# **MINUTES**

# CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009

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**PURPOSE** 

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catasauqua Area School District was held on Monday, February 9, 2009 in the Catasauqua High School Library. Vice President Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Carol Cunningham, Mary Alice Hartranft, Robert

Levine, Carol McCarthy, Donald Panto, Sally J. Reiss,

and Patricia Snyder

Members absent: Penny Hahn and Shannon Reinhard

Non-members present: Robert J. Spengler, Superintendent

David Ascani, High School Principal

Melissa Inselmann, Middle School Principal Ronald DeMaio, Elementary School Teacher David Domchek, High School Assistant Principal

William Gasper, Supervisor of Facilities Wayne Karess, District Network Manager

Thomas R. Moll, II, Director of Student Activities

Lois Reed, Business Supervisor

David Knerr, Solicitor

Amber Morrissey, Student Representative

Visitors: See list inserted in Permanent Minute Book

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

# NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

1. Monday, February 9, 2009 – before board meeting for legal and personnel issues

### PRESENTATIONS/ AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA

A. <u>Ronald DeMaio</u> - presented Sheckler Elementary School Students of the Month for January 2009 with certificate

<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	Grade 3	<u>Grade 4</u>
Justin Baehr	Jasmine Seritsky	Grant Gebhardt	Melody Cruz
Brandon Norton	Tyler Soltis	Kyle Zimpfer	Nicholas Hertzog

B. <u>Melissa Inselmann</u> - presented Catasauqua Middle School Students of the Month for January 2009 with a pin and certificate

Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Gene Balik	Amarys Moten	Miranda Bolton	Christopher Creyer
Jenna Eberhardt	Matthew Yadush	Derrick Bond	Zac Edwards

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. <u>Buildings & Grounds Committee Robert J. Spengler meeting held Feb. 9, 2008</u> See minutes inserted in Permanent Minute Book
- B. Policy Committee Carol Cunningham meeting held February 5, 2009 See minutes inserted in Permanent Minute Book
- C. <u>Academics & Education Carol Cunningham meeting held February 5, 2009</u> See minutes inserted in Permanent Minute Book
- D. Athletic Council Thomas R. Moll, II meeting held February 5, 2009 See minutes inserted in Permanent Minute Book
- E. <u>Finance Committee Robert Levine– meeting held February 5, 2009</u> See minutes inserted in Permanent Minute Book
- G. Borough of North Catasauqua Carol McCarthy No Report
- H. Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 Robert J. Spengler
  - Reminder School Board conference Tuesday, March 31, 2009 Holiday Inn – Fogelsville
  - 2. Reported on total special education students
- I. Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Carol McCarthy
  - SKILLS USA Competition winners:
     Josh Nigrone First Place Automated Manufacturing Technology Team
     Ashley Heil Second Place Nurse Assisting Contest
     Randy Hensinger, Business Administrator LCTI Pinnacle Achievement
     Award for the allocation program he helped implement and run.
  - 2. LCTI received a \$92,832 grant from Wall Street West for their Emerging Engineering Program. LCTI was only high school to receive the grant, which provides funds to improve the connection and opportunity to support Information Technology as it applies to financial components, i.e. ATM's.
- J. <u>Lehigh Valley International Airport Sally J. Reiss</u> No report
- K. Student Representatives
  - 1. Concern about smell in hallways at high school sometimes
  - 2. Cop/Kids donate books for elementary March 16 to April 17, 2009
  - 3. Senior Volunteer Day May 7, 2009 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 12, 2009 Motion by Reiss, seconded by Levine, the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2009 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hartranft, the report of the Treasurer for January JANUARY 2009 2009 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

**JANUARY 2009** 

Motion by Levine, seconded by McCarthy, approving the request for budget transfers for the month of January 2009.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ALL ACCOUNTS PAYABLES **BILLS - FEBRUARY 2009** 

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Reiss, all accounts payables bills as presented in the amount of \$2,064,552.24 be approved as follows:

General Fund Bills-A/P Feb. 9, 2009 \$2,023,745.45 Cafeteria Bills – A/P February 9, 2009 21,945.40 Athletic Bills – A/P February 9, 2009 18,861.39

> TOTAL \$2,064,552.24

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

APPROVAL TO **BILLS** 

Motion by Hartranft, seconded by McCarthy, all manual bills as presented in the RATIFY ALL MANUAL amount of \$1,049,798.70 be approved as follows:

General Fund Manual Checks - Jan. 2009 \$ 114,152.73 **JANUARY 2009** 

Payroll - General Fund - Jan. 2009 905,277.45 Payroll - Cafeteria - Jan. 2009 18,425,13 Cafeteria Bills Manual Checks – Jan. 2009 42.05 Athletic Bills Manual Checks – Jan. 2009 3,626.00 **Activities Fund Bills – January 2009** 8,275.34 \$1,049,798.70 **TOTAL** 

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

OF SERVICE **CONTRACTS** 

APPROVAL/RENEWAL Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hartranft, approving service contracts for the following:

1. Service Provider: Lancaster-Lebanon I.U. #13

Service: Maintenance/Support Renewal for Symantec Ghost

(420 license quantity)

Location: Districtwide \$462.00 Amount:

Term: March 16, 2009 – March 15, 2010

Service Electric Cable TV & Communications 2. Service Provider:

Service: 100 Mbps Ethernet Connectivity from District Demarc to

Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21

Districtwide Location: \$1.250/month Amount:

(\$537.50/month after anticipated 57% E-Rate –until 6/30/10)

Term: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014

#### APPROVAL/RENEWAL OF SERVICE CONTRACTS (continued)

3. Service Provider: School World Software

Service: Web Hosting Services for district website, 3 school

websites, and 150 teacher websites

Location: Districtwide Amount: \$4,000/year

(\$2,290/year after anticipated 57% E-Rate funding on

eligible portion of fees)

Term: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

4. Service Provider: Gaggle.Net

Service: Monitored E-mail accounts for students and/or teachers

Location: Districtwide Amount: \$1,950/year

(\$1,009.50/year after anticipated 57% E-Rate funding on

eligible portion of fees)

July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 Term:

5. Service Provider: OAA Orthopaedic Specialists

Service: Athletic Trainer Services Agreement

Location: Districtwide

Amount: \$67,625 for two (2) full-time ATC's

2009-2010 School Year Term:

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

APPROVAL OF TAX COLLECTOR

SALARIES – SALARY AND PER BILL

POSTED AND REMITTED TO

DISTRICT

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hartranft, approving the request for tax collector salaries as noted for the year 2009:

**Salary** Per Bill \$2,300

See attachment inserted in Permanent Minute Book

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

APPROVAL OF 2009-2010 GAME WORKER RATES Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Levine, approving 2009-2010 game worker rates as listed and recommended by Athletic Council:

VARSITY FOOTBALL	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
SCOREBOARD	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
CLOCK	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
TICKET SELLER	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
TICKET TAKER	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$27.00	\$27.00
ANNOUNCER	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
SPOTTER	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
STATS-HOME & AWAY	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
JV/MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL				
SCOREBOARD 1 GAME	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
SCOREBOARD 2 GAMES	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
CLOCK 1 GAME	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
CLOCK 2 GAMES	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
TICKET SELLER	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
TICKET TAKER	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
ANNOUNCER (1 GAME)	N/A	N/A	\$25.00	\$25.00
ANNOUNCER (2 GAMES)	N/A	N/A	\$30.00	\$30.00
BOYS/GIRLS SOCCER/FIELD HOCK				
SCOREBOARD/ANNOUNCER	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
TICKET SELLER	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
TICKET TAKER	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
JV/VARSITY BOYS/GIRLS BASKETB				
SCOREBOARD	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
ANNOUNCER	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
TICKET SELLER	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
TICKET TAKER	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
SCOREBOOK-HOME & AWAY	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
JR. HIGH BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBAL				
SCOREBOARD (1 GAME)	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
WRESTLING				
SCOREBOARD	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
SCOREBOOK- HOME & AWAY	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$40.00	<u>\$30.00</u>
TICKET SELLER	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
TICKET TAKER	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
ANNOUNCER	INCL	INCL	\$30.00	\$30.00
TRACK AND FIELD/ CROSS COUNT				
EVENT JUDGE	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
EVENT JUDGE –D-DUAL	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
ANNOUNCER	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
ANNOUNCER- D-DUAL	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
SCOREBOOK	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL				
SCOREBOOK-HOME & AWAY	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	<u>\$30.00</u>
TICKET SELLER	N/A	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
TICKET TAKER	N/A	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00

#### APPROVAL OF 2009-2010 GAME WORKER RATES (continued)

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

EVENT STAFF (VARSITY FOOTBALL)	N/A	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
EVENT STAFF (ALL OTHER)	N/A	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

APPROVAL OF 2009-2010 TICKET PRICES Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Levine, approving 2009-2010 ticket prices as listed and recommended by Athletic Council:

#### **STUDENTS &**

<u>SPORT</u>	<b>ADULTS</b>	SR. CITIZENS AGE 62+
VARSITY FOOTBALL	\$5.00	\$3.00
JV/JR.HIGH FOOTBALL	\$4.00	\$2.00
V/JV BOYS BASKETBALL	\$5.00	\$2.00
V/JV GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$5.00	\$2.00
V/JH WRESTLING	\$5.00	\$2.00
V/JV FIELD HOCKEY (NIGHTS)	\$5.00	\$2.00
V/JV SOCCER (NIGHTS)	\$5.00	\$2.00

#### SEASON TICKET PLANS

#### ALL SPORTS SEASON TICKET- (INDIVIDUAL, ADULT) \$50.00

- -Admission for one (1) to all paid regular season events.
- -General admission only.
- -Not valid for playoff games.

#### ALL SPORTS SEASON TICKET- (FAMILY) \$100.00

- -Admits parents and all children in the family.
- -General admission only.
- -Not valid for playoff games.

#### ALL SPORTS SEASON TICKET- (INDIVIDUAL, STUDENT) \$25.00

- -General admission only.
- -Not valid for playoff games.

#### FOOTBALL SEASON TICKET- (INDIVIDUAL) \$25.00

-General admission for regular season home games.

#### BASKETBALL SEASON TICKET- (INDIVIDUAL) \$35.00

- -General admission for all boys and girls basketball games.
- -Not valid for playoff games.

#### GOLDEN AGE PASS- (INDIVIDUALS AGE 62 and OVER)

-Free general admission to all home games. Must be a Catasauqua Area School District resident.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

#### AWARDING OF BID LAWN CARE

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hartranft, granting approval to award the bid submitted by TruGreen Land Care, option five (5) in the amount of \$2,400 per cut/trim for a minimum of twenty (20) cuts, as per attached bid tabulation.

#### **Bid Tabulation inserted in Permanent Minute Book**

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

APPROVAL OF LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET Motion by Reiss, seconded by Levine, to approve the Lehigh Carbon Community College Operational Budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010. The total 2009-2010 operating, debt service and capital budgets are \$40,719,096, an increase of \$852,715, or 2.1% from prior year's budget. The Catasauqua Area School District share will be \$195,134, a decrease of (\$3,815) from last year's budget.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

APPROVAL FOR THE PRINTING/TAX SOFTWARE, TRACKING & SUPPORT OF LEHIGH/ NORTHAMPTON COUNTY REAL

ESTATE TAX BILLS

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hartranft, approving the request for the printing/tax software, tracking and support of Lehigh/Northampton County Real Estate Tax bills at the 2009-2010 rates established by the Berks County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors.

#### See attachment inserted in Permanent Minute book

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

EXONERATION OF TAX COLLECTORS -2008-2009 REAL ESTATE & INTERIM REAL ESTATE TAXES Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hartranft, that in accordance with Section 685 of the Public School Code, the tax collectors of the Catasauqua Area School District are hereby exonerated from collecting taxes for the 2008-2009 school year. These taxes are claimed "delinquent" and will be submitted to Portnoff Associates for further collection as such. The deadline for collection of these taxes was February 15, 2009.

Interim

Tax Collector	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Real Estate</b>
Crystal Gilfert	Catasauqua	\$87,337.59
Donna Schifko	N. Catasauqua	<b>\$ 13.19</b>
	Total	\$87,350.78

# **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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Tax CollectorMunicipalityReal EstateDonna SchifkoN. Catasauqua\$99.35

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

APPROVAL OF VENDORS FOR 403(b) PLAN DOCUMENT Motion by Levine, seconded by McCarthy, approving the request to add the following vendors on Appendix 1 to the Adoption Agreement for the Catasauqua Area School District's 403(b) Plan Document effective February 1, 2009:

Ameriprise Financial Lincoln Financial Group
AXA Equitable Insurance co. MetLife Resources
Kades-Margolis Corp. Putnam Funds
Lincoln Investment Planning Symetra Funds
Waddell & Reed, Inc.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS -2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Levine, 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:

James E. Santore Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher and Sub. Cert. I.A. Frank J. Olszewski Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher and Sub. Cert. I.A. Stacy Locher Substitute Cafeteria Worker

# **B.** Removal of Substitute Employees

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

NamePositionReasonMary FarnerSubstitute Cafeteria WorkerPersonal

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

#### J. Approval of Job Descriptions

Approval is granted for the following job descriptions:

# Cafeteria Driver-Helper-Utility Person

# **Job descriptions inserted in Permanent Minute Book**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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

# C. <u>Letter of Resignation</u>

1. Bernadine Czonstka 621 East 19<sup>th</sup> Street

Northampton, PA 18067

Status: General Kitchen Help – I

Assignment: Cafeteria – Catasaugua Middle School

Status: Substitute Custodian

Assignment: Districtwide Reason: Personal

Effective: December 31, 2008

2. <u>Susan Arndt</u> 1076 Sixth Street

N. Catasauqua, PA 18032

Status: Head Girls' Volleyball Coach

Assignment: Catasauqua Area School District Athletics

Reason: Personal

Effective: Immediately – February 9, 2009

### D. Request For Maternity Leave of Absence Without Pay

1. <u>Deanna D. Nolf</u> 107 North Filbert Street

Allentown, PA 18109

Status: Certified Instructional Aide/Substitute Teacher

Assignment: Catasauqua Middle School

Effective: Approximately March 2, 2009 to April 13, 2009

Return to Work: Tuesday, April 14, 2009

#### E. Change of Employment Status

1. Robert L. Superka 508 Grove Street

Catasauqua, PA 18032

From: Food Service Custodian – Driver

To: Custodian

Assignment: Catasauqua High School – Third Shift

Effective: February 10, 2009

Rate of Pay: As per Collective Bargaining Agreement
Benefits: As per Collective Bargaining Agreement

2. Timothy Grube P. O. Box 544

Treichlers, PA 18086

From: Substitute Custodian

To: Cafeteria Driver-Helper-Utility Person

Assignment: Catasauqua Area School District Food Service Districtwide

Effective: February 10, 2009

Rate of Pay: \$9.74/hour

Benefits: As per food service personnel list of benefits

3. <u>Cynthia Urso</u> 1063 Howertown Road

Catasauqua, PA 18032

From: Substitute Cafeteria Worker To: General Kitchen Help – I

Assignment: Catasauqua Middle School Cafeteria

Effective: February 4, 2009

Rate of Pay: \$9.55/hour

Benefits: As per food service personnel list of benefits

### F. Appointment of Extra-Curricular Positions - 2008-2009 School Year

It is recommended that the names listed below of extra-curricular positions be appointed as noted for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<b>Stipend</b>
Cory Chryst*	Assistant Baseball Coach	Volunteer
Kyle Reifinger	Assistant Baseball Coach	Volunteer
Roy R. Morgan*	Assistant Boys' Volleyball Coach	Volunteer
Robert Bydlon	Weight Room Monitor (Spring)	\$600
Deanna Nolf	Middle School Yearbook Coordinator	\$ 473
Daniel Wismer	Middle School Student Forum (shared)	\$ 358.50
Stacy Reilly	Middle School Student Forum (shared)	\$ 358.50

<sup>\*</sup>pending receipt of required employment forms

# G. Appointment of Extra-Curricular Positions - 2009-2010 School Year

It is recommended that the names listed below of extra-curricular positions be appointed as noted for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Name</u>	Position	<b>Stipend</b>
Brad Bloszinsky	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,451
Robert Petrosky	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,451
Robert Bydlon	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,451
James Schaffer	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,451
Robert Panny*	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,451
William Milne*	Assistant Football Coach	TBD
James Grabusky	Assistant Football Coach	Volunteer
Edward Csencsits*	Assistant Football Coach	Volunteer
Frank Schlofer	Head Field Hockey Coach	\$5,399
Erin DeBoer	Assistant Field Hockey Coach	\$3,451
Jennifer Keppel	Assistant Field Hockey Coach	\$1,335
Steve Becker	Assistant Field Hockey Coach	\$1,336
Francine Schlofer	Assistant Field Hockey Coach	Volunteer
Trajano Bastidas	Head Boys' Soccer Coach	\$5,399
Michael Baclawski	Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach	\$2,671
Christopher Bastidas	Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach	\$2,671
Charles Post	Head Cross Country Coach	\$3,510
David Burker	Assistant Cross Country Coach	\$1,889
Connie Newhard	Head Football Cheerleading Coach	\$1,506

<sup>\*</sup>Pending receipt of required employment forms.

### H. Approval of Leave of Absence

Approval is requested to grant Employee #1030 a leave of absence as listed:

Medical Leave of Absence Child Rearing Leave of Absence February 10 to March 31, 2009 April 1 to end of 2008-2009 school year

### I. Approval of Student Teachers

Approval is requested for the following student teachers in the Catasauqua Area School District for the Winter of 2008-2009 as noted:

#### **Sheckler Elementary School**

<b>School</b>	<u>Name</u>	<b>Assignment</b>	<u>Dates</u>
DeSales	Maria Santa Maria	Special Ed. – Christine Snyder	Jan. 7 – Apr. 15, 2009

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

# H. Salary Increment Increases

Increase the salary of the following professional(s) who have completed the salary credit step requirements for the second half of the 2008-2009 school year, as per Collective Bargaining Agreement (one-half of salary increment). The Superintendent has reviewed all documents, and recommends approval of the salary increases.

#### Reilly, Stacy

New	Step 6	Degree – M	Credits + 21	\$48,850
Old	Step 6	Degree – M	Credits + 15	\$47,62 <u>5</u>
	_	_		$1,225 \div 2 = 612.50$

Reimburse first pay in March 5, 2009

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

# CONFIRMATION OF GRADUATION DATE JUNE 8, 2009

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hartranft, granting approval to establish and confirm the district's graduation schedule for 2009 as provided in the 2008-2009 school calendar (graduation on Monday, June 8, 2009), and to not require graduating students to return to school after graduation to make up class days lost due to severe weather conditions during the 2008-2009 school year.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Roll Call – Cunningham aye, Hartranft aye, Levine aye, McCarthy aye, Panto aye, and Snyder aye; Reiss nay. One (1) nay. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDAR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR Motion by Reiss, seconded by McCarthy, requesting approval of the school calendar for the school year 2009-2010.

#### 2009-2010 Calendar inserted in Permanent Minute Book

APPROVAL TO Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hartranft, granting approval to the following to

**ATTEND - CONF.,** attend conferences, workshops, etc. as listed:

SEMINARS, ETC.

1. Name of Employee: William Bond, Industrial Technology Teacher

Catasauqua High School

Dates Requested: April 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, & 26, 2009 Conference Title: Battlebots I.Q. 2009 National Championship

Location: Solano County Fairgrounds or Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

Vallejo, California

Estimated Cost to District: Lodging = \$600.00 (1350-580-39-80)

Meals = \$210.00 (1350-580-39-80) Est. Airfare = \$400.00 (1350-580-39-80) Car Rental = \$600.00 (1350-580-39-80) Est. Gas = \$100.00 (1350-580-39-80) Robot Registration = \$500.00 (1350-810-39-80) Est. Shipping Robots = \$450.00 (1350-530-39-80)

Tolls/Parking = \$30.00 (1350-580-39-80)

Total estimated costs = \$2,890.00

Substitute for five (5) days @ \$120/day = \$600.00

2. Name of Employee: Thomas R. Moll, II, Director of Student Activities

Catasaugua Area School District

Dates Requested: March 25, 26, 27, & 28, 2009

Name of Conference: Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Conf.

Location: Hershey Lodge – Hershey, PA

Estimated Cost to District: Meals = \$ 30.00

Lodging = \$140.00 Registration = \$250.00 Estimated Mileage = \$90.75

Total estimated cost = \$510.75 (w/mileage = \$420.00)

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

BLANKET FIELD Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hartranft, granting a blanket field trip approval as follows: TRIP APPROVAL

1. Name of Employee(s): Kurt Anchorstar, Catasauqua H.S. and Catasauqua M.S. Vocal Director,

Mark Schultheis, Catasauqua High School Instrumental Director and Catasauqua Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Director

Richard Milne, Catasauqua Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Dir.

Students Attending: Any music performing student(s) of the Catasauqua Area

School District at high school, intermediate or elem. level

Dates Requested: Miscellaneous throughout school year, which could include but would not be limited

to one-day events or could require students to be out of school for multiple days. Information will be provided to administration with all information on the festival as

the students are accepted to participate in the various festivals.

Name of Conference(s): Lehigh County Chorus

Lehigh County Band

Location: Various locations throughout the state

Est. Cost to District: Will be provided at the time of the event and approved by building administrator.

NOTE: Overnight events will require individual board approval(i.e., district, regional, state)

Roll Call - Cunningham aye, Hartranft aye, Levine aye, McCarthy aye, Panto aye,

Reiss aye, and Snyder aye. Zero nay. Motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR DAYS OFF FROM SCHOOL Motion by Levine, seconded by Hartranft, granting approval for days off from school

as follows:

# 1. Catasaugua High School Battlebots Class (3 students – listed below)

# Dates Requested Event & Location

Apr. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, & 26, 2009 Battlebots I.Q. 2009 National Championship

Solano County Fairgrounds or Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

Vallejo, California

**Students** 

Jason Lippman Dominic Rossi Phillip Schaffer

Students will pay approximately: \$900 each to attend this event.

<u>Chaperones</u> – Mr. Bond (see costs noted above); two (2) other adults will also attend & pay their own expenses (Mr. & Mrs. Scott Rossi)

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

APROVAL TO
PARTICIPATE IN
PURCHASING
COOPERATIVE

Motion by Hartranft, seconded by Reiss, approving the request for the Catasauqua Area

School District to participate in the Lehigh-Northampton Counties Purchasing

Cooperative for grocery purchases

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH GOODTIME AMUSEMENTS Motion by Reiss, seconded by Hartranft, granting approval of the request to contract with Goodtime Amusements for the providing of high quality rides, show, and concessions, etc. at the Catasauqua Middle School location as listed:

Location: Catasauqua Middle School grounds

Date: April 16, 17, & 18, 2009

Time: 6:00 to 10:00 P.M.

Receipts: 25% of gross receipts of all rides, concessions, and shows

to the sponsoring organization

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL BUS & VAN STOPS/RUNS 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR AS OF FEB. 9, 2009 Motion by Reiss, seconded by Hartranft, approving the additional bus/van stops/runs for the 2008-2009 school year, effective February 9, 2009. Indicated stops/runs are subject to change due to additional student enrollments and/or 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 to attached 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.

List of Bus Stops/Runs inserted in Permanent Minute Book

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**OLD BUSINESS** 

#### 1. Wayne Karess

A. New website is up and running

# At this time Board Member Robert Levine left the meeting and did not vote on following item.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL & SALE OF SCHOOL BUS Motion by Hartranft, seconded by Snyder, approving the request for the disposal and sale of Bus #16, a 72-passenger, 1988 International school bus, VIN#1HVLPCFN6JH591025 to South Whitehall Auto Salvage & Used Parts at a price of \$997.80

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

#### At this time Board Member Robert Levine returned to meeting.

# LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

### 1. Thomas R. Moll, II

- A. To Adam Bastidas 2008 Lehigh Valley Boys' Soccer Scholar Athlete
- B. <u>To David Troxell</u> Catasauqua High School Girls' Basketball Head Coach 200<sup>th</sup> Career Victory January 22, 2009 defeating Palisades

#### 2. Kathleen Kotran & Eric Dauberman

A. <u>To Brad Evans</u> – selected by ASSET & PDE to present at the Science: It's Elementary Vision Conference. He shared his excitement and passion for the science initiative. He is a valuable asset to Catasauqua Area School District

#### 3. Kathleen Kotran & Wayne Karess

A. <u>To Thomas Abbott, Bryan Klass, Jonathan Kiefer, Christina Lutz-Doemling, and Thomas R. Moll, II</u> – for creating and updating their building or department web page

# 4. Eric Dauberman

A. <u>To Michele Bolza</u> – recognized as the Teacher of the Week by B-104. She was nominated by one of her students.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS** 1. David Ascani

- A. February 10 & 11, 2009 PSSA Writing Tests
- B. February 24, 2009 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period Honor Roll Reception 7:00 p.m.

# 2. Melissa Inselmann

- A. 5<sup>th</sup> grade is collecting canned food for the food bank
- B. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Autism Walk
- C. February 27, 2009 7:00 p.m. Movie Night at Catasauqua Middle School

#### 3. Wayne Karess

A. Mega Conference Junior Event

#### NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES

5:30 P.M.	Buildings & Grounds Committee
7:00 P.M.	Board Workshop Meeting
	Sheckler Elementary School Faculty Room
4:00 P.M.	Policy Committee
5:00 P.M.	Academics & Education Committee
6:00 P.M.	Athletic Council
7:15 P.M.	Finance Committee
will be held in th	e CHS Community Meeting Room.
7:00 P.M.	School Board Meeting Catasauqua High School Library
	4:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 7:15 P.M. will be held in th

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hartranft, seconded by McCarthy, to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally J. Reiss Secretary