

MINUTES
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009

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PURPOSE A special school board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catasauqua Area School District was held on Thursday, March 12, 2009 in the Sheckler Elementary School Faculty Room. President Penny Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:23 P.M.

ROLL CALL Members present: Carol Cunningham, Penny Hahn, Mary Alice Hartranft, Donald Panto (arrived at 7:16 p.m.), Sally J. Reiss, and Patricia Snyder

Member absent: Robert Levine, Carol McCarthy and Shannon Reinhard

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

Visitors: See list inserted in Permanent Minute Book

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

DISCUSSION ITEMS The following items were discussed by the Board of School Directors.

- A. Overview of Sheckler Renovation Project to date
- B. Discussion regarding Financing Options

At this time, 7:16 P.M., board member Donald Panto arrived at meeting.

AUTHORIZE PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TO PREPARE AND PROCEED FOR A POTENTIAL BOND ISSUE FOR SHECKLER CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN PROJECT Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Hartranft, to authorize Public Financial Management, Inc. to prepare all documents and proceed with pre-market pricing for a potential \$9,995,000 bond issue based on option 3 as presented at the meeting tonight (March 12, 2009); authorize Fox, Rothchild LLP as bond counsel and David Knerr as solicitor to work with them; and authorize the Superintendent, Robert J. Spengler, and Business Supervisor, Lois Reed, to provide all necessary information to those professionals, so that they may present a resolution for the Board to consider at its April 14, 2009 meeting to incur the debt.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll Call – Cunningham aye, Hahn aye, Hartranft aye, Panto aye, Reiss aye, and Snyder aye. Zero nay. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE MKSD TO PROCEED WITH DESIGN DOCUMENTS FOR SHECKLER CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN PROJECT Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Hartranft, authorizing MKSD to proceed with the design documents for the Sheckler construction project, and the design of the building in accordance with the plans discussed at tonight's meeting (March 12, 2009); and requesting MKSD to present a full contract for their professional services on the Sheckler project to the board at the next meeting. In addition, if the board does not authorize a bond issue to finance the Sheckler project at the next meeting, MKSD shall be entitled to payment for the design services up to that point in time in accordance with MKSD's hourly pricing schedule in its most recent contract with the district.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll Call – Cunningham aye, Hahn aye, Hartranft aye, Panto aye, Reiss aye, and Snyder aye. Zero nay. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL
MATTERS -
2008-2009
SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Hartranft, approving personnel for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:

A. Substitute Employees

The following applicants have been approved to be added to the substitute employment list for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:

Marlene Safadi

Substitute Cafeteria Worker

School Board Member Sally J. Reiss left meeting for a brief time but returned to vote on personnel item.

Roll Call – Cunningham aye, Hahn aye, Hartranft aye, Panto aye, Reiss aye, and Snyder aye. Zero nay. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Penny Hahn

A. School Zone signs on 14th Street - Robert J. Spengler talked to Borough

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Snyder, to adjourn meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally J. Reiss
Secretary