

PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

February 16, 2016

MEMBERS: Pat Albright, Karen Claar, Jenny Guzic, Terry Krug, Henry Nileski, 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, February 16, 2016 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. Terry Krug
- Mr. Henry Nileski
- Mr. George Pyo
- Miss Patricia Pyo
- Mr. Justin Roberts
- Mr. Michael Sheehan

TOTAL.....9

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

- Mr. William Marshall, Superintendent
- Ms. Sandra Evans, Business Administrator
- Mr. Ron Repak, School Solicitor – Andrews & Beard Law Offices
- Mrs. Jeanette Black, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Technology Coach
- Mr. James Abbott, High School Principal
- Mr. Casey Long, Assistant High School Principal
- Mr. Jeff Baird, Principal Grades 7-8

- Mr. Dane Harrold, Principal Grades 3-5
- Mrs. Cynthia Pacifico, Principal Grades PreK-2
- Mr. Dave Beck, Facilities Manager
- Mr. Lewis Hale, Network Administrator
- Mrs. Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary
- Mrs. Robin Lappi, PCESPA President
- Ms. Deb Baker, PCEA President
- Mr. Josh Byers, Reporter – Mainline Newspapers
- Mr. Charles Wilkinson, Parent

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

BOARD RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

The Penn Cambria School District Board of Directors commended and congratulated the students, faculty, staff and administration of the Penn Cambria High School for their outstanding achievement on the 2014-2015 Pennsylvania School Performance Profile Score.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following students for advancing to the Region III Band Festival:

Kimber Berezansky – Clarinet
Amanda Bergamaschi – Percussion
Kayla Davis – Bass Clarinet
Katelyn Grant – Piccolo
Anthony Podrasky – Tenor Saxophone

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the 2016 PMEA Region III Chorus:

Jocelyn Sheehan – Soprano II
Taylor Nileski – Soprano II
Ian Brumbaugh – Bass I

APPROVED MINUTES

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting held January 19, 2016, 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 Mrs. Claar, 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. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Nileski, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer’s Report for January 2016, 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. Guzic, seconded by Mr. Albright, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

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 a case out of Somerset County *Blanda v. Somerset County Board of Assessment Appeals*, **2016 WL 56250 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2016)** wherein a landowner listed property for rent on Craig’s List with a much different description than its current assessment. The county’s subsequent reassessment of that property prompted the owner to file an appeal to the Commonwealth Court. Commonwealth Court partially affirmed the trial court’s decision to correct a property assessment record to accurately reflect square footage. On appeal, the property owners argued that the Assessment Office’s reassessment amounted to unlawful spot reassessment – “the reassessment of a property or properties . . . that is not conducted as part of a countywide revision of assessment and which creates, sustains or increases disproportionality among properties’ assessed values,” – and the Assessment Office’s method of reassessment constituted an improper, *de facto* county-wide assessment.

Commonwealth Court found that the trial court had not erred in correcting the property's assessment record to reflect the current square footage of the property owner's lodge. To maintain uniformity of assessments throughout each county, an Assessment Office may reassess property beyond a county-wide assessment to correct erroneous and improper assessments that result from a mathematical or clerical error. The court found that the Assessment Office had correctly readjusted the owner's property assessment because of the discrepancy in the lodge's listed features. **The court also opined that the Assessment Office's practice of searching the Internet and checking newspapers and real estate guides to correct errors in existing property assessments is not a *de facto* county-wide reassessment.**

Additionally, Commonwealth Court held that the trial court erred in allowing the Assessment Office to change the grade of the property when the change did not amount to a mathematical or clerical correction to the record. Because the trial court erred in permitting this change to alter the property's assessment value, Commonwealth Court remanded the case to the trial court, so the court can adjust the property's value accordingly.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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 the Superintendent's recommendations be approved as follows:

APPROVED LEAVE REQUESTS

Ms. Leah Brooks, Autistic Support [Teacher], PC Primary School, FMLA/Maternity leave effective on or about March 27, 2016 through May 31, 2016

Ms. Stacey Brawley, Elementary Teacher, PC Primary School, Maternity leave effective on or about March 29, 2016 through May 24, 2016

APPROVED LONG TERM SUBSTITUTES

Ms. Kathryn Kuskoski, Elmora, Instructional I, Family Consumer Science K-12, et al. long term substitute for Ms. Lauren Kudlawiec, effective on or about February 2, 2016 through April 25, 2016, compensation per PCSD Administrative Regulation 305-AR

Ms. Lindsay Pelkey, Duncansville, Instructional I, English 7-12, long term substitute for Ms. Amanda Marino, effective on or about February 2, 2016 through April 27, 2016, compensation per PCSD Administrative Regulation 305-AR

Ms. Jessica Cherico, Gallitzin, Emergency Permit, Special Education PreK-8, long term substitute for Ms. Joelle Hanlon, effective on or about March 5, 2016 through May 30, 2016, compensation per PCSD Administrative Regulation 305-AR

Ms. Lauren Madonna, Cresson, Instructional I, Early Childhood PreK-4, long term substitute for Ms. Stacey Brawley, effective on or about March 29, 2016 through May 24, 2016, compensation per PCSD Administrative Regulation 305-AR

APPROVED FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Allen Coble, Altoona, Volunteer Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach, effective immediately

Mr. Todd Niebauer, Cresson, Volunteer Coach, Track Teams, effective immediately

Mr. Ben Watt, Ashville, Volunteer Swim Coach, to coach daughter Morgan Watt at districts

Mr. Jesse Bortner, Cresson, Substitute Aide *

Ms. Lori Ritchey-Fox, Portage, Substitute Food Service Worker *

Ms. Heather Bishop, Carrolltown, Substitute Food Service Worker*

* Pending Clearances

REMOVED THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTES

Ms. Maria Moreland, Lilly, Substitute Secretary effective January 27, 2016

APPROVED 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR (See Addendum "D")

NEW BUSINESS

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

SCHOOL PICTURES CONTRACT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors renew contract with Henry's Studio, for school and extracurricular pictures from 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board unanimously approved adjournment to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation on a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Sheehan at 7:14 P.M. Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:56 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Sheehan.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:59 P.M.