

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
April 17, 2018

MEMBERS: Pat Albright, Karen Claar, Jenny Guzic, Terry Krug, Rudy McCarthy, George Pyo,
Patricia Pyo, Justin Roberts, Michael Sheehan

A Regular Meeting of the Penn Cambria School District Board of Education was called to order by George Pyo, President, at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 17, 2018 in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN: MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Pat Albright
Mrs. Karen Claar
Mrs. Jenny Guzic
Mr. Rudy McCarthy
Mr. George Pyo
Miss Patricia Pyo
Mr. Justin Roberts
Mr. Michael Sheehan
TOTAL 8

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Terry Krug
TOTAL 1

QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:
Mr. William Marshall, Superintendent
Ms. Jill Bender, Business Administrator
Mr. John Higgins, School Solicitor – Beard Legal Group, PC
Mrs. Jeanette Black, Director of Curriculum & Technology Coach
Mrs. Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director
Mr. Paul Haber, School Psychologist
Mr. James Abbott, High School Principal
Mr. Joseph Smorto, High School Assistant Principal
Mr. Jeff Baird, Principal Grades 7-8
Mr. Dane Harrold, Principal Grades 3-6
Mrs. Cynthia Pacifico, Principal Grades PK-2
Mr. Dave Beck, Facilities Manager
Mr. Lewis Hale, Network Administrator
Mrs. Angela Focht, Food Service Director
Mrs. Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary
Ms. Deb Baker, PCEA President
Mr. Josh Byers, Mainliner Reporter
Mr. Sean Sauro, Altoona Mirror Reporter
Mrs. Kerry Nileski, Teacher
Mrs. Holly Smith, Teacher/Forensics Coach

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. William Marshall, Superintendent, announced that *Mrs. Sandra Warner*, Middle School Teacher, was recently awarded the Dr. John Powers Outstanding Educator Award from St. Francis University. This award goes to an educator in the region that displays the following: Shares abilities & skills generously with others, seeks to use their knowledge to serve others, strives for excellence, is willing to learn from others, and seeks the truth and encourages free and open exchange of ideas and responsible actions.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Mrs. Holly Smith, forensics coach, updated the board on the outstanding accomplishments of the forensics team. National forensic qualifiers; *Myah Smith*, *Olivia Swan*, and *Kayla Simanski* entertained the board with their expertise in forensics.

The forensics team took second place at the Regional Tournament held at Saint Francis University. Individual winners and National Qualifiers were:

Persuasive: *Kayla Simanski* – 2nd place

Serious Drama: *Kaine Bukowski* – 1st place

Duo Drama: *Myah Smith* and *Olivia Swan* – 4th place

Lincoln Douglas: *Taylor Tomlinson* – 1st place

Ashton Ropp – 3rd place

Public Forum Debate: *Gage Parkin* and *Lacey Lumadue* – 2nd place

Matthew Kearney and *Josh Koval* – 3rd place

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting held March 20, 2018, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Report for March 2018, 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 Mrs. Claar, seconded by Mrs. Guzic, 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")

TAX OFFICE CHECKING ACCOUNT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the closing of the Penn Cambria Tax Office First National Bank checking account.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney *John Higgins*, informed the Board of Directors on bills that are going through the House and the Senate regarding Civic Education grades 7-12. The House version passed on April 16, 2018 and will most likely pass through the Senate and be implemented for the 2020-2021 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

ACCEPT RETIREMENTS, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Ms. Karen Bryan, Middle School Teacher, after 25 years of service

Mr. Gregory Norris, Intermediate School Teacher, after 37 years of service

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

Mr. Ted Boylan, Contracted Employee, effective April 6, 2018

Mr. Richard Hatch, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective March 7, 2018

Mr. John Stephans, High School Spanish Teacher, effective March 16, 2018

Mr. Jonathan Stewart, Primary School Custodian, effective April 12, 2018

APPROVE APPOINTMENTS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Ms. Diana Batdorf, High School 3 hour a day Food Service Worker, per the PCESPA contract

Mr. Micah Magley, IU08 Substitute

APPROVE DRIVERS (WILKINSON BUS LINES, INC.)

Mr. Charles Nicholson, Lilly, effective immediately

Ms. Bryanna O'Donnell, Cresson, effective pending clearances

B. APPROVE CURRICULUM MAP

Digital Concepts 9 (*formerly Computer Applications 9*)

C. APPROVE 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION (*See Addendum "D"*)

D. APPROVE THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR (*See Addendum "E"*)

E. SET GRADUATION, LOCATION, DATE, AND TIME

Graduation will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, June 2, 2018 in the DeGol Arena at Saint Francis University.

NEW BUSINESS

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

HUCKESTEIN MECHANICAL SERVICES CONTRACT

RESOLVED: The Board of Directors approve a contract with *Huckestein Mechanical Services, Inc.*, an approved *COSTARS* supplier, to replace the High School DHW tank (and associated installation costs) at a price of \$108,452.00.

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

ADOPTION OF REVISED BOARD POLICIES

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

100 - Strategic Plan

101 - Mission Statement

806 - Child/Student Abuse

(*See Addendum "F"*)

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

OUT OF STATE CONFERENCE

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve *Ms. Holly Smith*, 10 qualified students, and 1 chaperone to attend the National Forensics Competition in Washington, D.C. on May 24, 2018.

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

VOLUNTEER CHAPERONE

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the following volunteer chaperone to accompany qualifying students to the 2018 National Forensics Competition:

- a. *Ms. Kristen Swan*

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Jeff Baird, Principal Grades 7-8, reported to the Board on the various topics, including the revised attendance laws that took effect this past year and how those changes affected the school's procedures that address the truant, habitually truant, and students with compulsory attendance violations.

Additionally, Mr. Baird spoke about the following programs which have improved the school climate:

- Box Out Bullying
- Panther Pledge
- PAWS reward program - for students that go above and beyond. celebrations include sundaes or donuts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:45 P.M. Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:28 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Sheehan.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Miss Pyo, 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 8:29 P.M.