

PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
201 6TH STREET
CRESSON, PENNSYLVANIA 16630

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

March 18, 2014

MEMBERS: Pat Albright, Lawrence Behe, Karen Claar, JoAnn Ivory, Terry Krug, Henry Nileski, George Pyo, Patricia Pyo, Justin Roberts

A Regular Meeting of the Penn Cambria School District Board of Education was called to order by George Pyo, President, at 7:01 P.M., Tuesday, March 18, 2014 in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Pat Albright
Mr. Larry Behe
Mrs. Karen Claar
Mrs. JoAnn Ivory
Mr. Terry Krug
Mr. Henry Nileski
Mr. George Pyo
Miss Patricia Pyo
Mr. Justin Roberts

TOTAL 9

MEMBERS ABSENT:

TOTAL 0

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Mary Beth Whited, Superintendent
Ms. Sandra Evans, Business Administrator
Mr. Ron Repak, School Solicitor– Andrews & Beard Law Offices
Mrs. Jeanette Black, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director
Mr. William Marshall, High School Principal
Mr. Dane Harrold, Assistant High School Principal
Mr. Jeff Baird, Middle School Principal
Mrs. Cindy Pacifico, Elementary Schools Principal
Mr. Dave Beck, Facilities Manager
Mr. Lewis Hale, Network Administrator

Mr. Paul Haber, School Psychologist
Mrs. Christen Perrone, Food Service Director
Mrs. Kim Beck, Recording Secretary
Ms. Rachel Vasilko, Reporter – Mainline Newspapers
Ms. Deb Baker, PCEA President
Mrs. Robin Lappi, PCESPA President
Mr. Joe Smorto, Teacher
Ms. Sue Creehan, Teacher
Ms. Maren Jubas, Student Teacher
Ms. Emily Russell, Student Teacher
Ms. Rachel Burns, Student Teacher
Ms. Arlene Ivory
Mr. Dave Kramer, Schneider Electric

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following were the items of business and discussion.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
PENN CAMBRIA VARSITY FORENSICS TEAM

Congratulations to our Forensics Team

State Qualifiers:

Duo Drama: *Kasey Creehan and Dante Delerme*

Public Forum Debate: *Casey Black and Brittanie Vargo*

Radio Broadcasting: *Andrew Audley*

Impromptu: *Dan Terek*

Commentary: *Michelle Smithbauer*

National Qualifiers

Duo Drama: *Kasey Creehan and Dante Delerme*

Duo Drama: *Jadyn Tiracave and Kristen Wray*

Commentary: *Dan Terek*

Serious Drama: *Chelsey Driskel*

Public Forum Debate: *Casey Black and Brittanie Vargo*

Public Forum Debate: *Isaac Will and Jake Hurley*

Oratorical Declamation: *Abby Harvey*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting held February 18, 2014, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was offered by Mrs. Claar, seconded by Mr. Albright, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept 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

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

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Reports for February 2014, 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

A motion was offered by Miss Pyo, seconded by Mrs. Claar, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolutions:

FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED: That the reports of grants, projects and federal programs and financial reports for the general fund, capital reserve 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")

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Repak shared with the Board the most recent Edition of the Andrews and Beard Education Law Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ACTIONS

ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATION

Ms. Christina Knott, Food Service, effective March 7, 2014 with the intent to remain on the substitute list

APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT

Mr. Landon Sinclair, Ebensburg, Volunteer Coach, Baseball, effective 2013-2014 season

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Ms. Jessica Bender, Meyersdale, Instructional I, Elementary K-6/Mid-Level Mathematics 7-9

Mr. Daniel McMullen, Ebensburg, Instructional I, Social Studies/English 7-12

REMOVE THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTE

Ms. Michelle Wysong, Lilly, Substitute Teacher

APPROVE CURRICULUM MAP

Approve completed curriculum map for the following course:
Driver Education

APPROVE 2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION

(See Addendum "D")

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was offered by Mr. Albright, seconded by Mrs. Claar, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

ENTRANCE SECURITY UPGRADE PROPOSAL

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve an investment grade audit agreement with Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc for a facilities improvement project.

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

GENERAL FUND BUDGET OF IU 8 2014-2015

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the General Fund Budget, 2014-2015, for IU 8 including a total contribution of \$173,000 from 35 participating school districts; Penn Cambria's share estimated at \$4,569.54.

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

SOFTBALL FIELD FENCE REPLACEMENT

RESOLVED: That the Board approve a request from the PCSD Softball Boosters to replace the outfield fence at the Softball field at no cost to the district.

A motion was offered by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Claar, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

ADOPTION OF NEW POLICIES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the second reading and adoption of the following:

- Board Policy 113: Special Education
- Board Policy 113.1: Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- Board Policy 113.2: Behavior Support
- Board Policy 113.3: Screenings and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
- Board Policy 113.4: Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information (See Addendum "E")

INFORMATION ITEMS

First reading of proposed Board Policies

Policy 103.1: Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities

Policy 718: Service Animals in the Schools

Policy 920: School Volunteers

(See Addendum "F")

First reading 2014-2015 School Calendar (proposed)

(See Addendum "G")

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Paul Haber, Penn Cambria School District Psychologist shared information regarding Dyslexia and Educating Students with Reading Disabilities. He stated that Dyslexia is essentially another term for a reading disability and that reading disabilities are the most common form of learning disability. Dyslexia is a language-based learning disorder and 5-10% of children require more specialized reading instruction. Most with reading disabilities benefit from explicit, systematic instruction in phonics. He also explained that early and appropriate identification is very important for better outcomes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Claar, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:25 PM.