

MINUTES
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, September 1, 2015
7:00 P.M. – District Administration Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER** **President, Penny Hahn**
President Penny Hahn Called the Meeting to Order at 7:04 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	X
Mary Alice Hartranft	X	Kathleen Kotran	
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	X
Student Representatives		Eric Dauberman	X
Amber Labezius		Ronald DeMaio	
Joselyne Mera	X	Thomas Moll	

X = Present

Dawn Berrigan attended via phone until 7:30 P.M.

Visitors: See List inserted in Permanent Minute Book

4. **NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**
 - A. Executive Session for Personnel and Legal Reasons - Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
Executive Session was held from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M
5. **PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA**
 - *Dr. Craig Haytmanek – indicated the Medical Academy Charter School will be opening on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 228 students enrolled and provided an update. A possible grade level expansion request may be forthcoming.*
 - *Nadia Thalassinos – New Medical Academy Charter School Principal was introduced and provided information regarding her goals for the school year.*

6. ADMINISTRATION/BOARD DISCUSSION & REPORTS**A. Academics and Education**

- *Christina Lutz-Doemling reminded the Board that the request for preliminary approval of the 11th-12th Grade Astronomy Textbook is included on the agenda*

B. Policy

- **School Uniform Discussion**
 - *Administrators and Board Members expressed their thoughts on the concept.*
 - *President Penny Hahn suggested the issue be discussed due to her observations of High School students' dress*
 - *Paul DeMaria (parent), 722 CEDAR HILL DRIVE, expressed his full support for a school uniform program.*
 - *Billy Duch (parent), 1141 THIRD STREET, asked how many School Board Members have children in the district.*
 - *Superintendent will design and post an online survey using social media, and our website for all stakeholders to complete, providing an opportunity to express their support and/or concerns on the topic of school uniforms.*

C. Finance

- **2015-2016 Bond Refunding Analysis**
 - *Brad Remig provided a refunding analysis of the Series of 2006 Bonds and associated schedule.*

NOTE: Dawn Berrigan exited the meeting at this point (7:30 P.M.)

NOTE: At this time Mr. Spengler requested to add a Board Action on the following item relative to Item C, Finance 2015-2016 Bond Refunding Analysis:

Authorization to Proceed With the 2015-2016 Bond Refunding Proposal

Approval is requested to begin the process associated with preparation for this two stage Bond refunding which will occur November 2015 and January 2016

MOTION BY: Hahn

SECONDED BY: Cunningham

Motion carried

7. FINANCIAL**A. Approval of Miscellaneous Insurance Rates 2015-2016 School Year**

Approval is requested for the following 2015-2016 insurance rates from PSBA Insurance Trust and Erie Insurance as listed:

	2014-2015	2015-2016
Commercial Package:	\$70,536	\$74,378
School Board Errors & Omissions	\$12,252	\$12,473
Umbrella	\$16,466	\$15,182
Fleet Auto (Erie)	\$25,678	\$25,560

8. 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 October 6, 2015 School Board Meeting).

1. 11th-12th Grade Astronomy

Title: 1. Explorations: An Introduction to Astronomy

Author: Thomas T. Arny and Stephen E. Schneider 2014

Publisher: McGraw Hill Education

9. PERSONNEL**A. Removal of the Following Substitute Teachers for the 2015-2016 School Year**

NAME	REASON
Kristin Popovice	Other

B. Nomination for appointment (Day to Day Substitute)

Name: Michaela LaBar

Status: Day to Day Substitute English

Assignment: Catasauqua High School

Rate of Pay: \$180.00/day

Effective: September 2, 2015 – January 6, 2016 (till end of first semester)

C. Authorization to Extend the Employment of Summer Worker

Name: Shane Brader

Status: Student Worker

Assignment: Districtwide

Pay Rate: \$7.50/10 hours per week

Effective: September 2, 2015 to June 30, 2016

D. Letter of Resignation

Name: Jerrick Abrantes

Status/Assignment: Custodian/High School

Reason: Personal

Effective: September 30, 2015

Items 7A, 8A, 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, and 9E were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Cunningham SECONDED BY: Deitrich

AYE: Hahn, Cunningham, Panto, Nace, Deitrich, Hartranft

NAY: 0

Six Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

10. BOARD APPROVALS

A. Election of Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Officers

i. The following nomination of PSBA President Elect was made, and the Secretary of the Catasauqua Board of Education is authorized to electronically record this vote using the PSBA System

*Majority Vote: **Mark B. Miller***

ROLL CALL VOTE

*MOTION BY: Cunningham SECONDED BY: Deitrich
AYE: Hahn-Miller, Cunningham-Miller, Panto- Miller, Nace- Miller,
Deitrich- Miller, Hartranft –Miller*

ii. The following nomination of PSBA Vice President Elect was made, and the Secretary of the Catasauqua Board of Education is authorized to electronically record this vote using the PSBA System

*Majority Vote: **Michael Faccinetto***

ROLL CALL VOTE

*MOTION BY: Cunningham SECONDED BY: Hartranft
AYE: Hahn-Schwartz, Cunningham-Faccinetto, Panto- Faccinetto, Nace- Faccinetto,
Deitrich- Faccinetto, Hartranft –Faccinetto*

iii. The following nomination of PSBA Eastern At Large Elect was made, and the Secretary of the Catasauqua Board of Education is authorized to electronically record this vote using the PSBA System

*Majority Vote: **Lawrence A. Feinberg***

ROLL CALL VOTE

*MOTION BY: Deitrich SECONDED BY: Cunningham
AYE: Hahn-Feinberg, Cunningham-Feinberg, Panto- Feinberg, Nace- Feinberg,
Deitrich- Feinberg, Hartranft –Feinberg*

B. Potential Overnight Student Activity Trip for 2015-2016 School Year

Approval is requested for potential overnight student activity trips, 2015-2016 Fall, Winter, and Spring as listed below:

Cross Country

November 6, 7, 2015
Parkview CC Course
Hershey, PA

Boys/ Girls Soccer

November 20, 21, 2015
Hersheypark Stadium
Hershey, PA

Competitive Spirit

January 22, 23, 2016
Hershey Park Arena
Hershey, PA

Girls Volleyball

November 20, 21, 2015
Richland High School
Johnstown, PA

Football

December 18, 19, 2015
Hersheypark Stadium
Hershey, PA

Wrestling

March 4, 5, 2016
Wilson West Lawn High School
Wilson, PA

March 10, 11, 12, 2016 (States)
Giant Center
Hershey, PA

Track and Field

May 27, 28, 2016
Shippensburg University
Shippensburg, PA

Softball

June 16, 17, 2016
Beard Field at Nittany Lion Softball Park
Penn State University
State College, PA

Boys/ Girls Basketball

March 18, 19, 2016
Giant Center
Hershey, PA

Baseball

June 16, 17, 2016
Medlar Field at Lubrano Park
Penn State University
State College, PA

C. School Bus Bid Award

The Administration recommends that the Board select Option 77-17-Jan-60 (New 2017 77/78 Passenger Diesel School Bus, delivery by January 5, 2016, 60 month financing) for each of three buses to acquire in accordance with the contract bid documents issued in August 2015, and award the contract for the acquisition of three conforming Thomas Built Buses (Model C2, Freightliner chassis, Cummins ISB engine) to Rohrer Bus Sales of Duncannon, Pennsylvania, with lease financing (not tax-exempt, not bank qualified) in form acceptable to the District Solicitor by Daimler Truck Financial/Mercedes-Benz Financial Services USA LLC for sixty equal monthly payments of \$4,145.39 (total for all three vehicles), for a total of \$248,723.40. (**attachment**)

Items 10B, and 10C were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Cunningham SECONDED BY: Hartranft

AYE: Hahn, Cunningham, Panto, Nace, Deitrich, Hartranft

NAY: 0

Six Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. COMMENDATIONS

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Items 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 were combined by Board request

Penny Hahn – Thank you to all who supported the One to One Laptop Initiative and prepared the technology for distribution

Donald Panto – The One to One Laptop distribution went well

Wayne Karess – The Casper Software Support has been great, and the Canvas Learning System is going well.

Kathleen Kotran – We have imaged all teacher computers throughout the district

William Gasper – The snow removal system for the bus tops has been installed. The student group was excellent this year. Student Shane Brader was introduced.

Eric Dauberman – The first two school days have been very smooth. The open house is scheduled for September 17th and picture day is September 29, 2015.

Bryan Klass – We are off to a great start based on the first two days of school.

Melissa Inselmann – The start has been very quiet and smooth. The book fair is scheduled for September 21 through September 25.

Christina Lutz-Doemling – The majority of EnVision Math materials are on site and have been distributed. The SPP Scores are delayed due to an ACT Score delay. Thank you to Valerie Rode, County of Lehigh, who met with all staff regarding the topic of Child Abuse. Thank you to Kimberly Ceccatti and Cindy Evans, who led the development of our Chapter 339 Plan and met with teaching staff during the first week of in-service.

Lois Reed – Thank you for the bus bid approval. The Financial Software implementation is going well.

Mary Alice Hartranft – A clothing drive might be a good idea for a student group or a service project in order to defray the cost of school uniforms.

Joselyne Mera – The National Honor Society may be able to assist with a clothing drive.

David Ascani – Nice start to the school year. September 15: Senior Photo, Pictures, Open House

16. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS

Billy Duch (parent), 1141 THIRD STREET requested a change in bus stop location. Lois Reed will review and report the status to the Board during the September 8th meeting.

Dr. Craig Haytmanek – The Medical Academy Charter School may be interested in a small bus if you have one available.

Mr. William Reightler – 811 Bethlehem Road, Requested a timeline for the restoration of an Assistant Track Coach position.

17. NEXT MEETING DATES

A. Tuesday, September 8, 2015 7:00 P.M. School Board Meeting

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Cunningham

SECONDED BY: Deitrich

Motion carried

Time Adjourned: 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Deitrich
Secretary