

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

May 17, 2011

MEMBERS: Pat Albright, Lawrence Behe, Karen Claar, Tom Creehan, 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 7:02 P.M., Tuesday, May 17, 2011 in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Mr. Pat Albright
- Mr. Larry Behe
- Mrs. Karen Claar
- Mr. Tom Creehan
- Mr. Henry Nileski
- Mr. George Pyo
- Miss Patricia Pyo
- Mr. Justin Roberts

TOTAL. 8

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Mr. Terry Krug

TOTAL. 1

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

- Mrs. Mary Beth Whited, Superintendent
- Ms. Sandra Evans, Business Administrator
- Ms. Emily Bristol, School Solicitor – Andrews & Beard Law Offices
- Mrs. Jeanette Black, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Mr. Dave Beck, Facilities Manager
- Mr. William Marshall, High School Principal
- Mr. Dane Harrold, Assistant High School Principal
- Mr. Jeff Baird, Middle School Principal

- Mrs. Cindy Pacifico, Elementary Schools Principal
- Mrs. Carrie Conrad, Special Education Coordinator
- Mr. Lewis Hale, Network Administrator
- Ms. Joan Casale, High School Art Teacher
- Ms. Tammy Weakland, Middle School Art Teacher
- Ms. Susan Halloran, Elementary Schools Art Teacher
- Mrs. Jonna Nesbella, Recording Secretary
- Mr. Justin Eger, Reporter – Mainline Newspapers
- Mrs. Robin Lappi, President, PCESPA
- Mr. Andrew Christ, PSBA

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

ART SPOTLIGHT

Elementary students:

Grade 1 – Hayley Bianconi

Grade 2 – Adrianna Boldizar

Grade 3 – Sarah Hines, Liam Bower, Hannah Martin

Grade 4 – Karly LeComte, Katy Lykens, Morgan Watt, Laken Guzic

Middle School students:

Grade 5 – Timothy Chappell

Grade 7 – Cheyenne Eaken, Olivia Osman

Grade 8 – Tessa Bruce, Krisa Claar, Mikayla Farabaugh, Aerian Kowlski, Lillian Krull, Riley Nickerson, Cody Taddy

High School students:

Grade 9 – MacKenzie McIntosh

Grade 10 – Kristen Luther, Janet Nyland

Grade 11 – Miranda Wilkinson, Emily McDaniels

Grade 12 – Robert Connacher, Brianna Toth

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION – PSBA

Andrew Christ from PSBA presented the following awards;

Karen Claar – 24 Years of Service

George Pyo – 12 Years of Service

Justin Roberts – 8 Years of Service

APPROVAL OF 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 April 19, 2011, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer’s Report for April 2011, 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. Roberts seconded by Miss Pyo, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolutions:

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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”)

RE-ENACTMENT OF PER CAPITA TAX UNDER SCHOOL CODE OF 1949

RESOLVED: That the Board of School Directors of the Penn Cambria School District, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, under and by virtue of Section 679 of the School Code of 1949 P.L. 30, and its supplements and amendments, declares that the resolution by which a per capital tax had been levied for the school fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, for general school purposes in the sum of FIVE (\$5.00) DOLLARS upon each and every person residing in the Penn Cambria School District of the age of eighteen (18) years and over is hereby re-enacted without change for the school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

RE-ENACTMENT ACT 511 TAXES

RESOLVED: That the Board of School Directors of the Penn Cambria School District, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, under and by virtue of the authority vested in it by Act No. 511 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved December 31, 1965, as amended, declares that the resolutions levied for the school year ending June 30, 2011, for general school purposes, are hereby re-enacted without change for the school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012:

(1) REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX; (2) EARNED INCOME TAX; (3) GAINFULLY EMPLOYED TAX (FLAT OCCUPATION); (4) PER CAPITA TAX; (5) OCCUPATIONAL PRIVILEGE TAX.

SECTION 356 AGREEMENT – STATE TAX DATA

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to complete the Section 356 Agreement and request the necessary taxpayer information on a CD-ROM at a cost of \$200. Information will facilitate the collection of Earned Income Taxes.

AUTHORIZE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO INVOICE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

RESOLVED: That the Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to prepare invoices and bill school districts for special services provided to special education non-resident students attending Penn Cambria in 2010-2011.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Ms. Bristol informed the Board that school districts have the right to appeal tax assessments.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

APPROVE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT

Ms. Terri Bartoletti, Nanty Glo, Fiscal Assistant, effective 6/20/2011, \$26,000, with benefits per non-contract, non-professional benefit plan.

APPROVE EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR STAFF

Teachers to be compensated at the extra-duty rate per PCEA contract; Aides at their hourly rate per PCESPA contract

Michelle Cicero, LSS

Diana Ludwig, LSS

Joe Smorto, DI

Jennifer Newfield, Speech and Language

Deb Rabatin, Aide

Nancy Hollen, Aide

Denise O’Donnell, Aide (summer substitute)

Ruth Taylor, Aide (student attending NHS)

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Ms. Brenda Hoover, Patton, PA IU08

Ms. Melanie Davis, Lilly, PA, Instructional I, Music Education*

Mr. Adam Watt, Ashville, PA, Instructional I, Physical and Health Education*

Ms. Jeannette Burgan, Cresson, PA, Instructional I, English Language Arts*

Mr. Aaron Harris, Altoona, PA, Instructional I, Special Education N-12

Ms. Lauren Kuntz, Marianna, PA, Instructional I, Elementary K-6

Ms. Maureen Nagle, Altoona, PA, Instructional I, Elementary K-6, Mid Level Mathematics 7-9, Special Education N-12

Mr. Benjamin Parker, Johnstown, PA, Instructional I, Elementary Education

Ms. Samantha Petak, Johnstown, PA, Instructional I, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Mid Level Mathematics 7-9*

Ms. Elissa Suhoney, Duncansville, PA, Instructional I, Elementary K-6

Ms. Jacquilyn Stangl, Altoona, PA, Instructional I, Elementary K-6

***Pending Completion of Paperwork**

APPROVE ELIMINATION OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

PC High School Student Store Advisor

Boys Basketball 7th grade head and assistant coaches

Weightlifting

APPROVE ELIMINATION OF THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT HEAD POSITIONS EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

PCI- Grades 3-4

Specials Grades K-8

PCMS – Grades 5-6

PCMS – Grades 7-8

PCHS – Specials 9-12

Special Education K-2

PCPP and PCP – Grades K-2

CURRICULUM MAPS

Approve completed curriculum maps for the following courses:

- Biology
- Instrumental Lesson curriculum (non-credit)
- Honors Biology
- Honors Physics
- Jazz Band
- Chemistry I
- Middle School Guitar Ensemble
(non-credit enrichment class)

NEW BUSINESS

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

POLICY REVISION

RESOLVED: To approve Policy 707-AR attachment revision (rental fee for use of facilities).

DELETE TWO LIFE SKILLS SUPPORT CLASSROOMS

RESOLVED: To apply to Bureau of Special Education to delete two LSS classrooms (PCP and PCM); teachers and aides to be reassigned to fill existing vacancies.

PHONE SYSTEM

RESOLVED: To approve contract with FiberCom, Inc. for installation of digital classroom phones at an estimated cost of \$131,000.

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

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET FOR 2011-2012

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania, a Proposed Final Budget for the 2011-2012 school year, beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, be adopted and advertised and be available for public review at least twenty (20) days prior to final adoption. Copy to be made part of the minutes. See Addendum "D")

MILLAGE LEVY

RESOLVED: The Penn Cambria School District Board of Directors, in Regular Session assembled, that for the purpose of providing revenue for said district for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, a tax of fifty and three hundredths (50.03) mills is hereby laid and levied and assessed upon each dollar of assessed valuation, or \$5.003 per \$100 of assessed valuation, of all property in said district upon which Cambria County tax is levied and assessed. Properties within the District lying in Blair County shall be taxed at seventy-nine and eighty-eight hundredths (79.88) mills or \$7.988 per \$100 of assessed valuation. These mill rates are in compliance with Section 24 of the Public School Code 6-672.1 (re-balancing). This resolution adopted this 17th day of May, 2011.

HOMESTEAD/FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION

RESOLVED: by the Board of Directors of Penn Cambria School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2011, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006). Complete resolution to be made a part of the minutes. (See Addendum “E”)

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

TITLE I, PART A, IMPROVING BASIC PROGRAMS, TITLE II, PART A, IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY, TITLE II PART D, TITLE V, PART A, INNOVATIVE EDUCATION—PUBLIC LAW 107-110, THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001

RESOLVED: That the attached **Parental Involvement Policy Statement** is approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:56 p.m.