

MINUTES
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010

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PURPOSE A special school board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catasauqua Area School District was held on Monday, January 18, 2010 in the Sheckler Elementary School Faculty Room. Vice President Carol Cunningham called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL Members present: Carol Cunningham, Robert Levine, Donald Panto, Sally J. Reiss (arrived 6:00 p.m.), Patricia Snyder, and Guy Tolve

Members absent: Penny Hahn, Mary Alice Hartranft, and Carol McCarthy

Non-members present: Robert J. Spengler, Superintendent
David Knerr, Solicitor
Lois Reed, Business Supervisor

Visitors: See list inserted in Permanent Minute Book

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

**PRESENTATIONS/
AUDIENCE INPUT ON
AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

1. **Sean McHugh** - 235 Bridge Street, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
2. **Vincent Smith** - 125 Front Street, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
3. **Harold Knight** - 1834 Troxell Street, Allentown
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
4. **Michael Cawley** - 104 Race Street, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
5. **Bernard Skripek** - 534 Howertown Road, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
6. **Brian McKittrick** - 331 Mulberry Street, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
7. **Clinton Lathrop** - 616 Second Street, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
8. **Natalie Kroope** - 613 S. 14th Street, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
9. **William Reightler** - 811 Bethlehem Road, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
10. **Tammy Carmeron** - 517 Fifth Street, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
11. **Brian Zettlemyer** - 27 Front Street, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
12. **Kitty Buss** - 907 Race Street, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
13. **Jessica Kroope** - 226 Peach Street, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.

PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (continued)

14. **Martha Bolmer** - 1028 Fifth Street, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.
15. **Vincent Smith** - 125 Front Street, Catasauqua
Concerns about raising school taxes for 2010-2011 school year.

At this time – 8:10 p.m. – board member Sally Reiss left meeting and did not return to finish meeting.

**APPROVAL OF
CATASAUQUA AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRELIMINARY
BUDGET PROPOSAL
FOR 2010-2011
(PROPOSED)**

Motion by Levine, seconded by Tolve, approving the proposed preliminary budget proposal for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Catasauqua Area School District hereby adopts the attached draft budget as the proposed preliminary budget proposal for fiscal year 2010-2011, including estimated revenues and expenditures and proposed tax rates, prepared in the form prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, in accordance with 53 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 6926.311.

The Board currently intends to adopt a preliminary budget proposal on Monday, February 8, 2010, after making such revisions and changes to the proposed preliminary budget proposal as appear advisable, if any. As soon as practicable, and in no event less than twenty (20) days before the adoption of the preliminary budget proposal, the School District shall print the proposed preliminary budget proposal and make it available for public inspection. The School District shall give public notice of the Board's intent to adopt the preliminary budget proposal at least ten (10) days prior to adoption.

The proposed preliminary budget proposal estimates General Fund expenditures of \$27,883,439.00 for fiscal year 2010-2011, and balances anticipated revenues and expenditures with an anticipated increase in the real estate tax of 7.44 mills in Lehigh County and 7.44 mills in Northampton County, setting the millage rate at 58 mills for both counties.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll Call – Cunningham aye, Levine aye, Panto aye, Snyder aye, and Tolve aye. Zero nay. Motion carried.

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES

A. Wednesday, February 10, 2010 5:45 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting
Sheckler Elementary School Faculty Room

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Tolve, seconded by Levine, to adjourn meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally J. Reiss
Secretary