in the best interest of our kiddos. I think we have our feet on the ground, but with this supportive team we expect to be successful.

Carol Cunningham: Would like to thank everybody, teachers, administrators, and support staff, and to all the meals that have been provided to the families around the district. I cannot say enough. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

21. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS

22. NEXT MEETING DATES

A. Wednesday, May 6, 2020	4:00 PM	B & G Committee Meeting
	5:00 PM	Academics Committee Meeting
	6:00 PM	Athletic Committee Meeting
B. Tuesday, May 12, 2020	7:00 PM	School Board Meeting

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Deitrich SECONDED BY: Cieslak

Motion carried

Time Adjourned: 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Bashaw
Secretary