

MINUTES
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, April 7, 2015
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	X
Carol McCarthy	X	Wayne Karess	
Dawn Berrigan	X	William Gasper	
Christine Nace	X	David Ascani	X
VACANT		Melissa Inselmann	X
		Eric Dauberman	X
Student Representatives		Bryan Klass	
Evan Deitrich		Ronald DeMaio	
Michael Gilmartin	X	David Troxell	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 6:00 P.M

Executive session was held for Legal and Personnel reasons from 6:00 P.M. until 6:50 P.M.

5. PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA

A. Sheckler Elementary School Students of the Month – December 2014 – Eric Dauberman

GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4
<i>BRIAN MCCULLOCH</i>	<i>SAMANTHA CAMMAROTA</i>	<i>KELSEA WARREN</i>	<i>KAYLEE WEIDAW</i>
<i>RAHEIM POPE</i>	<i>OWEN SMITH</i>	<i>THOMAS SHEPHERD</i>	<i>CONLAN GAIR</i>
	<i>EULOGIA FONTANEZ</i>	<i>TRISTAN MOORE</i>	

- B. Medical Academy Charter School Update and Request for Charter Renewal – Joanna Hughes
Various representatives from the Medical Academy Charter School provided testimony regarding the request for a five year renewal of the Charter Sponsored by the Catasauqua Area School District

NOTE: At this time Mrs. Hahn requested Board Action on Item 10B

- C. Board of School Directors Interview of Vacant Position Candidate(s)
Mr. Joseph T. Kovacs was interviewed by the Board of School Directors relative to his interest in filling the Board Seat vacated by Christine Naegel.
- D. *Mr. Dennis Kelly addressed the Board of School Directors, requesting their support of a fund raising effort to be in honor of Patti Heffner.*

6. ADMINISTRATION/BOARD DISCUSSION & REPORTS

A. Academics & Education

- Middle States Update and Video – Dave Ascani
Christopher Sobrinski a Catasauqua High School Senior shared a video he prepared for the Middle States Committee. Christopher will be pursuing a career in film at Temple University. David Ascani provided an overview of the Middle States process and report resulting in accreditation.
- One:One Initiative Update – Dave Ascani, Janet Schmitt, Barbara Resto
Janet Schmitt provided examples of Technology use in her classroom including Blended Schools, Wikis, Glogster, etc. Barbara Resto provided an overview of ways in which she incorporates Technology in her Art classroom and curriculum.
- Preliminary Textbook Approval April 7, 2015, Final Approval May 11, 2015- Christina Lutz-Doemling
Discussion occurred regarding the various textbook approvals requested. A final review will occur prior to the May request for adoption

NOTE: At this time Mrs. Hahn requested Board Action on Item 9A

B. Policy

- Policy #129 - [Wellness](#)
David Knerr provided a background of the Policy. The May 5, 2015 Board Meeting Agenda will include consideration for First Reading approval.
- Policy #139 – Volunteer Clearances
 - [Option A Clean Version](#)
 - [Option B Clean Version](#)
 - [Current Policy to Option A Redline](#)
 - [Current Policy to Option B Redline](#)
 - [Option A to Option B Redline](#)

The Board agreed to recommend Option B and place on Monday, April 13, 2015 Agenda for consideration.

C. Finance

- 2015-2016 Budget Overview and Status – Robert Spengler, Lois Reed
Item held

7. FINANCIAL

A. None

8. PERSONNEL

A. Resignation of Extra-Curricular Positions 2014-2015 School Year

The following extra-curricular employee has resigned for the 2014-2015 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Patrick MacLaughlin	Assistant Track Coach	\$2,671.00

B. Appointment of Extra-Curricular Positions 2014-2015 School Year

It is recommended that the names listed below of extra-curricular positions be appointed as noted for the 2014-2015 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Dennis Kelly	Assistant Baseball Coach	\$2,100.00
David Burker	Assistant Track Coach	\$2,671.00
Richard Sell	Assistant Softball Coach	Volunteer *

*pending receipt of clearances and employment papers

C. Substitute

The following applicants have requested to be added to the Substitute Employment List for the 2014-2015 School Year as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Sandra Sywensky	Substitute Cafeteria

Items 8A, 8B, and 8C were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Cunningham

SECONDED BY: McCarthy

AYE: Hartranft, Hahn, Cunningham, Panto, McCarthy, Berrigan, Nace

NAY: 0

Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

9. CURRICULUM

A. Preliminary Approval of Textbooks for 2015-2016 School Year

Administration requests preliminary approval of the following textbooks for the 2015-2016 school year as follows: (Textbook will be available for examination and review in the District Office for a period of 30 days with final adoption at the May 11, 2015 School Board Meeting).

1. Elementary Mathematics – Grades K-5

Title: enVision Math 2.0 (2016) w/Digital Courseware

Author: Bay-Williams et al.

Publisher: Pearson

2. High School Earth Science – Grade 9

Title: Earth Science (2015) w/Mastering Geography eText

Author: Tarbuck et al.

Publisher: Pearson

3. High School Wellness-Fitness – Grades 9 - 12

Title: Health: The Basics (2015) w/Mastering Health eText

Author: Donatelle

Publisher: Pearson

Item 9A was acted upon by the Board after Item 6A, Administration/Board Discussion and Reports on the Agenda

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Cunningham

SECONDED BY: Hartranft

AYE: Hartranft, Hahn, Cunningham, Panto, McCarthy, Berrigan, Nace

NAY: 0

Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

10. BOARD APPROVALS

A. Catasauqua High School Choral/ Marching Band Florida Trip

The Choir and Marching Band will represent the school while performing in Disney World. The marching band will march in a parade in one of the theme parks, as well as have a 3-4 hour clinic with one of Disney's arrangers or composers. During the clinic they will be rehearsing, sight-reading, and practicing different pieces of music, and the one they play the best will be background music to a Disney animated short (which they will all receive a copy of the animated short). The choir will put on a stage performance in one of the theme parks. They will also have the opportunity to work with a Disney composer and arranger for a 3-4 hour clinic and do the same thing as the marching band ([attachment](#))

Item 10A was combined with Items 10C, 10D, 10E, and 10F at Board request

B. Resolution Renewing the Charter of the Medical Academy Charter School for an Additional Five (5) Year Term

Administration recommends approval of Resolution granting renewal of the Medical Academy Charter School Charter for an additional five years to commence on July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020 ([attachment #1](#)) ([attachment #2](#))

Item 10B was acted upon by the Board after Item 5B, Presentation/Audience Input on Agenda

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: McCarthy

SECONDED BY: Cunningham

AYE: Hartranft, Hahn, Cunningham, Panto, McCarthy, Berrigan, Nace

NAY: 0

Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

C. Approval of Facilities Plan Committee Report of the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21

Request approval of the 2015-2016 Facilities Plan Committee Report as unanimously adopted by the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit Facilities Plan Committee on March 16, 2015. In addition, the board reaffirms its commitment to the original construct of the Facilities Planning, approved November 1, 1989, which consists of a series of prioritized inquiries to be considered in determining the future location of the CLIU and school district special education classes ([attachment](#)).

D. Approval of Special Education Services Agreement for the 2015-2016 School Year, Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21

The Superintendent requests approval of this agreement, providing services for district students with special needs ([attachment](#)).

E. Memorandum of Understanding Between the Catasauqua Area School District and the Catasauqua Area Education Association

The Superintendent recommends approval of this MOU that addresses work hours for Instructional Aides of the Catasauqua Area School District ([attachment](#))

F. Approval of Revisions to the Catasauqua Area School District 2014-2015 Calendar

Superintendent requests the approval of revisions to the 2014-2015 school calendar designating snow make-up days. ([attachment](#))

Items 10A, 10C, 10D, 10E, and 10F were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: McCarthy

SECONDED BY: Hartranft

AYE: Hartranft, Hahn, Cunningham, Panto, McCarthy, Berrigan, Nace

NAY: 0

Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. COMMENDATIONS

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

15. CORRESPONDENCE

16. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS

Hollie Winkler - expressed her support for Jean Susko, Catasauqua High School Interim Assistant Principal and candidate for the Permanent High School Assistant Principal position currently advertised.

Carol Chorones- Informed the Board that Jean Susko has been performing very well as the Catasauqua High School Interim Assistant Principal and spoke in support of her candidacy.

Larry Rothrock – discussed conditions of our softball and baseball fields. Questioned why the fields are in this poor condition. He used CYAA equipment to prepare the fields himself. Mr. Rothrock expressed his concern regarding not violating union rules. Mr. Troxell and Mr. Gasper will meet to discuss the situation and communicate with Mr. Rothrock and coaches.

17. NEXT MEETING DATES

A. Monday, April 13, 2015 7:00 P.M. School Board Meeting

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Cunningham

SECONDED BY: Hartranft

Motion carried

Time Adjourned: 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Deitrich
Secretary