

MINUTES
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, June 3, 2014
7:00 P.M. – District Administration Office

1. CALL TO ORDER **President, Penny Hahn**
President Penny Hahn 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 VOTE

Board Members		Non Board Members	
Penny Hahn	X	Robert J. Spengler	X
Carol Cunningham	X	Dave Knerr	X
Donald Panto	X	Christina Lutz-Doemling	X
Duane Deitrich		Lois Reed	X
Mary Alice Hartranft	X	Kathleen Kotran	
Carol McCarthy		Wayne Karess	X
Dawn Berrigan	X	William Gasper	
Christine Naegel		David Ascani	
Christine Nace		Melissa Inselmann	X
		Eric Dauberman	X
		Bryan Klass	
		Jason Magditch	
		Thomas R. Moll, II	
		Ronald DeMaio	

X = Present

Donald Panto Left at 8:10 PM to 8:20 PM during Academics & Ed Discussion

Visitors: See list inserted in Permanent Minute Book

4. NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS
No executive sessions were held

5. PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA

A. Catasauqua Middle School iPad Presentation – Janine Hemond

Janine Hemond provided a video and overview of the integration of iPads within her Catasauqua Middle School curriculum.

B. Local Economic Revitalization Tax Act (LERTA) – Introduction and Presentation, Mr. Howard Lieberman, Business & Community Financing Solutions, LLC

Mr. Howard Lieberman utilized a PowerPoint presentation to introduce and explain the LERTA program and its potential for our community. The next step will require a consensus between the Borough of Catasauqua and Catasauqua Area School District as to which properties may be eligible. Mr. Lieberman will obtain a map of the parcels identified by the Borough of Catasauqua in order for Catasauqua Area School District Officials to review.

6. ADMINISTRATION/BOARD DISCUSSION & REPORTS

A. Academics & Education

- **Planned Courses of Study**
 1. **Technology Grades K-4 (attachment)**
 2. **Visual Arts Grades K-2 (attachment)**
 3. **Visual Arts Grades 3-4 (attachment)**
 4. **Aquatic Biology Grades 11 & 12 (attachment)**

Christina Lutz-Doemling presented and reviewed the planned courses. All courses are aligned with the PA State Standards and are of high rigor. The planned courses will be on the June 11, 2014 Board Agenda for final approval.

B. Policy

- **Tax Assessment Appeal Policy**

David Knerr reviewed a proposed policy to address district-initiated tax assessment appeals. The Board agreed to approve the First Reading on this policy. The second reading and final approval is scheduled for July 15, 2014 Board Meeting.

6. B.1. Approval for First Reading of Policy #624, Finances: District-Initiated Assessment Appeals.

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Cunningham SECONDED BY: Hartranft

AYE: Berrigan, Hartranft, Cunningham, Panto Hahn

NAY: 0

Five Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

C. Finance

- None

7. FINANCIAL

A. None

8. PERSONNEL

A. Approval of the First Amendment to Employment Agreement between Catasauqua Area School District and Robert J. Spengler

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Berrigan SECONDED BY: Hartranft

AYE: Berrigan, Hartranft, Cunningham, Panto Hahn

NAY: 0

Five Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

9. BOARD APPROVAL

A. None

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

- *Approval of request for Authorization to bid a 77 passenger school bus, a 72 passenger school bus, and a 27 passenger mini-bus with wheelchair access*

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Cunningham SECONDED BY: Penny Hahn

AYE: Berrigan, Hartranft, Cunningham, Panto Hahn

NAY: 0

Five Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

12. COMMENDATIONS

- *Christina Lutz-Doemling – Would like to commend Dave Ascani and Melissa Inselmann for their organized, efficient, and secure Keystone Exam administration.*
- *Donald Panto – Thank you to the Catasauqua High School Staff and Administration for a wonderful Catasauqua High School Commencement Ceremony. Catasauqua High School 2010 Graduate has just graduated from West Point Academy this past weekend.*

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

- *Dawn Berrigan – A PSBA Webcast on Pension Reform will be available on June 4, 2014*
- *Penny Hahn – Asked if we have received any assessment results from the Medical Academy Charter School. Mr. Spengler advised the Board that MACS achieved a School Performance profile (SPP) of 50 for the 2012-2013 school year.*

14. CORRESPONDENCE

15. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS

- *Shawn Newhart, a Catasauqua High School student, addressed the Board. He identified that he has been at the last few Board Meetings and he believes there should be an opt-out option (permanent) offered to all students at the Catasauqua High School relative to the One to One laptop program to include the option of not using the technology at all in the school for academic activities. He expressed his feelings that the program is rushed and insane to require technology use. Board members responded that he may request alternate materials as per district policy.*

16. NEXT MEETING DATES

A. Wednesday, June 11, 2014 6:00 P.M. School Board Meeting

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Cunningham

SECONDED BY: Berrigan

Motion carried

Time Adjourned: 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Deitrich
Secretary