

PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
201 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CRESSON, PENNSYLVANIA 16630

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
March 21, 2017

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

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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, March 21, 2017 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. George Pyo  
Miss Patricia Pyo  
Mr. Justin Roberts  
Mr. Michael Sheehan  
Mr. Terry Krug  
TOTAL . . . . . 8

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Henry Nileski  
TOTAL . . . . . 1

QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. William Marshall, Superintendent  
Ms. Sandra Evans, Business Administrator  
Mr. Ron Repak, School Solicitor – Beard Legal Group, PC  
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  
Mrs. Jeanette Black, Director of Curriculum  
Mr. Paul Haber, School Psychologist  
Mrs. Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director  
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

Mrs. Robin Lappi, PCESPA President  
Mr. Josh Byers, Mainliner Reporter  
Mr. Ron Fisher, Tribune-Democrat Reporter  
Ms. Jill Bender  
Ms. Holly Smith, Teacher/Forensics Coach  
Ms. Olivia Swan, Student  
Ms. Myah Smith, Student  
Mr. Kamryn Stoy, Student  
Mr. Kayleb Stoy, Student  
Ms. Sandy Rose-Felix  
Mr. Richard Felix  
Ms. Kim McIntosh  
Mr. Mason McIntosh  
Mr. Mike Longhi  
Ms. Cathy Gallagher

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Marshall announced that on behalf of the Penn Cambria School District, the school board and the students, we would like to publicly thank Josh Gallagher for his \$3,000 donation to the Penn Cambria Music Department. We also would like to thank the Johnstown Tomahawks for all their efforts and especially for involving Penn Cambria in Josh Gallagher night at the Tomahawks.

Josh is unable to be here tonight, obviously because of his schedule. We have several of Josh's family members here tonight, that I would like to introduce and have them accept our sincerest thank you. First Josh's mom Cathy, Sandy and Richard Felix – Josh's aunt and uncle, Kim McIntosh – Josh's sister, Mason McIntosh – Kim's son, and Mike Longhi – Kim's boyfriend. Thank you for coming.

The donation brought a positive impact on all of students K-12. Our High School Band will be purchasing iPads. The Chorus Department will be purchasing Smart Music, a web based practice tool that we will be using through grades 5-12. Our Elementary schools will be purchasing some rhythm instruments and CD's for all of our individual classrooms. We will also be looking to bring some outside presenters in the Arts with that donation.

We know that Josh's fan base has grown tremendously over the last six months; we just want Josh to know that Penn Cambria will always be his biggest fan and biggest supporter. We are proud of Josh and would like to thank him for his generous donation.

#### SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following students on their accomplishments:

##### Forensics Team

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

The forensics team took first place out of twenty-two schools at Regionals. Sixteen Penn Cambria students advanced to the finals and fifteen of them qualified to Nationals.

Individual winners were:

Extemporaneous: *Ethan Lantz\** - 3rd; *Bryan Long\** - 2nd

Commentary: *Kamryn Stoy\** - 2nd

Persuasive: *Kayla Simanski\** - 2nd

Prose: *Rebecca Norris* - 5th

Poetry: *Melanie Stasik\** - 1st

Humorous Drama: *Olivia Swan\** - 1st

Duo Drama: *Kayleb Stoy\** and *Myah Smith\** - 5th

Public Forum Debate: *Lucas LeComte\** and *Patrick Kirby\** - 5th;

*Zachary Delaney\** and *Lyvia Toth\** - 2nd

Lincoln Douglas Debate: *Anthony Podrasky\** - 4th; *Kateri Krise\** - 1st

Oratorical Declamation - *Caitlyn Detrick\** - 4th

\* *Qualifying for Nationals*

##### Wrestling

*Derek Brown* and *Jarred Stoy* both finished 5<sup>th</sup> at Regionals and advanced to States.

##### Swimming

*Madison Dzurko*, *Neil Sutton*, and *Morgan Watt* all participated at Districts as part of our co-op with Cambria Heights swimming team.

*Madison Dzurko* placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100-yard backstroke and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100-yard butterfly.

Both *Madison Dzurko* and *Morgan Watt* were members of the 200 freestyle relay that finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4x100 freestyle relay that finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 February 21, 2017, 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. Krug, 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 Mrs Claar, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Report for February 2017, 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 Mr. Albright, 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")

##### LOCAL AUDIT REPORT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby accept the Auditor's Reporting Package for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, as prepared and presented by *Mark C. Turnley*, CPA.

##### FUND BALANCE TRANSFERS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approves the following general fund transfers from the unassigned fund balance, retroactive to June 30, 2016: \$90,601 to the General Fund committed fund balance for PSERS set-aside and \$10,000 to the Capital Reserve assigned fund balance.

##### APPOINT LOCAL AUDITOR

RESOLVED: To appoint *Mark C. Turnley*, CPA of Rochester, PA to conduct the annual audit of Penn Cambria School District for three additional fiscal years, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, costs not to exceed \$12,250, \$12,250 and \$12,500 respectively. The audit to be performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller of the United States and Uniform Guidance, in addition to PA School Code and all applicable auditing and reporting requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ron Repak, solicitor, informed the board of directors of the Education Law Report that covers a couple of cases that have come up recently; including one involving a student's off-campus posting which was found to cause a disruption that led to expulsion. This decision is a switch from prior decisions regarding student off-campus postings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was offered by Mr. Krug, seconded by Mrs. Guzic, 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 Resignations

*Ms. Susan Rambeau*, Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach, effective March 5, 2017

*Mr. Jake Casale*, Eighth Grade Junior High Head Football Coach, effective February 27, 2017

Approve New Coaching Position

*Ms. Jacquelyn Claar*, Assistant Golf Coach, effective immediately, stipend \$2414, with wages and benefits per PCEA contract

Approve Substitutes

*Mr. Raymond Jacob*, Johnstown, IU08 Substitute

*Ms. Kelly Zibura*, Johnstown, Substitute Nurse \*

Approve Leave

*Ms. Jocelyn McMullen*, Speech & Language Impaired Teacher, effective on or about June 24, 2017 through November 13, 2017

Remove Substitute

*Mr. Jared Grassi*, effective February 24, 2017

Approve Wilkinson Bus Lines, Inc. Drivers

*Ms. Sandra Anderson*, Cresson

*Ms. Violet Bowser*, Portage

*Mr. Merle Conley*, Lilly

*Ms. Rose Kiel*, Lilly \*

*Mr. Glenn Steele*, Portage

*Mr. Jeffrey Wallet*, Johnstown

\* *Pending Clearances*

OTHER BUSINESS

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

ACT 93 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

RESOLVED: That the Board approve salary adjustments of .5% - 2%, retroactive to July 1, 2016, for Act 93 personnel meeting criteria under the performance based salary determination clause of the Act 93 agreement. (See Addendum "D")

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

First Reading of 2017-2018 School Calendar (proposed) (See Addendum "E")

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

*Mr. Paul Haber*, School Psychologist, informed the board on emotional disturbances that impact student learning. It is one of the thirteen categories of education disability that can qualify a student for special education services.

Special Educational services are based on individual student needs. In Penn Cambria, we have two itinerant emotional support teachers who provide services to identified students. We also have a full time Emotional Support classroom for elementary students with more severe needs, which we started at the beginning of the school year. We do refer to and work with outside mental health service providers and agencies. Sometimes we have to send students to placements out of the district where they can receive a more intensive behavioral and emotional support.

In recent years, we are noticing that kids' problems are often emerging at a younger age, symptoms are sometimes more intense, more girls are experiencing more mental health problems today than in the past, and anxiety and depression among high school kids is on the rise. It is estimated that in the U.S. that up to twenty percent of children in adolescence, have mental health problems at some point. Based on data from the 15-16 school year, the percentage of students identified as having emotional disturbance in the state of PA and in Penn Cambria is between 1-2% of the total enrollment. That accounts for almost 10% of all special education students in the state.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

*Mr. George Pyo*, announced that we are preparing for the evaluation process and reminded board members to watch their email for more information.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:40 P.M.