

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2009 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Albright, Lawrence Behe, Karen Claar, Tom Creehan, Terry Krug, Henry Nileski, Patricia Pyo, George Pyo, Justin Roberts

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Beth Whited, Sandy Evans, Justin Imler, Jeanette Black, John Lizik, Bill Marshall, Jeff Baird, Cindy Pacifico, Dave Beck, Lewis Hale, Christen Perrone, Justin Eger, Judy Muldoon, Kevin Watt, Elizabeth Wilt, Jan Pehinec, Dave Campbell, Sharon Glass, Ben Watt, Pat Tarwater, Mike Soyka

Mr. George Pyo, Board President, opened the Board Meeting, which was held in the Penn Cambria High School Library, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPOTLIGHT

- Keystone Achievement Awards, given to schools achieving AYP for two consecutive years, were presented to Mr. Marshall, Principal, PC High School as well as Mrs. Pacifico, Elementary Principal, for Primary, Intermediate and Pre-Primary buildings.
- January being Board Appreciation Month, Mrs. Whited expressed her appreciation for the dedication of the Board of Directors.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

A motion was offered by Miss Pyo, seconded by Mr. Behe, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the organization and regular meeting held December 2, 2008, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

PAYMENT
OF BILLS

On a motion offered by Mr. Nileski and seconded by Mr. Creehan, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the invoices as mailed to the Board prior to the meeting, and as evaluated and reviewed, reconciled, and recommended for payment by the Business Office be hereby approved for payment. (See Addendum "A")

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Mr. Roberts offered a motion which was seconded by Mr. Albright and unanimously approved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Reports for November & December 2008, be accepted as mailed to the Board and that a copy be filed with the official records of the School District. (See Addendum "B")

BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT

On a motion duly made by Mrs. Claar, seconded by Mr. Krug, and affirmatively voted upon by all present, the Board approved the Business Administrator's Report by adopting the following resolutions:

FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

RESOLVED: That the reports of grants, projects and federal programs and current budget reports for the general fund and cafeteria fund be accepted as presented to the Board and that a copy be filed with the official records of the School District. (See Addendum "C")

REVISION TO TAX
WORKBOOKS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes the payment to local tax collectors of \$1.00 (one dollar) for each addition, deletion or address change to the tax workbooks. The district's tax collector will provide guidelines for this compensation to the local tax collectors at the time new tax workbooks are distributed. The district's tax collector will validate all changes prior to reimbursement.

ANNUAL
DONATIONS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to continue past practice of making donations to local fire companies and libraries.

LOCAL AUDIT
REPORT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby accept the Auditor's Reporting Package for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, as prepared and presented by Wessell & Company.

TREASURY
MANAGEMENT
SERVICES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors authorizes the adoption of an updated Treasury Management Services Agreement (Banking Services) with the First National Bank of Pennsylvania.

SOLICITOR'S
REPORT

Mr. Imler reminded the Board that teacher negotiations will resume January 29, 2009, at 7:00 PM.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Creehan offered the motion which was seconded by Mr. Albright and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent's recommendations be approved as follows:

1. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ACTIONS

A. ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING RETIREMENTS

1. *Ms. E. Jane Gongloff*, Custodian, effective December 8, 2008 after 28 years of service.
2. *Ms. Paula Baranik*, Special Education Teacher, effective end of 2008-09 school year after 33 years of service.
3. *Ms. Brenda DeJohn*, Special Education Teacher, effective at the end of 2008-09 school year after 34 years of service.
4. *Mr. Sam Casale*, Title I Teacher, effective at the end of 2008-09 school year after 36 years of service.
5. *Ms. Kathleen Quinn*, Elementary Teacher, effective at the end of 2008-09 school year after 9 years of service at Penn Cambria, 20 years total.
6. *Ms. Joyce Bauman*, Special Education Teacher, effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year after 33 years of service.

B. APPROVE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS

1. *Ms. Ruth A. Diehl*, Assistant Varsity Forensics Coach, effective December 5, 2008, due to promotion and new work schedule which conflicts with coaching responsibilities.
2. *Mr. Bruce T. Frycklund*, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective immediately, due to desire to focus on Girls' Basketball.
3. *Ms. Carrie Vinglish*, Facilitator with Strengthening Families Program, effective upon hiring a replacement.

C. APPROVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- *Bine Blick*, St. Benedict, Instructional I, Earth & Space Science
- *Jennifer Dunmyer*, Portage, Instructional I, Secondary English
- *Leslie Ferguson*, Hollidaysburg, Instructional I, Social Studies
- *Scott Morealli*, Carrolltown, Instructional I, Social Studies
- *Andrew Tomaselli*, Cresson, Instructional I, Biology
- *Martin Vrabel*, Johnstown, Instructional I, Social Studies
- *Leah Fieni*, Portage, IU08 Emergency Permit
- *Lisa Iachini*, Claysburg, IU08 Emergency Permit
- *Corey McKee*, Claysburg, IU08 Emergency Permit
- *Deborah Young*, Duncansville, IU08 Emergency Permit

D. APPROVE SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER

- *Robin Leah Stasik*, Ashville

E. APPROVE MATERNITY LEAVE

- *Beth Mento*, Maternity leave effective on or about March 16, 2009, through April 29, 2009.

F. REMOVE SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS

- *Jeffrey Eckenrode*
- *Jeffrey Luther*
- *Alan Wilt*
- *Stephen Wirfel*
- *Mary Slebodnik*
- *Joseph Vocek*

G. REMOVE SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE OFFICER

- *Justin Kreutzberger*, failure to report to be sworn in.

OTHER BUSINESS

On a motion duly made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Albright, and affirmatively voted upon by all present, the Board approved the following resolutions:

APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO APAVTS JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education appoints *Mr. Justin Roberts*, to a three year term as representative to the Admiral Peary Area Vocational Technical School Joint Operating Committee.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the school calendar for 2009-2010 with the first day for students on Monday, August 31, 2009, with all lost days of instruction to be added to the end of the calendar. (See Addendum "D")

COAL ASSESSMENT RESTORATION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors herewith urges the Cambria County Board of Commissioners to restore Coal Assessments to the levels existing prior to 1997's Mineral Assessment Policy adoption, due to return of active coal mining within the area. (See Addendum "E")

GRANT AUTHORIZATION

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent is authorized to apply for grants, including state, federal and private foundations, to sign for the Directors citing this resolution and when successful, to submit required contracts.

CO-OP BOYS' SOCCER AGREEMENT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approves a cooperative agreement between Bishop Carroll High School, Portage Area School District and Penn Cambria School District to establish a cooperative boys' soccer program effective for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years. Agreement to be reviewed each August.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approves response and Corrective Action Plan to the Performance Audit Report for the years ending June 30, 2003 and 2004. (See Addendum "F")

ELECT PROGRAM

RESOLVED: That the Board approves Penn Cambria School District's participation in the Altoona School District consortium grant offering the ELECT Program for pregnant and parenting teens.

OPEN RECORDS OFFICER

RESOLVED: In compliance with Pennsylvania's Right to Know Law, the Board herewith appoints the Superintendent to serve as the Open Records Officer.

RESOLUTION IN LIEU OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors, in lieu of adopting a preliminary budget, will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the 2009-2010 fiscal year by more than its index (5.8%). (See Addendum "G")

ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT

Mr. Hale, Network Administrator, reported on recent technology upgrades and activities.

HEARING OF
VISITORS

Mr. Dave Campbell, representing PCEA, extended a dinner invitation to Board Members in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Miss Pyo, seconded by Mr. Krug and approved unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:31 PM.