

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrence Behe

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Beth Whited, Sandra Evans, Dave Andrews, Jeanette Black, John Lizik, Bill Marshall, Dane Harrold, Jeff Baird, Cindy Pacifico, Lewis Hale, Dave Beck, Christen Perrone, Justin Eger, Dave Campbell, Judy Muldoon

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

Mrs. Whited informed the Board of receipt of the following awards:

- The Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association awarded \$3,000 to PCSD for School Wellness: Excellence in Leadership Awards Program, 2nd Place. All funds will be used to purchase fitness items to enhance our school's nutrition and wellness promotions.
- Penn Cambria School District has been awarded a 2009 Environmental Education Grant of \$15,000 for integration of the Environment and Literacy standards into the science curriculum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Miss Pyo offered a motion which was seconded by Mr. Krug, and approved unanimously to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting held August 18, 2009, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

PAYMENT
OF
BILLS

On a motion offered by Mr. Creehan and seconded by Mr. Albright, the Board unanimously passed 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, pending availability of funds and receipt of state subsidies. (See Addendum "A")

TREASURER'S
REPORT

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

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")

ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT

Mr. Baird reported on the tutoring program, Classroll and activities planned for improving PSSA results at the Middle School.

SOLICITOR'S
REPORT

Mr. Andrews and Tunnelhill Boro Solicitor contacted the District Attorney for a cost estimate to conduct a Forensic Audit on Francis Becher. The estimated cost for the audit is \$8,000. Mr. Andrews does not recommend pursuing this process as our current substantiated loss amounts to \$1500. Previous losses would be difficult to prove, require a great deal of man hours to investigate and there is no guarantee of return on investment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Roberts and a second by Mr. Krug, the Board unanimously accepted the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:

A. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ACTIONS

1. ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS:

- *Mr. John Lizik*, Director of Special Education, retirement effective July 16, 2010
- *Mr. Terry O'Toole*, Food Service Worker, Penn Cambria High School, resignation effective August 21, 2009.
- *Ms. Sherri Campbell*, Special Education Teacher, Penn Cambria Intermediate, resignation effective September 19, 2009.

2. APPROVE FOLLOWING COACHING APPOINTMENTS

- *Mr. Jeffrey Kiss*, Windber, Volunteer Assistant Coach for Cross Country & Track
- *Ms. Kelly Hallinan*, Cresson, Volunteer Assistant Coach for Cross Country & Track.

3. APPOINT ATHLETIC TRAINER

- *Ms. Tanya Niebauer*, Cresson, per diem athletic trainer @ \$25 per hour with no additional benefits. Costs not to exceed \$11,000 for 2009-2010 school year.

4. ACCEPT FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- *Ms. Ramona Laskowsky*, to 3.5 hour food service position, Middle School, effective immediately.
- *Ms. Danette Madonna*, to 3 hour position, Middle School, effective immediately.
- *Ms. Alice Lee*, to 4.5 hour position, High School, effective immediately.
- *Ms. Jackie Artko* to 3.75 hour position, Primary School, effective immediately.

5. APPROVE EXTRA-DUTY ASSIGNMENT

- *Ms. Jan Perehinec*, Primary School Department Head, stipend \$625, per PCEA agreement.

6. APPROVE ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- *Ms. Sarah Bradley*, Hastings, Instructional I, Elementary
- *Ms. Kristen Gailey*, Cresson, Instructional I, Elementary
- *Ms. Kelly Hallinan*, Cresson, Instructional I, Elementary
- *Ms. Anna Shrift*, Altoona, Instructional I, Art K-12
- *Ms. Lori Bower*, Altoona, IU08 Emergency Permit
- *Mr. David Thomas*, Nanty Glo, IU08 Emergency Permit

7. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTES

- **SUBSTITUTE AIDES**
 - ◆ *Ms. Elizabeth Schenk*, Gallitzin
 - ◆ *Ms. Sara Lawhead*, Gallitzin
 - ◆ *Ms. Tammy Koelle*, Coupon

- **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS**
 - ◆ *Mr. David McGarry, Lilly*
 - ◆ *Ms. Brenda Biller, Carrolltown*
- **SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER**
 - ◆ *Ms. Donna Rineer, Cresson*

8. REMOVE THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTES

- *Ms. Sarah Carnicella, Substitute Teacher*
- *Ms. Matthew Conlon, Substitute Teacher*
- *Ms. Debra George, Substitute Aide*

B. APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE FOLLOWING FORMS

1. Form #22, Conference Report Form
2. Penn Cambria School District Special Transportation Request Form

C. CURRICULUM MAPS

1. Approve completed curriculum map for PSSA Reading 11.

**PA BUDGET
RESOLUTION**

Mr. Albright offered a motion which was seconded by Miss Pyo and unanimously approved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors of the Penn Cambria School District herewith urges the Governor and the General Assembly to work together to approve a 2009-2010 budget that maintains its commitment to adequacy and equity for public education under the enacted basic education financing formula. (See Addendum “C”)

**ADOPTION OF
POLICY NO. 011.1**

On a motion by Mr. Nileski, second by Mrs. Claar, and a negative vote by Mr. Creehan, the Board approved Policy No. 011.1 *Board Members in Volunteer Positions*.

AUDIT REPORT

A motion was offered by Mr. Roberts, with a second by Mr. Krug and approved unanimously to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the Real Estate Tax Collector Audit Report for the tax period ended January 15, 2009, as prepared and presented by Wessel & Company.

STRATEGIC
PLAN
MID-POINT
REVIEW

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

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the mid-point review of the Strategic Plan and the Professional Education Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Miss Pyo with a second by Mr. Krug, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:21 PM