

MINUTES
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, December 7, 2015
7:15 P.M. – District Administration Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER** **President, Penny Hahn**
President Penny Hahn Called the Meeting to Order at 7:11 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	
Duane Deitrich	X	Lois Reed	X
Carol McCarthy		Kathleen Kotran	
Dawn Berrigan	X	Wayne Karess	X
Christine Nace	X	William Gasper	
Rodney L. Nace	X	David Ascani	
Joseph T. Kovacs		Melissa Inselmann	
		Eric Dauberman	
Student Representatives		Bryan Klass	
Amber Labezius	X	Jean Susko	X
Joselyne Mera	X	Thomas Moll	

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 At 6:00 P.M.
Executive Session was held from 6:00 P.M. until 6:58 P.M
5. **PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA**
 - A. Request for consideration of Charter approval, Innovative Arts Academy Charter School
Representatives from the Innovative Arts Academy Charter School presented testimony in support of said application.
6. **ADMINISTRATION/BOARD DISCUSSION & REPORTS**
 - A. Borough of Catasauqua – Christine Nace
A Town Hall meeting was held on November 23, 2015 regarding the Iron Works project.
 - B. Borough of North Catasauqua – Duane Deitrich
A three tie occurred regarding the election of a borough council representative. The Colonel Lynch Bridge is now open.
 - C. Hanover Township – Lois Reed
Everything is progressing with the FedEx Project.
 - D. Student Representatives – Amber Labezius and Joselyne Mera
None

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)**
 - A. **School Board Meeting Held on November 5, 2015**
 - B. **School Board Meeting Held on November 9, 2015**
8. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2015**
9. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS NOVEMBER 2015**
10. **APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ALL A/P BILLS DECEMBER 2015**
11. **APPROVAL TO RATIFY ALL EXPENSES OTHER THAN A/P NOVEMBER 2015**
12. **APPROVAL TO RUN MANUAL CHECKS PRIOR TO JANUARY 12, 2016 BOARD MEETING**
13. **FINANCIAL**

A. Participation in Bid Supply Program

Permission is requested to participate in the Pennsylvania Education Joint Purchasing Council (I.U. #16) and Lehigh Career & Technical Institute bid supply program for the 2016-2017 school year.

14. PERSONNEL

A. Appointment of Extra-Curricular Positions – 2015-2016 School Year

It is recommended that the names listed below of extra-curricular positions be appointed as noted for the 2015-2016 school year:

Name	Position	Stipend
Anthony Bellucci	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	Volunteer

B. Substitute Employees – 2015-2016 School Year

The following applicants have requested to be added to the Substitute Employment List for the 2015-2016 School Year as follows:

Name	Assignment
Yevette Miller	Substitute Van/Bus Driver

C. Removal of the following substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Name	Reason
Nicole Rothrock	Full Time Employment
Benjamin Watson	Full Time Employment
William Mitman	Did not work 2014-2015
Lori Beck	Did not work 2014-2015
Jennifer Schwartz-O'Boyle	Personal
Carol Flahart	Did not work 2014-2015
Joseph Kantner	Did not work 2014-2015
Scott Smith	Did not work 2014-2015
Phyllis Derksen	Personal

D. Change in Employment Status**1. Andromeda Blumenau**

Previous Status: Substitute Teacher
 Current Status: Short Term Substitute Teacher
 Assignment: Sheckler Elementary School
 Rate of Pay: \$180.00/day
 Benefits: N/A
 Effective: December 8, 2015 - TBD

E. Nomination for Appointment**1. Allison Dolak**

Status/Assignment: Special Education Teacher/Catasauqua High School
 Salary: As per Collective Bargaining Agreement
 Step/Credits/Year: Step 12-Masters-Year 12
 Benefits: As per Collective Bargaining Agreement
 Effective: Upon release from current employer

2. Leslie Estrada

Status/Assignment: Short Term Substitute/High School Spanish
 Salary: \$180.00/Day
 Step/Credits/Year: N/A
 Benefits: N/A
 Effective: January 12, 2016 Tentative

15. 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:

11th-12th Grade Astronomy

Title: *Astronomy Today*, 8th Edition
 Author: E. Chaisson & S. McMillan, 2014
 Publisher: Pearson

16. BOARD APPROVALS**A. Appointment of Lois Reed, Business Supervisor as the Alternate Trustee to the Lehigh County Consortium Dental Trust****B. Authorization of Purchase of (1) One Used 2006 Ford E350 US 22 Passenger School Bus**

Administration recommends the purchase of School Bus, VIN 1FDWE35P06HA10908 in the amount of \$4,575.00 from Leibensperger Transportation Sales, Inc.

C. Authorization of Disposal of District Vehicles

Administration requests the approval to dispose, by scrap method, of the following vehicles:

- 2000 GMC School Bus, VIN 1GDJG31F8Y1229418

Items 7A, 7B, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13A, 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 15A, 16A, 16B, and 16C were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

*MOTION BY: Cunningham SECONDED BY: Deitrich
AYE: Hahn, C. Nace, R. Nace, Deitrich, Cunningham, Panto, Berrigan
NAY: 0
Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried*

D. Nomination of Board Member to Represent Catasauqua Area School District on the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Board of Directors

Approval is requested to nominate a Catasauqua Area School District Board Member to represent the district on the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Board of Directors. Candidate will serve from December 1, 2015 to December 1, 2016.

Name of Candidate _____ Dawn Berrigan _____

ROLL CALL VOTE

*MOTION BY: Cunningham SECONDED BY: Deitrich
AYE: Hahn, C. Nace, R. Nace, Deitrich, Cunningham, Panto, Berrigan
NAY: 0
Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried*

E. Nomination of Alternate Board Member to Represent Catasauqua Area School District on the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Board of Directors

Approval is requested to nominate an alternate Catasauqua Area School District Board Member to represent the district on the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Board of Directors. Alternate Candidate will serve from December 1, 2015 to December 1, 2016.

Name of Candidate _____ Christine Nace _____

ROLL CALL VOTE

*MOTION BY: Cunningham SECONDED BY: Deitrich
AYE: Hahn, C. Nace, R. Nace, Deitrich, Cunningham, Panto, Berrigan
NAY: 0
Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried*

F. Approval of RESOLUTION OF LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PREAPPROVE REAL ESTATE ACQUISITIONS

ROLL CALL VOTE

*MOTION BY: Cunningham SECONDED BY: Deitrich
AYE: Deitrich, Panto, Berrigan
NAY: R. Nace, Cunningham, C. Nace, Hahn
Three Ayes, Four Nays, Motion failed*

G. Approval to Attend Conferences, Seminars, etc**H. Approval of Additional Revised Van/Bus Stops – 2015-2016 School Year, as of December 2015**

Approval is requested of the revised Van/Bus Stops for the 2015-2016 School Year, effective immediately. Indicated Stops are subject to change due to additional student enrollments/withdrawals, alternate educational placements, new students/changes that occur at an address that is classified by the state as a hazardous road, or change/addition to a student IEP. All revisions will be maintained by the Transportation Operation Office, and will be made available at all times. Additionally, changes are stored within the transportation software management system.

Transitions
Kidspace
Arts Academy Elementary School

Items 16G, and 16H were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Cunningham SECONDED BY: Deitrich

AYE: Hahn, C. Nace, R. Nace, Deitrich, Cunningham, Panto, Berrigan

NAY: 0

Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

17. OLD BUSINESS**18. NEW BUSINESS****19. COMMENDATIONS****20. INFORMATION ITEMS****21. CORRESPONDENCE****22. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS**

Mr. George Mawreka, Jr. – Asked how long Coach Phil Dorn's contract lasts. The Board responded that all Board approved extra-curricular positions last for one year.

23. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:00 P.M. School Board Meeting

24. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Cunningham

SECONDED BY: Deitrich

Motion carried

Time Adjourned: 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Deitrich
Secretary