

**MINUTES**  
**Special School Board Meeting**  
**CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**  
 6:00 PM – District Administration Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER** ..... **Dale Hein, President**  
*President, Dale Hein, Called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 P.M*
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**  
*The Pledge of Allegiance was given*
3. **ROLL CALL**

Board Members		Non-Board Members	
Dale Hein, President	X	Dave Knerr	X
Jillian Emert, Vice President	X	Christina Lutz-Doemling	X
Jason Bashaw, Secretary	X	Lindsey Wallace	X
Christy Cooper, Treasurer	X	Kathleen Kotran	
Lauren Cieslak	X	Paul Reilly	
Eric DeLabar	X	Eric Dauberman	X
Shawn McGinley		Melissa Inselmann	
Jeremy Smale		David Todd	
Robert Nappa	X	Robert Kucharczuk	
Student Representatives		Thomas Moll	
Delaney Troxell		Carey Pammer	
Sophia Becker		Daniel Kotran	
Augustus Serrano (Alternate)		Robert Steckel (CMS Interim Principal)	

*X = Present*

*Visitors: See list inserted in Permanent Minute Book*

4. **NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**
5. **AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**
6. **PRESENTATION/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA**
  - A. **2024-2025 Budget Overview**

*Dr. Lutz-Doemling and Ms. Wallace presented the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget PowerPoint Presentation to the board. Questions/comments were asked/made pertaining to each slide.*

Highlighted topics:

- *District Goals*
- *Multi-County Millage, Calculations, 5 Year Lookback*
- *Debt, Borrowing, & Capital Projects*
- *Revenues (Local, State, Federal)*
- *Investment Opportunities*
- *ESSER Funding Phase Out*
- *Expenditures: Salary, Benefits, Debt Service, Districtwide Operations, Charter School, Special Ed, Transportation, Grant Funded Capital Projects, Other*
- *Special Education Budget and Funding*
- *Changing Demographics & Enrollment Data*
- *Charter School Budget and Rates*
- *Fund Balance*

*Approval of the Catasauqua Area School District 2024-2025 Proposed Final Budget will be requested at the May meeting, and Final Adoption will be considered at the June meeting*

**B. COVID-19 ARPA Capital Projects Fund Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program - Grant Application**

- *Dr. Lutz-Doemling and Ms. Wallace discussed the District's plans to apply for the COVID-19 ARPA Capital Projects Fund Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Grant.*
- *The District will request 2 million dollars to fund the majority of the costs associated with building an addition of approximately 5000 square feet of space to Sheckler Elementary School.*
- *The additional community space will facilitate digital inclusion activities designed to address community needs while providing additional classroom/office spaces to address Sheckler Elementary School's educational/classroom space challenges. The proposed expansion will not only enhance the learning environment for our students but also serve as a vital resource for the broader community. By providing additional space for community activities and events, we aim to foster a sense of belonging within a safe and supportive educational environment.*
- *The timeline for the grant application, award, and construction process was shared.*

**7. BOARD APPROVALS**

**8. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION BY: Robert Nappa*  
*Motion carried*

*SECONDED BY: Jillian Emert*

***Time Adjourned: 8:18 P.M.***

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jason Bashaw*  
*Secretary*