

MINUTES
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013

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PURPOSE A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catasauqua Area School District was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 in the District Administration Office Board Room. President Penny Hahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given

ROLL CALL Members present: Dawn Berrigan, Carol Cunningham, Duane Deitrich, Penny Hahn, Carol McCarthy (arrived at 7:10 P.M.), Christine Naegel, Donald Panto, and Sally J. Reiss

Members absent: Mary Alice Hartranft

Non-members present: Robert J. Spengler, Superintendent
Christina Lutz-Doemling, Director of Curriculum & Assessment
Kathleen Kotran, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, Federal Programs, and Community Education
David Ascani, High School Principal
Melissa Inselmann, Middle School Principal
Eric Dauberman, Elementary School Principal
Bryan Klass, Middle School Assistant Principal
Lois Reed, Business Supervisor
Wayne Karess, District Network Manager
David Knerr, Solicitor

Visitors: See list inserted in Permanent Minute Book

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS A. Tuesday, October 1, 2013 – 6:00 P.M. to discuss legal and personnel issues

PRESENTATIONS/ AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA A. Eric Dauberman - presented Sheckler Elementary School Students of the Month for September 2013 with an award

<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
Aiden Hess	Arianna Rieker	Angel De Los Santos	Michael Andrews
Brandon Larkin	Kelsea Warren	Kylie Miller	Bronwyn Pacchioli

At this time, 7:10 P.M., school board member Carol McCarthy arrived.

PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA (continued)B. Medical Academy Charter School Update

Penny Hahn asked about academic standards as per newspaper article. Joanna Hughes' rebuttal was strict standards disputed that they asked students to not return.

from 140 to 226 students currently – 3 additional teachers hired

New class – Business, Remediation/Acceleration

Nurse assistant 18 days

Steven Ramos of Allentown – in support of Medical Academy Charter School - no concerns

Josie of Ramos of Allentown – in support of Medical Academy Charter School – supports School Choice

**ADMINISTRATION/
BOARD DISCUSSION**A. Academics & Education1) School Performance Profile – Christina Lutz-Doemling

October 4, 2013 School Performance Profile due to be released

AYP – no longer used, just using School Performance Profile

November board meeting – School Area Action Plans will be presented

School Performance Profile inserted in Permanent Minute book

2) Middle States – High School – David Ascani

Spring 2015 – last time middle states performed was 2007

Mrs. Levine and Mr. Yanek heading committee

Next year, budget will need to reflect additional costs

3) High School Honor Roll Criteria – David Ascani

Handout inserted in Permanent Minute book

4) Middle School Honor Roll Criteria – Melissa Inselmann

Handout inserted in Permanent Minute book

Vote regarding high school and middle school honor roll criteria was taken later in meeting.

B. Policy

No report/discussion

C. Finance

No report/discussion

**APPROVAL OF
SECTION 356
AGREEMENT**

Motion by Cunningham, seconded by McCarthy, approving the request to enter into a Section 356 Agreement between H.A. Berkheimer, Inc., as agent and duly authorized official of the School District, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue, under which certain confidential tax information contained on Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax returns is provided to H.A. Berkheimer in order to administer and enforce the District's earned income tax.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll Call – Cunningham aye, Deitrich aye, Hahn aye, McCarthy aye, Naegel aye, Panto aye, and Reiss aye; Berrigan nay. One (1) nay. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL/RENEWAL
OF SERVICE
CONTRACTS**

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Deitrich, approving the following property and/or service contracts as noted:

1. Service Provider: Edwards Business Systems
- Service: Konica Minolta 363 Bizhub B/W Copier
- Location: Sheckler Elementary School Office
- Amount: \$232.80/month (previous amount was \$277.00/month)
- Term: starting on or about October 2, 2013 – 5-year lease – 60 months

ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll Call – Berrigan aye, Cunningham aye, Deitrich aye, Hahn aye, McCarthy aye, Panto aye, and Reiss aye; Naegel nay. One (1) nay. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL FOR
REPLACEMENT OF
SIDEWALKS AND
CURBING ON
WALNUT STREET
(THOMAS FIELD)**

Motion by Berrigan, seconded by McCarthy, approving the request for replacement of sidewalks and necessary curbing on Walnut Street (Thomas Field) as noted below:

Concrete Concepts Group, Inc.

Total = \$16,775.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll Call – Berrigan aye, Cunningham aye, Deitrich aye, Hahn aye, McCarthy aye, Naegel aye, Panto aye, and Reiss aye. Zero nay. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
CATASAUQUA MIDDLE
SCHOOL HONORS
REQUIREMENTS**

Motion by Cunningham, seconded by McCarthy, granting approval of Catasauqua Middle School Honors Requirements as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll Call – Berrigan aye, Cunningham aye, Deitrich aye, Hahn aye, McCarthy aye, and Panto aye; Naegel nay and Reiss nay. Two (2) nays. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
CATASAUQUA HIGH
SCHOOL HONORS
REQUIREMENTS** Motion by Cunningham, seconded by McCarthy, granting approval of Catasauqua High School Honors Requirements as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll Call – Berrigan aye, Cunningham aye, Deitrich aye, Hahn aye, McCarthy aye, and Panto aye; Naegel nay and Reiss nay. Two (2) nays. Motion carried.

- NEW BUSINESS**
1. Carol McCarthy
Parking at field hockey games – cars parking in grass. Do not employ security, so who would enforce? Mr. Spengler will discuss administratively.
 2. Dawn Berrigan
Do we have a policy on collecting data on students?
Currently no policy – will discuss what data we collect at future meeting.

- INFORMATION ITEMS**
1. Lois Reed
State Auditors will be here on October 10, 2013
 2. Duane Deitrich
 - A. Thirteen students in County Chorus
 - B. Marching band – two first place finishes at first two competitions

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS

1. Carl Kamph – husband of previous employee – non-support of MACS. Wife employed where she did not feel safe and no security. AP courses not being offered.
2. Carol Kamph – taught last year at MACS. Employees could not get straight PSERS – embarrassed to work at MACS. Look closer at school. She was not satisfied with quality of education last year. No consequences – no system – no protocol – fog horns given out – no phone calls – lack of discipline – two weeks left students given credit.
3. Heather Walke, School Counselor – no answers on graduation requirements.
Not able to print transcripts.
4. Joanna Hughes – not true statements by fired employees
5. Mille Konrath – Text message from daughter that she liked school but daughter did not think she would get ahead

Were told was a glitch – told were not giving credit for honors classes. Called and Joanna said she would resolve but it was not resolved.

Air horns were purchased to alert administration instead of phone calls.

6. Joanna Hughes – air horns were used – crisis plans are in place

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS (continued)

7. Carol McCarthy – Question – how many fights happened? Student at end of year brought knife. Joanna Hughes stated police were called.
8. Carol McCarthy – policies – handbook was given out in October not at start of school year. January a demerit system, but it was not followed.
9. Karla Fryslyn – Would not send her student to MACS. Joanna Hughes danced around questions. Did not like Dr. Haytmanek's tone.
10. Dr. Haytmanek – labs were not to be in line with curriculum – five to six students went to his office

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES

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| A. Monday, October 7, 2013 | 7:00 P.M. | School Board Meeting |
| B. Thursday, November 7, 2013 | 5:45 P.M.
7:00 P.M. | Dinner at LCTI
School Board Meeting at LCTI |
| C. Monday, November 11, 2013 | 7:00 P.M. | School Board Meeting |

All meetings listed above will be held in the District Administration Office Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Cunningham, to adjourn meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally J. Reiss
Secretary