

MINUTES
Special Virtual Board Meeting
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
6:00 P.M., Monday, July 20, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER **President, Carol Cunningham**
President Carol Cunningham Called the Meeting to Order at 6:03P.M

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

3. ROLL CALL VOTE

Board Members		Non Board Members	
Carol Cunningham	X	Robert J. Spengler	X
Duane Deitrich		Dave Knerr	X
Jason Bashaw	X	Christina Lutz-Doemling	X
Lauren Cieslak	X	Lois Reed	X
Christy Cooper	X	Kathleen Kotran	X
Jillian Emert	X	Wayne Karess	X
Dale Hein	X	Eric Dauberman	X
Donald Panto	X	Melissa Inselmann	X
Shawn McGinley	X	Adam Schnug	X
Student Representatives		Shelley Keffer	X
		Thomas Moll	X
		Ronald DeMaio	X
		Kimberly Mooney	X

X = Present

Visitors: See List Inserted in Permanent Minute Book

4. NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

A. An Executive Session for legal and personnel reasons will be held before the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

5. PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA

A. Catasauqua Area School District 20-21 Health and Safety Plan –

Robert J. Spengler and Christina Lutz-Doemling

Mr. Robert J. Spengler and Christina Lutz-Doemling provided a detailed overview of the 20-21 Health and Safety Plan. Upon completion of the overview, Mr. Spengler asked Ms. Kotran if there were any questions submitted through the YouTube process, Ms. Kotran responded there were zero questions or comments submitted.

Mr. Spengler then asked the Board if they had any questions, Mr. Hein posed a question inquiring about building fire alarms and if they would be affected and how we are handling them. Mr. Spengler clarified the question asked by Mr. Hein. Mr. Spengler then went on to explain that the Catasauqua Area School District will be meeting all required

State Fire Safety and Bus Evacuation drill requirements while meeting social distancing guidelines.

Christy Cooper posed a question regarding Sheckler and how tables will be placed in the gymnasium to accommodate lunches. Were gym classes being cancelled?

Mr. Dauberman responded to Christy's question, all expressive arts classes will be pushed in so students can stay in their classrooms as much as possible. Mrs. Perl will try to get students outside for gym as much as possible, weather permitting, if they cannot get outside then Sheckler's Large Group Room and its large open space will be utilized.

6. ADMINISTRATION/BOARD DISCUSSION & REPORTS

None

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)

A. School Board Meeting Held on June 11, 2020

B. Special School Board Meeting Held on June 23, 2020

Items 7A and 7B were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Hein SECONDED BY: Cieslak

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

NAY: 0

Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

8. FINANCIAL

A. Charge 20-21 Tax Duplicates/Approve Bonds

The tax duplicates listed below for the 20-21 fiscal year to be charged to the tax collectors of the Catasauqua Area School District. The tax collectors have furnished proper bonds as reviewed by the Business Office (Public School code 682, 684).

Municipality	Real Estate	Interim	Bonds
Catasauqua	\$ 6,304,311.31	\$ 195.13	USI Mid-Atlantic Inc.
North Catasauqua	\$ 2,980,088.83	\$5,395.94	Erie Insurance Co.
Hanover	\$10,054,971.47	\$ 38.05	

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Hein SECONDED BY: Emert

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

NAY: 0

Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

9. PERSONNEL

A. Appointment of Extra-Curricular Positions – 20-21 School Year

It is recommended that the names listed below of extra-curricular positions be appointed as noted for the 20-21 school-year:

#	Name	Position	Stipend
1	Mason Stewart *	Assistant Football Coach	\$4633.00
2	Jacob Bloszinsky *	Assistant Football Coach	Volunteer
3	Tyler Donchez *	Assistant Football Coach	Volunteer
4	Julia King *	Assistant Field Hockey Coach	\$2671.00
5	Janice Kovacs	Assistant Field Hockey Coach	Volunteer

***pending receipt of employment paperwork**

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Hein SECONDED BY: McGinley

AYE: Panto, Emert, McGinley, Cooper, Cieslak, Bashaw, Cunningham

NAY: Hein

Seven Ayes, One Nay, Motion carried

B. Resignations

1. Employee: Spencer Koppenol
Status: Music Teacher
Assignment: Catasauqua Middle School
Reason: Other Employment
Effective: June 30, 2020
2. Employee: Judie Pocze
Status: Substitute Driver
Assignment: Districtwide
Reason: Personal
Effective: July 2, 2020

C. Retirements

1. Employee: Ann Hess
Status: Kitchen Manager
Assignment: Catasauqua High School
Effective: July 11, 2020
2. Employee: Jose Rivera
Status: Custodial B Enhanced
Assignment: Districtwide
Effective: August 28, 2020

D. Nomination for Appointment

1. Name: Colleen Mashett*
 Status: 7 th Grade ELA and Math Teacher
 Assignment: Catasauqua Middle School
 Salary: M Step 1 \$58,808
 Benefits: As per Collective Bargaining Agreement
 Effective: August 20, 2020

*pending receipt of employment paperwork

E. Appointment of Mentor Teacher – 20-21 School Year

Administration recommends that the name listed below be approved as Mentor Teacher for the 20-21 school year at a stipend of \$750.00 as per Collective Bargaining Agreement:

New Educator/Specialist	Mentor
Colleen Mashett, Grade 7 ELA/Math	Jen Greig

Items 9B, 9C, 9D, and 9E were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Hein SECONDED BY: Bashaw

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

NAY: 0

Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

10. CURRICULUM**A. Final Approval of Textbooks for 20-21 School Year**

Administration requests final approval of the following textbooks for the 20-21 school year as follows:

1. High School Science-Chemistry
 Title: *Inspire Chemistry*
 Authors: P. Keeley, D. Zike & J. Tugel et. al.
 Publisher: McGraw Hill
2. High School AP World History
 Title: *Traditions and Encounters*
 Author: J. Bentley, H. Ziegler & H. Streets Salter
 Publisher: McGraw Hill
3. High School Economics
 Title: *Economics*
 Authors: A. O'Sullivan
 Publisher: SAVVAS/Pearson

(Samples were available for examination and review)

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Hein SECONDED BY: Emert

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

NAY: 0

Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

11. BOARD APPROVALS

- A. Approve the Catasauqua Area School District Health and Safety Plan Subject to Modifications Based on Guidance from the Office of the Governor, Pa Department of Education and/or Pa Department of Health Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent and the Pandemic Committee**

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: McGinley SECONDED BY: Cieslak

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

NAY: 0

Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

- B. Approval of Modified Catasauqua Area School District Continuity of Education Plan for 20-21 School Year**

- C. Approval is Requested of Addendum for Lehigh Valley Health Networks (LVHN) Guidelines to Resocialization to Sports**

Items 11B and 11C were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Bashaw SECONDED BY: Emert

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

NAY: 0

Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. COMMENDATIONS

15. INFORMATION ITEMS**16. CORRESPONDENCE****17. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS**

Melissa Inselmann introduced the new Catasauqua Middle School teacher, Colleen Mashett, hired during tonight's school board meeting. Colleen thanked the Board and expressed her excitement to work for the Catasauqua Area School District.

18. NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

A. Wednesday, August 5, 2020	3:00 PM	Buildings and Grounds
	4:00 PM	Academics Committee Meeting
	5:00 PM	Athletic Committee Meeting
B. Tuesday, August 11, 2020	7:00 P.M.	School Board Meeting

** At this point, the below email and questions were received during tonight's meeting from a community parent:*

1. Will masks be limited to solid or patterns? Or are words, symbols, characters ok (so long as they adhere to normal dress code)?

ANSWER: Anything that students wear needs to fall into the dress code and that it does not disrupt educational process.

2. I did not hear what the plan is for bus students entering Sheckler. Will they go straight to their classroom?

ANSWER: If they are not eating breakfast, they will go straight to their classroom.

3. In the case of A/B bus runs whether am/pm or both...will parents have more notice than the traditional bus card a week before school starts? I think the difference in time will affect the need for before/after school care.

ANSWER: We are planning on seat assignments. If you miss an A run, you will not be able to get onto the B run. Parents will need to answer the bus cards and pick their bus choice. Once picked, it is not a flexible choice.

4. In the case of hybrid learning, will there be a penalty for students unable to attend synchronous instruction? Or will all instruction continue to be recorded for those students without parent supervision (or being cared for at daycare, by a sitter, etc...) at that time to view?

ANSWER: We do not think for this particular model, there would not be a penalty, maybe a recording would be an option.

5. Does the district plan to hire any supplemental health services staff to assist in the day to day duties of the school nurses? The increased number of student visits anticipated plus the need to keep sick and well students separated will be difficult for one person. Also, school nurses may fall ill themselves due to their exposure.

ANSWER: This is something that we need to look at and consider.

Thank you for the informative presentation.

Sarah Kupchick
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[Allentown, PA 18109](#)

19. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Hein **SECONDED BY:** McGinley

Motion carried

Time Adjourned: 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Bashaw
Secretary