BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2008  7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Albright

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Beth Whited, Sandy Evans, Liz Benjamin, Kathy Nagle, John Lizik, Bill Marshall, Jeff Baird, Cindy Pacifico, Cathy Adams, Larry Davis, Justin Eger, Judy Muldoon, Guy Monica, Kristi Knapik, Ania Popko, Christine Carney, Laverne Passanita

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 ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Mrs. Whited highlight student achievements in the following areas:

- Admiral Peary Vo-Tech SkillsUSA District 7 Regional Competition
- Scholastic Scrimmage Team
- Region III Band Festival
- Region III Chorus
- All State Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- Odyssey of the Mind
- LHAC MVP
- Wrestling
- Forensics

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting held February 19, 2008, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.
On a motion offered by Mr. Nileski and seconded by Mr. Krug, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution:

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**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”)

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Treasurer’s Reports be accepted as mailed to the Board and that a copy be filed with the official records of the School District. (See Addendum “B”)

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:

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**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”)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors hereby accept the Auditor’s Reporting Package for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, as presented by Long, Mulhearn & Criste, P.C.

**LOCAL AUDIT REPORT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of School Directors approve a contract with Conrad Siegel Actuaries to provide actuarial services for GASB 45 compliance activities [valuation of post-employment benefits other than pensions (OPEB)], cost not to exceed $7,000.

**GASB 45 VALUATION SERVICES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of School Directors award a bid in the amount of $18,304.18 to Stanbury Uniforms, Inc. for the purchase of marching band uniforms and approve the purchase of raincoats from Band Shoppe for $2,868.11
Ms. Benjamin had no report but did remind the Board of the annual Educational Law Seminar being sponsored by Andrews & Beard and being held at the Blair County Convention Center.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Superintendent’s recommendations be approved as follows:

**A. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

1. **ACCEPT FOLLOWING RETIREMENT**
   a. *Sylvia Conway*, elementary teacher, effective end of 2007-2008 school year, following 33 years of service

2. **APPROVE ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:**
   a. *Derrik Eckenrode*, Gallitzin, Instructional I, Elementary

3. **APPROVE FOLLOWING COACHING POSITIONS**

4. **TRANSFER OF ENTITIES**
   Notification will be made to IU08 on or before March 31, 2008, that Penn Cambria School District will assume the following positions for 2008-2009 school year:
   a. School Psychologist
   b. School Social Worker

5. **REMOVE FROM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST**
   a. *Kirby Croft*, due to employment elsewhere
   b. *Curtis Kutch*, per his request
   c. *Brianna Yoder*

6. **APPROVE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**
   a. *Arnold E. McGarry*
   b. *Mildred A. Smith*
   c. *James Templon*
   d. *Timothy R. Weise*
7. **APPROVE FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE**

8. **APPROVE MATERNITY LEAVE**
   a. *Kristin Talko*, HS Teacher, maternity leave effective March 7 through April 18.

B. **APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP**

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Board approves the General Fund Budget, 2008-2009 for IU 08 including a total contribution of $173,000 from the 35 participating school districts. Penn Cambria’s share is $4,482.75.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors hereby approves the 2008-2009 budget as presented and endorsed by the Superintendent’s Advisory Committee and the Joint Operating Committee of Admiral Peary Area Vocational-Technical School.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors will send a letter of support to Washington Township in their efforts to secure grant funding for the development of expanded recreational facilities in the Mainline area.

*Mr. Jeff Baird*, Middle School Principal, addressed the Board, highlighting recent activities and increased library usage.

Christine Carney addressed the Board. She expressed her appreciation for having the Board Minutes added to the webpage. In reviewing reports from neighboring school districts she noticed that many of these districts have sub-committees. She asked if our Board has or would consider this.

Mr. Pyo remarked that this had been tried unsuccessfully in the past but it will be discussed at the Committee Meeting.
A motion was offered by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Nileski and approved unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:32 PM.