

PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CRESSON, PENNSYLVANIA 16630

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

January 20, 2015

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 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 20, 2015 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:

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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
Mr. William Marshall, High School Principal
Mr. Dane Harrold, Assistant High School Principal
Mr. Jeff Baird, Middle School Principal
Mrs. Cindy Pacifico, Elementary Principal
Mr. Dave Beck, Facilities Manager
Mr. Lewis Hale, Network Administrator
Mrs. Christen Perrone, Food Service Director
Ms. Michelle Erculiani, Nutrition, Inc

Mrs. Kim Beck, Recording Secretary
Mrs. Robin Lappi, President, PCESPA
Ms. Deb Baker, President, PCEA
Mr. Brian Fronk, Reporter – Mainline Newspapers
Ms. Kelly Cernetich, Reporter – Altoona Mirror
Karen Smithmyer, Parent
Mark Smithmyer, Parent
Zachary Smithmyer, Student/Boy Scout Troop 2221
Ian Pettenati, Student/Boy Scout Troop 2221
Wyatt Pettenati, Student/Boy Scout Troop 2221
Valorie Pettenati, Parent
Jim Ivory
Jocelyn Eger

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

January, being Board Appreciation Month, the Board Members were presented w/certificates of appreciation provided by PSBA along with candy provided by Mrs. Whited and Robin Lappi, PCESPA President thanking them for their commitment and dedication to the district. Nutrition Inc. provided a delicious variety of refreshments.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

PC students named to LHAC All-Conference teams

Arlee Simendinger, placed 8th in States, Cross Country

Garrett Sutton, Cross Country

Mark Mardula, Football

Jacob Hurley, Football

Jacob Driskel, Football

Isaac Will, Football

Maddie Krug, Golf

Ian Dunmyer, Golf

Sofia Funari, Soccer

Kasey Creehan, Soccer

Lily Krull, Volleyball

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 December 2, 2014 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. Behe, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer’s Reports for November and December, 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 Mr. Krug, seconded by Miss Pyo, 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”)

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 will provide guidelines for this compensation to the local tax collectors at the time new tax workbooks are distributed. The district’s Business Administrator will validate all changes prior to payment.

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.

TAX COLLECTOR AUDIT REPORT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby accept the Real Estate Tax Collector Audit Report for the period ending January 15, 2014, as prepared and presented by Wessel & Company.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Repak commended the Board on being proactive and taking action early on policy revisions regarding volunteers obtaining clearances; that is now a requirement under Act 153.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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 Superintendent's recommendations be approved as follows:

ACCEPT FOLLOWING RETIREMENTS

Mr. Mark Pehinec, Social Studies Teacher, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year after 22+ years of service

Ms. Anne Seno, PCHS Guidance Counselor, effective August 15, 2015 after 28 years of service

Ms. Carmella Drass, Special Education Aide, effective April 1, 2015, after 10+ years of service

APPROVE RESIGNATIONS

Ms. Amanda Stefanik, PC Elementary Speech Therapist, effective January 30, 2015

Ms. Rita Kalwasinski, Custodian, effective January 12, 2015

Mr. Joe Semanchik, Custodian, effective January 9, 2015

Ms. Jessica Burlingame, Head Coach Varsity Soccer, effective immediately

Ms. Pamela Kenawell, Assistant Coach Varsity Soccer, effective immediately

APPROVE LEAVE REQUESTS

Ms. Patricia Strenko, PCMS Language Arts Teacher, medical leave effective December 3, 2014 through the end of the 2014-2015 school year

Ms. Joan Sumner, Reading Aide, intermittent FMLA, up to 12 weeks inclusive of available paid leave options, retroactive to November 21, 2014

Ms. Rosemarie Harker, Special Education Aide, intermittent FMLA, up to 12 weeks inclusive of available paid leave options, retroactive to January 2, 2015

Ms. Mary Borlie, PCI Food Service Worker, Maternity/Parenting leave effective on or about January 30, 2015 through May 1, 2015

APPROVE LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

Ms. Lindsay M. Pelkey, Duncansville, Instructional I, English 7-12, long term substitute for Ms. Strenko effective December 3, 2014 through the end of the 2014-2015 school year, compensation per PCSD Administrative Regulation 305-AR

APPROVE APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Jocelyn M. Eger, Cresson, Instructional I, Speech & Language Impaired PK-12, effective January 28, 2015, Masters' Step 1, \$36,671 pro-rated from date of hire, wages and benefits per PCEA contract

Mr. Harry Dowling, Lilly, Full-Time 3rd shift Custodian, PC High School, effective January 21, 2015, wages \$9.15 per hour plus shift differential with benefits per PCESPA contract

Mr. Sean Fitzpatrick, from Custodial Groundskeeper to 2nd shift Custodian, PC High School, retroactive to December 8, 2014, wages per PCESPA contract

Ms. Carrie Vinglish, Head Coach Girls Track, effective with the start of the 2014-2015 season, stipend \$3958 (100% of stipend with credit for previous coaching experience), per PCEA contract

Mr. James Mayer, Assistant Coach Baseball, effective with the start of the 2014-2015 season, stipend \$2172.60 (90% of \$2414 with credit for previous coaching experience), per PCEA contract

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Ms. Amanda Delegram, Cresson, Instructional I, Early Childhood Grades Pk-4/Special Education PK-8

Ms. Stacey Hrapchak, Johnstown, IU08 EP

Ms. Lauren Madonna, Cresson, Instructional I, Early Childhood Grades PK-4

Ms. Amber Miller, Hastings, Instructional I, Secondary Biology/General Science

Mr. Zakary Newton, Cresson, IU08 EP

Mr. Christopher Tromm, Altoona, Instructional I, Health & Physical Education

REMOVE THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTES

Ms. Bridget Laich, Substitute Teacher

Ms. Patricia Staller, Substitute Teacher, IU08 EP

Ms. Lisa Treese, Substitute Teacher

NEW BUSINESS

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

POLICY UPDATES

RESOLVED: That the Board approve the following updated policies:

Policy 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotations

Policy 611 Purchases Budgeted

(See Addendum "D")

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

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 2015-2016 fiscal year by more than its index (2.7%).

(See Addendum "E")

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

JUNIOR HIGH SOFTBALL PROGRAM

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve a Junior High Softball program beginning with the 2014-2015 season, at no cost to the District.

INFORMATION ITEMS

First reading of Proposed Board Policy
Policy 246 Student Wellness
(See Addendum "F")

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Lewis Hale, Network Administrator updated the Board on district technology.

Ms. Christen Perrone, Food Service Director presented an update on cafeteria events.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Deb Baker, PCEA President extended an invitation to Board Members to attend a dinner honoring their commitment and dedication to the Penn Cambria School District.

ADJOURNMENT

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 there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:24 P.M.