

MINUTES
 CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Tuesday, March 11, 2025
 7:00 PM – District Administration Office

1. CALL TO ORDER President, Dale Hein

President, Dale Hein Called the Meeting to Order at 7:04P.M

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was given

3. ROLL CALL

Board Members		Non-Board Members	
Dale Hein, President	X	Dave Knerr	P
Jillian Emert, Vice President	X	Christina Lutz-Doemling	X
Jason Bashaw, Secretary	X	Lindsey Wallace	X
Christy Cooper, Treasurer	X	Paul Reilly	
Lauren Cieslak	X	Eric Dauberman	X
Eric DeLabar	X	Melissa Inselmann	X
Shawn McGinley		David Todd	X
Jeremy Smale	X	Robert Kucharczuk	X
Jamie Nattress	X	Thomas Moll	
Student Representatives		Daniel Kotran	X
Ayden Wellington		Patrick McNulty	X
David Janoski	X		

4. NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

A. An executive session for legal and personnel reasons held prior to the meeting at 6:00pm.
An executive session was held until 7:04 P.M

5. PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA

A. Sheckler Elementary Students of the Month –Dr. Robert Kucharczuk

MARCH				
<i>Darcy Bonifacio</i>	<i>Mary Gotzon</i>	<i>Natalie Valerio De Jesus</i>	<i>Evelyn Mazzola</i>	<i>Emily Miltenberger</i>

B. 2025 PA Invention Convention Recognition – Hillary Hahn

Hillary shared information about the four fifth-grade middle school finalists in the 2025 PA Invention Convention, who were recognized for their invention, “Just Dust”.

C. Spring 2026 Music Department Trip To Williamsburg Virginia – Robert Arnold

Mr. Arnold presented and requested a Music Department Trip 2026 to Williamsburg Virginia. Christina and the Board are in support of this trip, and the trip itself will receive board approval closer to 2026.

D. Financing Update - Bond Resolution - Brad Remig, PFM

Brad Remig provided an overview, and opened the floor to questions.

**At this point, Dale Hein made a motion to move agenda Item 12. FINANCIAL (B), 'Approval of Resolution 2025 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds,' to 5.*

PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA to allow for a Roll Call Vote to occur.

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Emert SECONDED BY: Cooper

AYE: Cooper, Smale, Cieslak, Nattress, Emert, DeLabar, Bashaw, Hein

NAY: 0

Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

6. ADMINISTRATION/BOARD DISCUSSION & REPORTS

A. Academics and Education - Melissa Inselmann

- *The Catasauqua Area School District Comprehensive Three-Year Plan for 2025-2028 is on the school board agenda tonight. CASD administration requests your approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education mandated Comprehensive Plan inclusive of the Induction Plan, Professional Education Plan, and Gifted Plan. This document was developed in accordance with and will comply with the applicable provisions of 22 Pa. Code, Chapters 4, 12, 14, 16, and 49 and was made available for public inspection and comment for a minimum of 28 days.*
- *On March 7th, we had an In-Service Day and conducted the 2nd part of our Autism training for teachers and staff in grades 7 - 12, PSSA/Keystone trainings, OpenSciEd training for grades 6-8, and PSSA Science transition meeting for 4th and 5th grade teachers to continue planning and collaborating together.*
- *On March 13th, we have teachers from the middle school and high school going to a professional development training at the IU - [Using WIDA Proficiency Level Descriptors and Instructional Strategies to Design Core Instruction](#) to help address the needs of our MLLs.*
- *On March 18th, our 5th-grade teachers will have their 4th PD session Venture into STEELS Day 4: Supporting and Assessing our Students to help transition to the new STEELS standards and the transition to the 5th-grade Science PSSAs.*
- *Preparations and trainings are underway in our school buildings for the upcoming PSSAs and Keystones. All assessments will be online.*
- *PVAAS Roster Verification will start in April with the preview phase, and in May, the teacher, school, and district roster verification phases will begin.*

B. Finance - Lindsey Wallace

Bond Resolution:

- *Brad Remig gave a nice summary of the Bond Resolution on the Agenda for Approval tonight.*
- *Christina and I have been working closely with Brad, Fox Rothchild, and Moody's Bond Rating Teams to complete the extensive Bond Application process. I'd just like to acknowledge our thanks as they have all been extremely helpful and supportive throughout this process.*
- *We have our Bond Rating Interview scheduled March 17th. This is the last step in the Bond Application process. Then the following week we should have our Bond*

Rating/Credit Score and will also have an opportunity to review the draft Press Release.

- *Everything is on track with our original timeline to lock in rates this Month for a Settlement in April and will receive funds shortly after settlement.*
- *Plan to start the High School Roof Project and High School Weight Room in June. We are also starting the process to get the High School Bleachers Project and some other smaller capital projects underway to finish over the summer as well.*

Financial Statements:

- *The 2023-2024 Final Audit Financial Statements are on tonight's agenda for board approval.*
- *We did not have any findings, which is always a good thing.*
- *We contributed \$114,874 to General Fund Balance. As you are all aware, it is important to have a healthy fund balance, especially with so many capital projects on the horizon.*

C. Building & Grounds - Eric Dauberman

- *Buildings and Grounds – Ground crews are working diligently to transition out of winter tasks and preparing CASD facilities for spring sports and student activities.*
- *Upon receiving board approval for the project, we will seek vendors through a competitive bid process for the replacement of the Kindergarten area double doors. That advertisement will be public as of March 17, and re-advertised on March 24th and 31st. The public bid opening will take place on April 7th. The recommended contractor will appear on the April 8th board agenda. The project is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2025 through the use of PCC grant funding.*
- *The mantrap project at CHS is ordered and in the scheduling phase and once it is completed, the project at CMS will commence. These projects are intended to increase security at each building.*
- *The public opening of the weight room bids took place at 11:00 on Wednesday, March 5. Based on the bids received, we have recommended a vendor and options for consideration at tonight's meeting.*

D. Policy - David Knerr

- **Policy #236 - Threat Assessment - Second Reading**
- **Policy #805 - Use of Force by School Security Personnel - Second Reading**
Both were approved during first reading last month. Dave asked if there were any questions.

E. Athletics - Thomas Moll

WINTER SPORTS

- *Girls basketball qualified for both the league playoffs and the district playoffs. We lost to Notre Dame in the District quarterfinals. The team finished with a record of 14-10.*
- *Boys Wrestling- In Districts, senior Jacob Ramos won gold at 285 lbs. and junior Gavin Hacker finished fourth at 121 lbs. Both Jacob and Gavin advanced to regionals, both finished 1-2 at regionals, falling short of qualifying for states.*
- *Girls Wrestling- In Districts, junior Aerial Stallworth won gold at 142 lbs. Aerial advanced to regionals, finishing second. She qualified for states and wrestled in Hershey last weekend finishing 1-2.*
- *Boys Basketball- the boys basketball team has had a great run over the past two months. In the league playoffs, we upset top-seeded Notre Dame in the quarterfinals, beat Bangor in the semifinal before losing to Northwestern Lehigh in the championship game.*

In Districts, we beat Williams Valley in the quarterfinals and Mahanoy Area in the semifinals. We went on to defeat Minersville in the District championship at iconic Martz Hall. It was our first boys basketball district championship since 2006. Last Saturday we played what may have been the first ever home PIAA state playoff game in school history. Before a near sellout crowd, we beat Philadelphia Academy Charter School 70-43. We play Lancaster Mennonite tomorrow in the PIAA 3A Boys Basketball Second Round at Governor Mifflin HS.

- *Congratulations to junior Maliya Walp on finishing third in the 100 Backstroke and earning a medal at the District XI 2A Swimming Championship at Parkland High School. Maliya also finished fifth in the 200 Individual Medley.*
- *Senior Braden Bartholomew was recognized as our football scholar athlete nominee at a banquet at the Northampton Community Center on Sunday, March 2nd.*

SPRING SPORTS

- *The first official date for spring sports was March 3rd*
- *We have close to 80 kids on the track and field team. We have a home track meet next Tuesday.*
- *18-20 on varsity baseball and 14 on junior high baseball. The first baseball games are scheduled for the end of next week.*
- *We are working on our numbers for both varsity and junior high softball. We are actively trying to recruit more girls. We also have two individuals we are in contact with to possibly help coach.*
- *Middle school soccer workouts will begin the week of March 24th. The first MS soccer game is April 23rd.*
- *We had our first Indoor Competition last Saturday at Kutztown Area MS. Indoor percussion finished third and indoor guard finished second. Our next competition is March 22nd at Lake Lehman HS.*

**At this point, Dale Hein commented to add a Middle School Volunteer Coach*

F. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit # 21 - Jason Bashaw

- *No Report - No February Meeting - Next Meeting is Monday, March 17*

G. Borough of Catasauqua - Dale Hein

- *Nothing that pertained to the School District*

H. Borough of North Catasauqua - Christy Cooper

- *No Report – Nothing that pertained to the School District*

I. Hanover Township - Lindsey Wallace

- *The proposed zoning ordinances I discussed in a previous board meeting to rezone areas from residential to industrial has passed. We have notified our transportation department of these changes and they will not impact any bus routes.*

i. North Irving Street

ii. Lloyd Street

J. PSBA Liaison Update - Lauren Cieslak

- *PSBA is looking for presentations and performing arts groups for this conference*
- *10/19/25 - 10/21/25 at Kalahari*
- *Small Group Ensembles needed*
- *Applications due June 1, 2025*

K. Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Update - Jillian Emert

- *First year for the 5th grade tours*
- *720 applications so far - Most all complete*
- *Fun fact sheet - students going out on Co-Ops 1.06 Million Dollars*

L. Student Representatives - David Janoski and Adyn Wellington

- *Finishing up 5th grade tours*
- *Effects of the tours on students in their applications for LCTI*
- *Preparing for second half of the NOCTI's*
- *Lab is joining the Seals challenge - sea air and land base robot competition, sponsored by Penn State and Department of Defense*
 - *5 teams going - Janoski's team is going for the air and is constructing a drone*
 - *Wednesday, Apr 30, 2025*
- *David Janoski and Chase Merchant- went to Skills USA and placed 3rd*

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)

A. School Board Meeting Held on February 11, 2025

8. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025

9. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS FEBRUARY 2025 ACCOUNT CODES

10. APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ALL A/P BILLS MARCH 2025

11. APPROVAL TO RATIFY ALL EXPENSES OTHER THAN A/P FEBRUARY 2025

12. FINANCIAL

A. Accept Independent Auditor's Report of 2023-2024 General Fund Budget

Approval is requested to accept the independent auditor's report of the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget of the Catasauqua Area School District as prepared by Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits LLP.

Items 7A, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12A were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: DeLabar

SECONDED BY: Smale

AYE: Smale, Nattress, Bashaw, Cooper, Cieslak, Emert, DeLabar, Hein

NAY: 0

Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

B. Approval of Resolution 2025 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds
 Approval of Resolution 2025 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for Catasauqua Area School District, Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania.

*Item 12 (B) was approved under Board Item 5 (D) **PRESENTATIONS/AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA**, where a motion was made, followed by a Roll Call Vote, with all members in favor.*

13. PERSONNEL

A. Removal Of The Following Substitute Employees For The 2024-2025 School Year:

Name	Position	Reason
Maria Pereira	Non CDL Substitute Driver	Personal

B. Approval of Paid Administrative Leave, effective February 11, 2025, until February 13, 2025, for Employee #2512.

C. Resignation

1. Name: Luke Dauberman
 Status: Assistant Baseball Coach
 Assignment: Catasauqua High School
 Reason: Personal
 Effective: February 28, 2025

2. Name: Jason Schneck
 Status: Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
 Assignment: Catasauqua High School
 Reason: Personal
 Effective: February 28, 2025

3. Name: June Linton
 Status: Cafeteria Monitor and Substitute Custodian
 Assignment: Sheckler Elementary School Districtwide
 Reason: Personal
 Effective: February 19, 2025

D. Substitutes

The following applicants have requested to be added to the Substitute Employment List for the 2024-2025 School Year as follows:

Name	Assignment
Brian Sigafoos	Substitute Teacher

E. Nomination of Appointment

1. Name: Amber Weaver *
- Status: Non Certified Instructional Aide
- Assignment: Sheckler Elementary School
- Rate of Pay: \$143 per day
- Benefits: As per the Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Effective: Pending Paperwork

*pending receipt of employment paperwork

F. Approval for Days Without Pay

1. Name: Kayla Cunningham
Reason: Personal
Effective: 2/7/25 Half Day
2/10/25 Full Day
2. Name: Kate Musselman
Reason: Personal
Effective: 2/12/2025 Full Day
3/06/2025 Full Day
3/07/2025 Full Day
3. Name: Claire Murawski
Reason: Personal/Sick
Effective: 2/12/25 Full Day
2/13/25 Full Day
2/19/25 Full Day
4. Name: Denise Blakely
Reason: Personal
Effective: 2/28/25 Full Day
3/26/25 Full Day
3/27/25 Full Day
3/28/25 Full Day
3/31/25 Full Day
5. Name: Courtney Schwartz
Reason: Sick
Effective: 2/20/2025 Full Day
2/24/2025 Full Day
6. Name: Nichole Grym
Reason: Personal
Effective: 3/6/2025 Full Day
7. Name: Lauren Pereira
Reason: Personal
Effective: 2/26/2025 Half Day

- 8. Name: Cecilia Rameriz
- Reason: Sick
- Effective: 2/24/2025 Full Day

G. Change in Employment Status

- 1. Name: Cathy Moore
- Previous Status: Substitute Teacher
- Current Status: Daily Building Substitute
- Assignment: Catasauqua Middle School
- Rate of Pay: \$145.00 per day
- Benefits: N/A
- Effective: Approximately March 17, 2025

Items 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D, 13E, 13F and 13G(1.) were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Emert SECONDED BY: Cieslak
AYE: Smale, Emert, DeLabar, Bashaw, Cooper, Cieslak, Nattress, Hein
NAY: 0
Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

- 2. Name: Joseph Henrich
- Previous Status: Teacher/Certified Instructional Aide
- Current Status: Assistant Principal
- Assignment: Catasauqua High School
- Rate of Pay: \$95,000.00
- Benefits: Act 93 Administrator Compensation Plan
- Effective: July 1, 2025

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Emert SECONDED BY: DeLabar
AYE: Cieslak, Emert, Bashaw, Nattress, Cooper, Smale, DeLabar, Hein
NAY: 0
Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

H. Approval for, Where Such Services Are Required or Requested, The Employee Pay Rate of \$35.25 Per Hour For Site Managers With The Billing Rate of \$50.00 Per Hour To The Organization/Group for the 2025-2026 School Year.

I. Approval of Coach/Band Related Stipends for the 2025-2026 School Year

Position	Stipend
FOOTBALL - Head Coach - Fall	\$8,895.00
FOOTBALL - Asst Coach - Fall	\$5,310.00
FOOTBALL - Asst Coach - Fall	\$5,310.00
FOOTBALL - Asst Coach - Fall	\$5,310.00
FOOTBALL - Asst Coach - Fall	\$5,310.00
FOOTBALL - Asst Coach - Fall	\$5,310.00
FOOTBALL - Asst Coach - Fall -	\$5,310.00
FIELD HOCKEY - Head Coach - Fall	\$5,840.00
FIELD HOCKEY - Asst Coach - Fall	\$3,201.00
FIELD HOCKEY - Asst Coach - Fall JH	\$3,201.00
BOYS SOCCER - Head Coach - Fall	\$5,840.00
BOYS SOCCER - Asst Coach - Fall	\$3,201.00
GIRLS SOCCER - Head Coach - Fall	\$5,840.00
GIRLS SOCCER - Asst Coach - Fall	\$3,201.00
CROSS COUNTRY - Head Coach - Fall	\$4,485.00
CROSS COUNTRY - Asst Coach - Fall	\$2,869.00
CHEER FOOTBALL - Head Coach - Fall	\$3,258.00
CHEER FOOTBALL - Asst Coach - Fall	\$2,040.00
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - Head Coach - Fall	\$5,840.00
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - Asst Coach - Fall	\$3,201.00
BOYS BASKETBALL - Head Coach - Winter	\$8,025.00
BOYS BASKETBALL - Asst Coach - Winter	\$4,927.00
BOYS BASKETBALL - Asst Coach - Winter	\$4,927.00
GIRLS BASKETBALL - Head Coach - Winter	\$8,025.00
GIRLS BASKETBALL - Asst Coach - Winter	\$4,927.00
GIRLS BASKETBALL - Asst Coach - Winter	\$4,927.00
WRESTLING – Coordinator – Winter	\$8,025.00
WRESTLING – Boys Head Coach - Winter	\$4,927.00
WRESTLING – Girls Head Coach - Winter	\$4,927.00
WRESTLING – Junior High Coach - Winter	\$4,927.00
BASEBALL - Head Coach - Spring	\$5,840.00
BASEBALL - Asst Coach - Spring	\$3,201.00
BASEBALL - Asst Coach - Spring	\$3,201.00
SOFTBALL - Head Coach - Spring	\$5,840.00
SOFTBALL - Asst Coach - Spring	\$3,201.00
SOFTBALL - Asst Coach - Spring	\$3,201.00
TRACK - Head Coach - Spring	\$5,840.00
TRACK - Asst Coach - Spring	\$3,201.00
TRACK - Asst Coach - Spring	\$3,201.00
TRACK - Asst Coach - Spring	\$3,201.00
WEIGHT ROOM - Summer	\$825.00
WEIGHT ROOM - Fall	\$825.00

WEIGHT ROOM - Winter	\$825.00
WEIGHT ROOM - Spring	\$825.00
MARCHING BAND - Fall	\$6,750.00
Asst MARCHING BAND - Fall	\$3,275.00
Asst MARCHING BAND - Fall	\$3,275.00
Asst MARCHING BAND - Fall	\$3,275.00
INDOOR GUARD - Winter	\$2,425.00
ASSIST INDOOR GUARD - Winter	\$1,425.00
Flexible Coaching Position *	\$3,201.00
Flexible Coaching Position *	\$3,201.00
Flexible Coaching Position *	\$3,201.00

*Based on Need/Levels of Participation

J. Half Year Salary Increment Change

Approval is requested to adjust the compensation indicated below as per the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement:

Jacquelyn Garner	Step	Degree	Credits	Salary
New	4	M	0	\$73,106.00
Old	4	BS	36	\$70,438.00
Difference				\$2,668.00
Half Increment				\$1,334.00

K. Approval Of Student Teachers/Interns/Job Shadows

Approval is requested for the following student teachers/interns/job shadows as listed:

College – Moravian University	Effective: March 10, 2025 to April 25, 2025
Name: Nicole Bellesfield*	High School Music – Robert Arnold

*pending receipt of employment paperwork

L. Appointment of Extra-Curricular Positions for the 2024-2025 School Year

#	Name	Position	Stipend
1	Daniel Noel*	Assistant Football Coach	Volunteer
2	Jennifer Conway	Assistant Baseball Coach	Volunteer
3	Joseph Conway*	Assistant Baseball Coach	Volunteer
4	Christopher Larry Ford*	Assistant Football Coach	Volunteer
5	Noah Vogeler*	Assistant Football Coach	Volunteer
6	Sarah D'Alessio*	Assistant Softball Coach	\$3,100.00

* pending receipt of employment paperwork

13-L (4) Name change is being made to reflect consistency across employment paperwork. "Larry" is being removed and replaced with Christopher.

Items 13H, 13I, 13J, 13K, and 13L were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Emert SECONDED BY: Cieslak
 AYE: DeLabar, Nattress, Cooper, Emert, Bashaw, Cieslak, Smale, Hein
 NAY: 0
 Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

14. CURRICULUM

15. BOARD APPROVALS

A. Request for Approval to Add the Following Additional 2025-2026 Coaching Position:

Additional Position	Stipend
Track - Asst. Coach - Spring	\$3,201.00

B. Request for Approval to Establish the Following 2025-2026 New Band Position:

New Position	Stipend
Indoor Percussion - Winter	\$2,425.00

C. Request for Board Approval to Revise the Extracurricular ~~Athletic~~ Position Description for Indoor Guard.

**At this time, the word 'Athletic' was removed from Item 15 (C) Board Approvals, changing it to read, 'Request for Board Approval to Revise the Extracurricular Position Description for Indoor Guard.*

Items 15A, 15B, and 15C were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: DeLabar SECONDED BY: Smale
 AYE: Emert, DeLabar, Cieslak, Cooper, Smale, Nattress, Bashaw, Hein
 NAY: 0
 Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

- D. Approval of the Catasauqua Area School District Comprehensive Plan 2025-2028**
 Administration requests approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education mandated Comprehensive Plan inclusive of the Induction Plan, Professional Education Plan, and Gifted Plan. This document was developed in accordance, and will comply with the applicable provisions of 22 Pa. Code, Chapters 4, 12, 14, 16 and 49 and was made available for public inspection and comment for a minimum of 28 days.

E. Approval of Special Education Services Agreement for the 2025-2026 School Year Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21

The Superintendent requests approval of this agreement, providing services for district students with special needs

F. Authorization To Go Out To Bid For Sheckler Entryway Doors and Install

G. Approval of Policy – Second Reading

Approval is requested for the Second reading of the following policy:

Section: Pupils
Policy #: 236
Title: Threat Assessment

H. Approval of Policy – Second Reading

Approval is requested for the Second reading of the following policy:

Section: Operations
Policy #: 805
Title: Use of Force by School Security Personnel

Items 15D, 15E, 15F, 15G, and 15H were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Emert SECONDED BY: DeLabar
AYE: Bashaw, Cieslak, Emert, Nattress, Cooper, DeLabar, Smale, Hein
NAY: 0
Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

I. District Calendar 2025-2026

Superintendent requests approval of the proposed 2025-2026 district school calendar.

J. Approval to Attend Overnight Student Field Trip

K. Approval to Attend Overnight Athletic Workshop

L. Administration requests approval to enroll in Key Bank's Positive Pay (Payee) Program, at no additional cost to the District, to provide the District additional protection against fraudulent banking activity.

M. Administration requests approval to enroll in Key Bank's ACH Direct Services Program, at no additional cost to the District, to provide the District additional protection against ACH fraudulent banking activity and allow for more efficient electronic processing.

Items 15I, 15J, 15K, 15L, and 15M were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: DeLabar SECONDED BY: Emert
AYE: *Smale, Cooper, Emert, Bashaw, Nattress, Cieslak, DeLabar, Hein*
NAY: 0
Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

- N. Administration Requests Board Approval to award, Webster’s Fitness Products for the High School Weight Room Bid for Equipment/Installation of \$61,341.00 and Flooring/Installation of \$24,289.00 for a Grand Total Amount of \$85,630.00.(bid tabulation)**

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Bashaw SECONDED BY: DeLabar
AYE: *Cieslak, Nattress, Bashaw, Emert, DeLabar, Cooper, Smale, Hein*
NAY: 0
Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

- O. Approval of Additional Revised Van/Bus Stops**

Approval is requested of the revised Van/Bus Stops for the 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 will be made available at all times. Additionally, changes are stored within the transportation software management system.

MOTION BY: Emert SECONDED BY: DeLabar
Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

16. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & VISITORS

*Dan Kotran
Paul Reilly*

- *With Melissa, we've been really focused on getting our teachers the professional development they need. Two big topics this year have been AI and the new STEELS standards. We've had some great sessions, especially a full day session at the IU a few weeks ago titled, Innovative Instruction: Enhancing Teaching and Learning with AI, which is helping us keep moving forward with using AI responsibly and effectively in classrooms. To keep that momentum going, we've also put together a team of teachers to represent each building who can answer questions and help their*

colleagues with AI. Additionally, we had ten teachers at the CLIU STEM and STEELS summit last Friday, which was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to learn new teaching strategies surrounding the new science standards.

*Dr. Robert
Kucharczuk*

- *We had a great spirit week to celebrate Read Across America culminating with our Sheckler Title 1 Literacy Night*
- *Thank you to Jen Thierer, Sarah Forstoffer, our Home & School members, and the entire Sheckler staff for supporting and participating in our Title 1 Literacy Night at Sheckler. Thank you also to Dan Kotran for his support of our Title 1 program and oversight. We had an incredible showing and welcomed so many families for such a fun event connected to all things literacy.*
- *Thank you to our administrative team for their support, our custodial and buildings and grounds crews for set up and break down. We couldn't host such an incredible event without the team approach we have in Catty!*

*Patrick
McNulty*

- *Thank you to Dan Muthersbaugh and his building and grounds staff for the on time snow removal keeping us all safe on campus. Also, to the facilities department for addressing the building concerns promptly as they arise.*
- *Shout out to Mr. Tom Leeds and his students who participated in the ACE competition in Lehighton the past two days.*
- *CMS celebrated Read Across America week March 3-6, with daily activities to engage all students.*
- *CHS held an 8th grade open house last evening from 6:00-8:00 for parents and students. The 8th grade class scheduling is well underway with counselors from both schools actively involved.*

David Todd

- *We are excited for Opening Night of Mamma Mia! this Friday. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:00 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm*
- *LCTI Students of the Quarter: Lucinda Loftus, Cosmetology and Clarissa Simmonds, Masonry*
- *SkillsUSA Winners: Chase Merchant and David Janoski for Automated Industrial Technology*
- *Tomorrow, Wednesday March 11th at 2:00 pm we will be having our first Winter Pep Rally to recognize our Winter Athletes and celebrate their achievements.*
- *Looking forward to working with Mr. Henrich and congratulate him on becoming the new Assistant Principal at CHS.*

Thomas Moll

- *Thank you to all of our faculty, administration, board members and community members who showed up for Saturday's home playoff game. The atmosphere at CHS was fantastic. It was definitely a great day to be a Rough Rider.*

- *Congrats to Joe Henrich on getting approved to be our next assistant principal.*
- *And thank you to the board for approving our weight room bid. Our students will greatly benefit from the upgrades. Thank you again.*

*Eric
Dauberman*

- *Joe Henrich*
- *Weight Room Bid*
- *Brett Snyder will start Tuesday March 18th*

*Melissa
Inselmann*

- *Thank you to our school board for approving the CASD Comprehensive Plan tonight. I would like to recognize the following individuals for their assistance and help with putting the plan together: Rob Kucharczuk, Hillary Hahn, Eliza Michaud, Corinne Ramunni, Shelley Keffer, Dan Kotran/Paul Reilly, Eric Dauberman, and Christina Lutz-Doemling.*
- *Thank you to Emma Kalman for chaperoning our two 7th-grade students, Alex Bernini and Nickolas Kupchick, at the upcoming National STEM Festival in Washington, DC.*
- *Thank you to Hillary Hahn for preparing and advising the students for the 2025 PA Invention Convention Program and to our students who participated: Adriana VanNote, Avery Geiger, Layla Povenski, and Zoey Kalman.*
- *Thank you to Dan and Paul for the technology preparation of the iPads for the upcoming PSSAs/Keystones.*
- *Congratulations to Joe Henrich, and I look forward to working with you in your new position.*

*Lindsey
Wallace*

- *Thank you for all the financial board approvals tonight, especially the Bond Resolution.*
- *It seems like a lifetime ago that we initiated this process with the feasibility study, so seeing the progress and how far we've come since then is really neat to be a part of. It has been a ton of planning so we are excited to move forward and get some of these projects underway.*

*Dr. Christina
Lutz-Doemling*

- *Congratulations to Catasauqua Area School District again named LV Top Workplace #2 Mid-Size Employer*
- *We also received a special leadership award - and that is a tribute to the leadership that takes place at all levels - from the Board, to admin, to our teachers, faculty and staff, and students*
- *Congratulations to Joe Henrich*

Jeremy Smale – Shared his observation of warm weather bringing children more outdoors.

Lauren Cieslak – Ditto to the spring temperatures, and also commented on the 8th grade orientation.

Jamie Nattress – Expressed how Literacy Night was a success.

Jillian Emert – Recognized the School Counselors during National School Counselor Week, wished everyone luck during PSSA's

Eric DeLabar – Excited for the upcoming CHS Drama performance of Mama Mia, and also Spirit Week, AI training, and best of luck to boys' basketball and congrats to all other winter sports.

Jason Bashaw – Welcomed Joe Henrich to the Catty Team and looking forward to the Budget meeting.

Christy Cooper – Enjoyed Literacy night and orientation at High School.

Dale Hein – Lucinda Loftus, a CHS LCTI student, performed at the Civic Theater’s performance of Jesus Christ Superstar.

17. NEXT MEETING DATES

- A. Wednesday, March 19, 2025 6:00 PM Special School Board Meeting
- B. Tuesday, April 8, 2025 7:00 PM School Board Meeting
- C. Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:00 PM School Board Meeting
- D. Wednesday, May 7, 2025 5:00 PM B & G Committee Meeting
6:00 PM Athletic Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Academics Committee Meeting

18. ADJOURNMENT

*MOTION BY: Emert
Motion carried*

SECONDED BY: Bashaw

Time Adjourned: 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jason Bashaw
Secretary*