

**MINUTES**  
**CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Tuesday, February 4, 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**

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	X	Lois Reed	
Mary Alice Hartranft		Kathleen Kotran	X
Carol McCarthy	X	Wayne Karess	X
Dawn Berrigan	X	William Gasper	
Christine Naegel	X	David Ascani	X
Christine Nace		Melissa Inselmann	X
		Eric Dauberman	X
		Bryan Klass	
		Thomas R. Moll, II	

*X = Present*

*Visitors: See list inserted in the Permanent Minute Book*

4. **NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**  
*No executive sessions were held*
  
5. **PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA**
  - A. **Sheckler Elementary School Students of the Month – January 2014 – Eric Dauberman**

GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4
Jonathan Barber	Jonathan Smith	Marlena Pompa	Makayla Cunningham
Maxine Kovacs	Jordan Soltis	Christopher Smell	Dominic Melendez

## 6. ADMINISTRATION/BOARD DISCUSSION & REPORTS

### A. Academics & Education

- **One to One Technology Initiative**

*Robert Spengler provided an update on the initiative. Discussion will continue at the March 4, 2014 Board Meeting.*

- **Sheckler School Improvement Plan Update**

*Eric Dauberman presented an update to the school wide Sheckler Improvement Plan. Analysis of specific examples was provided showing patterns and associated plans.*

### B. Policy

- **Uniform Dress Code**

**Concerns about the uniforms:**

*Holly Kaepfel - 1029 Howertown Rd, Catasauqua, PA 18032 addressed the Board that she does not support the idea of school uniforms. We should not be like Allentown SD. She indicated it would cost her family more money and not address the inconsistencies of dress and uniform enforcement or social discrepancy*

**Board Discussion:**

*Penny Hahn proposed a committee, with 3 Board members. Dawn Berrigan voiced her concern with uniforms, increased cost, and an additional burden on administrators. Carol Cunningham, Carol McCarthy, and Penny Hahn volunteered to serve on the committee. Carol McCarthy voiced her concern about the concept since administration has not expressed the need. Don Panto mentioned that it seems there is no support for the policy. Carol McCarthy questioned the basis for the policy and the metric by which we analyze. Christine Naegel reinforced that one issue may be the consistent reinforcement of the existent policy. Eric Dauberman verbalized the difficult task of identifying the by-products of a dress code, like bullying prevention, self-esteem, etc. Principals will compile data and submit to Bob Spengler to provide to the Board of Education. There does not seem to be ample support for a new dress code at this time. The Board decided to not pursue the policy at this time.*

### C. Finance

- **2006A Bond Series Refinance**

*The Board discussed the two options for refinance and provided direction to the Superintendent for PFM to prepare documents for option A.*

*MOTION BY: Cunningham*

*SECONDED BY: Berrigan*

*Motion carried*

**7. FINANCIAL**

**A. Approval of Tax Collector Salaries – Salary and Per Bill Posted and Remitted to District (correction)**

Approval of requested to approve the tax collector salaries as noted for the 2014-2017

<u>Salary</u>	<u>Per Bill</u>
\$2,350.00 Total (paid bi-weekly)	\$1.30 for paid/posted and remitted to district paid from/after the monthly tax collector's report filed

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

*MOTION BY: Cunningham*

*SECONDED BY: Deitrich*

*AYE: Cunningham, Deitrich, Berrigan, Naegel, Panto, McCarthy, Hahn*

*NAY: 0*

*Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried*

**8. PERSONNEL – No Items**

**9. BOARD APPROVALS**

**A. School Calendar Revision, 2013-2014**

It is recommended that the revised school calendar for 2013-2014 be approved at this school board meeting (attachment).

*MOTION BY: Cunningham*

*SECONDED BY: McCarthy*

*Motion carried*

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

*David Knerr proposed the following action to be considered by the Board, authorizing Administration to facilitate vendor payment of February's invoices and bills.*

*Approval was granted to pay the bills submitted in the ordinary course that would ordinarily be paid at our second meeting of the month, that are approved by the business supervisor and the superintendent which will be ratified at the March 4, 2014 meeting.*

*MOTION BY: McCarthy*

*SECONDED BY: Cunningham*

*Motion carried*

**12. COMMENDATIONS**

**13. INFORMATION ITEMS**

*Eric Dauberman reviewed upcoming events at Sheckler Elementary*

*Melissa Inselmann reviewed upcoming events at Catasauqua Middle School*

*Duane Deitrich recognized our County Honors Band. Catasauqua was the most represented school and performed fabulously.*

*Kathleen Kotran reinforced achievements can be posted on the district websites and Facebook page by forwarding the information to her attention.*

*Dawn Berrigan recognized Catasauqua's accomplishments in the webpage design portion of the Skills USA Competition.*

*David Ascani reported the Winter Keystones Exams are completed.*

**14. CORRESPONDENCE****15. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS**

*Ms. Holly Kaepfel addressed the Board with the following information:*

- *Research does not support all day Kindergarten.*
- *Wilson School District offers all day Kindergarten for students in need.*
- *It is important to offer more AP Courses.*
- *We need to implement SAT Prep Courses to increase our SAT scores.*
- *Our current grade 5 structure is in line with PDE requirements.*
- *Developmentally, there is more achieved in 5 years at Sheckler.*

***Board Discussion:***

- *We will try to bring back SAT Prep during the school day. It has only been offered after school over the last few years.*
- *We are planning on installing different lockers in the fifth wing at the Catasauqua Middle School.*
- *We are considering the addition of AP Courses, specifically an AP Calculus Course in the near future.*

*Howard Lieberman, CRIZ – Whitehall, PA, presented to the Board regarding the CRIZ application, its history and status. Howard is still actively pursuing the application and will keep the Board of School Directors informed.*

**16. NEXT MEETING DATES**

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|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| A. Tuesday, March 4, 2014 | 7:00 P.M. | School Board Meeting |
| B. Monday, March 10, 2014 | 7:00 P.M. | School Board Meeting |

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION BY: Cunningham  
Motion carried*

*SECONDED BY: McCarthy*

**Time Adjourned: 9:00**

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Deitrich  
Secretary