

MINUTES
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
7:00 P.M. – District Administration Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER** **Vice President, Carol Cunningham**
Vice President Carol Cunningham Called the Meeting to Order at 7:02 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		Robert J. Spengler	
Carol Cunningham	X	Dave Knerr	X
Donald Panto		Christina Lutz-Doemling	X
Duane Deitrich	X	Lois Reed	X
Mary Alice Hartranft	X	Kathleen Kotran	X
Carol McCarthy		Wayne Karess	X
Dawn Berrigan	X	William Gasper	X
Christine Nace	X	David Ascani	X
VACANT		Jean Susko	
		Melissa Inselmann	X
		Bryan Klass	
Student Representatives		Eric Dauberman	X
Amber Labezius	X	Ronald DeMaio	
Joselyne Mera		Thomas Moll	X

X = Present

Visitors: See List inserted in Permanent Minute Book

4. **NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**
 - A. None
5. **PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA**
 - A. Board of School Directors Interview of Vacant Position Candidate(s)
Mr. Rodney Nace, 381 Faith Drive, Catasauqua PA interviewed for the position of School Director.
 - B. Recognition of Jenna Eberhardt for the revitalization of the Sheckler Elementary Courtyard.
Jenna Eberhardt was recognized for her Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of America, for accomplishing the revitalization of the Sheckler Elementary Courtyard. The School Board Members expressed their gratitude for her hard work in accomplishing this project.

6. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY

- A. Nominations are requested to elect a new member of the Board of School Directors to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Joseph T. Kovacs for a term from September 8, 2015 December 3, 2015.

Nomination: *Rodney Nace*

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Hartranft *SECONDED BY: Berrigan*

AYE: Nace, Deitrich, Berrigan, Hartranft, Cunningham

NAY: 0

Five Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

B. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTOR

I, *Rodney Nace*, having been appointed to the office of school director for the Catasauqua Area School District, Counties of Lehigh and Northampton and State of Pennsylvania, do solemnly affirm that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

** At this time, Rodney Nace joined the meeting as a formal member of the Board of School Directors.*

7. ADMINISTRATION/BOARD DISCUSSION & REPORTS

- A. Athletics

Thomas Moll provided an update on Fall Sports. Alumni Night will occur on September 25, 2015.

- B. Transportation Request Update – Lois Reed

Lois Reed provided an update to the Board. The Board agreed to not add a bus stop at 3rd. and Buttonwood Streets. Mr. Daniel Silverblatt, 780 Palomino Drive, North Catasauqua requested his 11th grade daughter who attends Central Catholic High School have the same AM and PM bus stop. Lois Reed provided our practice in this situation and will update the Board.

- C. Borough of Catasauqua – Christine Nace

Christine Nace indicated a Construction Manager was hired to manage the Front Street project. A flea market will be held downtown on September 19, 2015.

- D. Borough of North Catasauqua – Duane Deitrich

Duane Deitrich informed the Board that the Annual Autumn Fest will be held on October 11, 2015.

- E. PSBA Liaison Update – Duane Deitrich
Duane Deitrich announced there is no budget update and the legislature is considering a stopgap budget.
- F. Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Update – Dawn Berrigan
Dawn Berrigan announced Doctor Thomas Rushton has been named as the new Executive Director of LCTI. The student house finally sold in the amount of \$360,000.00.
- G. Student Representatives – Amber Labezius & Joselyne Mera
Amber Labezius expressed her view that many dress code violations have occurred since the start of school.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)

A. School Board Meeting Held on August 4, 2015

9. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2015

10. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS AUGUST 2015

11. APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ALL A/P BILLS SEPTEMBER 2015

12. APPROVAL TO RATIFY ALL EXPENSES OTHER THAN A/P AUGUST 2015

13. FINANCIAL

A. Approval of Service Contract

Service Provider: Edwards Business Systems
 Service: Konica Minolta BizHub 654e
 Location: Catasauqua High School Office
 Amount: \$314.14/month (previous amount was \$254.00)
 Term: 5 Year Lease

14. PERSONNEL

A. 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
Casey Gillespie	Non-Certified Instructional Aide Substitute
Candace Steffie	Substitute Teacher
Ronald Hassler	Substitute Teacher

B. Removal of the Following Substitute Teachers for the 2015-2016 School Year

Name	Reason
Laura Denithorne	Other Employment
Kimberly Klotz	Other Employment
Megan Groh	Other Employment
Benjamin Ritter	Other Employment

C. Extra-Curricular Resignation

The following individual has requested to be removed from the Extra-Curricular Employment List for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Name	Position	Reason
Nancy Broadbent	Rehearsal Pianist	Personal

D. 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
1	Barbara Kennedy	Sheckler Book Fair Coordinator	\$126.00
2	Aaron Sebesta	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	Volunteer
3	Alex Sackey	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach	Volunteer
4	Jacqueline Yanek	High School SADD Advisor	\$627.00
5	Tara Roseman	High School Student Council Advisor	\$2,281.00
6	Joshua Inman	Freshman Class Advisor	\$630.00
7	Andrew Gruver	Sophomore Class Advisor	\$1,245.00
8	Robert Arnold	Pep Band Instructor	\$600.00
9	Robert Arnold	High School Music Drama Director	\$1,128.00
10	Erin DeBoer	Brown and White Co-Advisor	\$1,672.50
11	Judith Evans	Middle School Scholastic Bowl Co-Advisor	\$494.00
12	Lisa Packard	Middle School Student Forum Co-Advisor	\$380.50
13	Amy Dymond-Jones	Middle School Audio Visual Co-Coord.	\$563.66

E. Appointment of Mentor Teachers – 2015-2016 School Year

Administration recommends that the names listed below be approved as Mentor Teachers for the 2015-2016 school year at a stipend of \$750.00 as per Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Mentor	New Teacher
Jennifer Youwakim, High School Math	Joshua Inman, High School Math
Janet Schmitt, High School Science	Andrew Oswald, High School Science
Donna Tercha, School Nurse	Jennifer Churetta, School Nurse

15. BOARD APPROVALS

A. Approval of PPL Grant Right of Way

Administration recommends approval of this Right of Way that allows PPL to install (2) two additional poles near the Kennedy Complex Baseball Field along Pearl Street

B. Approval of Resolution Recognizing LCCC 50th Anniversary

C. Approval to Attend Conferences, Seminars, etc

D. Approval of Additional Revised Van/Bus Stops 2015-2016 School Year.

Approval is requested for additional 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 be made available at all times. Additionally, changes are stored within the transportation software management system.

Poplar St & S Front St
Executive Education Charter School
St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
Days Inn- Airport Rd

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Hartranft

SECONDED BY: Berrigan

AYE: C. Nace, R. Nace, Deitrich, Berrigan, Hartranft, Cunningham

NAY: 0

Six Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

16. OLD BUSINESS

17. NEW BUSINESS

18. COMMENDATIONS

19. INFORMATION ITEMS

20. CORRESPONDENCE

Items 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 were combined by Board request

Wayne Karess – There is currently a backlog of service requests, but we are catching up. The new Management Software is working well.

Carol Cunningham – Expressed her gratitude to the technology department for getting their laptops updated.

Kathleen Kotran – Relayed a Facebook story in which a 1979 class ring was found and communicated via Facebook. High School Guidance was able to locate the owner.

Christina Lutz-Doemling – Only schools with 11th grade will receive SPP Scores this year. Scores will be available within a week because of a change in test use as a baseline.

General – During the October 7th Board Meeting school uniform survey results will be discussed.

21. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS

Billy Duch- (parent), 1141 THIRD STREET, indicated he is against school uniforms.

Paul DeMaria - (parent), 722 CEDAR HILL DRIVE, expressed concern that his son's shirt containing a picture of a hotdog was considered inappropriate. He is in favor of a school uniform.

Amy Becker (parent) – Voiced a concern on dress code violations being handled in an unfair manner.

Carol Cunningham – Indicated that we may need to revisit dress code language if parents are confused.

22. NEXT MEETING DATES

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| A. Tuesday, October 6, 2015 | 7:00 P.M. | School Board Meeting |
| B. Tuesday, October 13, 2015
(Tuesday Exception) | 7:00 P.M. | School Board Meeting |

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Deitrich

SECONDED BY: Hartranft

Motion carried

Time Adjourned: 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Deitrich
Secretary