

PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CRESSON, PENNSYLVANIA 16630

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

May 19, 2015

MEMBERS: Pat Albright, Lawrence Behe, Karen Claar, JoAnn Ivory, Terry Krug, Henry  
Nileski, George Pyo, Patricia Pyo, Justin Roberts

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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, May 19, 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  
Mr. Terry Krug  
Mr. Henry Nileski  
Mr. George Pyo  
Miss Patricia Pyo  
Mr. Justin Roberts

TOTAL . . . . . 8

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. JoAnn Ivory

TOTAL . . . . . 1

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  
Mrs. Carrie Conrad, Special Education Coordinator  
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

Mr. Dave Beck, Facilities Manager  
Ms. Ann Ciaverella, High School Art Teacher  
Ms. Tammy Weakland, Middle School Art Teacher  
Ms. Samantha Cretin, Elementary Schools Art  
Teacher  
Mrs. Kim Beck, Recording Secretary  
Mr. Brian Fronk, Reporter – Mainline Newspapers  
Ms. Deb Baker, President, PCEA  
Mrs. Robin Lappi, PCESPA President  
Mr. Greg Shingle, Teacher  
Ms. Lisa Dillon, Teacher

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to PCHS Senior **Mike Eckenrode** on his 1<sup>st</sup> Team selection to the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association All-Academic Team. Mike has a 4.0 GPA, and was 1 of only 19 Seniors in PA to have been awarded this honor. PC Senior **Nolan Link**, with a 3.6 GPA, was a 3<sup>rd</sup> Team selection.

**ART SPOTLIGHT**

**Elementary Students:**

**Grade 1** Haylee Bisignano  
Grant Gides  
Masyn Hann

**Grade 2** Jordan Bateman  
Marcus Eckenrode  
Reese Swires

**Grade 3** Sienna Bianconi  
Jacob Poldiak

**Grade 4** Aliya O'Donnell  
Lily Sheehan

**High School Students:**

**Grade 9** Cassidy Myers  
Kayla Simanski  
Abigail Williamson  
Hannah Grace Wirfel

**Grade 10** Jocelynn Galat  
Samantha Osman  
Alexis Strittmatter  
Tyler Weakland  
Hannah Westin

**Grade 11** Amber Waite

**Grade 12** Casey Williams

**Middle School Students:**

***Southern Allegheny Museum of Art Show***

**Grade 7** Kaitlyn Eger  
Makenzie Shuagis

**Grade 8** Laken Guzic  
Victoria Kochara  
Jason McElheny

**Grade 8/9** Lauren Michina

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***Arts and Bloom Show***

**Grade 5** Noah Noel  
**Grade 7** Alyssa Crynock

Zoey Hartline  
Hannah Krug  
Sydnie Reese

**Grade 8** Sydney Cannonie  
Chris Freeman  
Gabby Long  
Anna Smith

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the regular meeting held April 21, 2015, 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. Behe, 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. Krug, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the Treasurer’s Report for April 2015, 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. Nileski, 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”)

**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, 2015, 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, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

**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, 2015, for general school purposes, are hereby re-enacted without change for the school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016: The Act 511 taxes includes:

- i. Real Estate Transfer Tax (.5%)
- ii. Earned Income Tax (.5%)
- iii. Per Capita Tax (\$5.00)
- iv. Flat Occupation Tax (Gainfully Employed Tax) (\$5.00)
- v. Local Services Tax (formerly Occupation Privilege Tax) (\$5.00)

**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 2014-2015.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Repak verbally shared with the board a recent publication in the Education Law Report regarding inequitable funding.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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

**APPROVE LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE**

*Ms. Patricia Strenko*, Language Arts Teacher, PC Middle School, effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year, after 19 years at Penn Cambria

**ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS**

*Mr. Jordan Fees*, Patton, Special Education PK-8/Early Childhood PK-4, Long-Term substitute for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year

*Mr. Jason Grassi* Assistant Coach, Boys Varsity Basketball, effective immediately

**APPROVE LEAVE REQUEST**

*Ms. Jessica Burlingame*, Social Studies Teacher, PC High School, FMLA/Maternity leave effective on or about September 3, 2015 through November 10, 2015

**APPROVE APPOINTMENTS**

*Ms. Amy Bistline*, Duncansville, School Nurse, Bachelor’s Step 1, salary \$34,771 with benefits per PCEA contract, prorated through the end of the current school year, effective May 22, 2015

*Mr. J Douglas Skrout*, Wilmore, Full-Time Custodian, 3rd Shift, PC High School, effective May 20, 2015. Wages \$9.15 per hour plus shift differential and benefits, per PCESPA contract

*Mr. David Warfield*, Patton, Full-Time Custodian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift, PC High School, effective May 20, 2015. Wages \$9.15 per hour plus shift differential and benefits, per PCESPA contract

*Mr. Jason Grassi*, Head Coach, Junior High Boys Basketball, effective immediately, stipend \$3370 (100% of \$3370 stipend with credit for previous coaching experience), per PCEA contract  
**(Mrs. Claar abstained from voting on this recommendation)**

**APPROVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

*Ms. Abby Bono\**, Cresson, Instructional I, Early Childhood PK-4/Special Education PK-8  
*Ms. Julie Koban\**, Portage, Instructional I, Early Childhood PK-4/Special Education PK-8  
*Mr. Dylan Link\**, Ebensburg, Instructional I, Social Studies 7-12

\*Pending Certification

**REMOVE SUBSTITUTES**

*Ms. Mandy Eger*, Substitute Aide/Food Service  
*Mr. Jordan Fees*, LTS  
*Ms. Janeen LeComte*, Substitute RN  
*Ms. Tiffnay Parker*, Substitute Aide/Food Service/Secretary  
*Mr. David Pollino*, Substitute Teacher  
*Ms. Miranda Powell*, Substitute Teacher  
*Ms. Laura Scheeler*, Substitute Teacher  
*Ms. Laken Smith*, Substitute Teacher  
*Mr. John-Michael Werking*, Substitute Teacher

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET FOR 2015-2016**

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania, a Proposed Final Budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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”)

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

**MILLAGE LEVY FOR 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR**

**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, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, a tax of fifty-two and eighty-two hundredths (52.82) mills or \$5.282 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-three and nineteen hundredths (73.19) mills or \$7.319 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

**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, 2015, 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”)

**NATURAL GAS PRICING CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board approve a modification of the current Penn Cambria School District Natural Gas Supply Agreement with Dominion Retail, to reduce the contracted price to \$0.57/Dth for the remaining months of June through December, 2015. This is a 13% decrease, which will save the district an estimated \$4970 through December 30, 2015.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**YES:** Mr. Behe, Mrs. Claar, Mr. Krug, Mr. Nileski, Miss Pyo, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Albright, Mr. Pyo

**NO: 0**

**RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH PENN CAMBRIA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors hereby ratify the successor agreement with PCEA which covers the period from August 21, 2015 through August 20, 2019.

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

**PROPOSED ELEMENTARY AUTISTIC SUPPORT CLASS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve a proposed Elementary Autistic Support Class at PCSD for the 2015-2016 school year pending PDE BSE approval.

**ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER CHAPERONE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve the following additional volunteer chaperone:

To accompany qualifying students to the 2015 National Forensics Competition

**Mr. Bill Wilkinson**

**5TH GRADE ORIENTATION PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve a revised Back to School night for students entering 5th Grade at PC Middle School for the 2015-2016 School Year. PC Middle School staff will conduct a separate orientation and Back to School night for students entering 5th Grade at PC Middle School, to enhance their transition to the Middle School environment. (See Addendum "F")

**GALLITZIN NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve Penn Cambria School District participation in the proposed Gallitzin Natural Gas Pipeline expansion project. The district selects the payment option with the understanding that the District may pay off the remaining balance of the amount financed for the Company Pipeline in full, at any time, without penalty.

**GIRLS SOCCER CO-OP WITH PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve a Co-op agreement for Girls Soccer with Portage Area School District to take effect with the 2016-2017 school year.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**First reading of Proposed Board Policies**

Policy 819: Suicide Prevention

Administrative Regulation 216-AR: Student Record Retention

(See Addendum "G")

**ADJOURNMENT**

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 there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:53 p.m.