

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
September 18, 2018

MEMBERS: Pat Albright, Karen Claar, Jenny Guzic, Terry Krug, Rudy McCarthy, 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, September 18, 2018 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. Terry Krug  
Mr. Rudy McCarthy  
Mr. George Pyo  
Miss Patricia Pyo  
Mr. Justin Roberts  
Mr. Michael Sheehan  
TOTAL . . . . . 9

MEMBERS ABSENT:

TOTAL . . . . . 0  
QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. William Marshall, Superintendent	Mrs. Angela Focht, Food Service Director
Ms. Jill Bender, Business Administrator	Mrs. Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary
Mr. Carl Beard, School Solicitor – Beard Legal Group, PC	Ms. Deb Baker, PCEA President
Mr. James Abbott, High School Principal	Mrs. Robin Lappi, PCESPA President
Mr. Jeffrey Baird, High School Principal	Mr. Andrew Smithmyer, Mainliner
Mr. Dane Harrold, Middle School Principal	Ms. Kerry Nileski, Teacher
Mr. Joseph Smorto, Intermediate School Principal	Ms. Amy Walters
Mrs. Cynthia Pacifico, Principal Grades PK-2	Mr. Travis Walters
Mrs. Jeanette Black, Director of Curriculum	Mr. Michael Pettenati, Parent
Mrs. Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director	Ms. Valorie Pettenati, Parent
Mr. Paul Haber, School Psychologist	Mr. Ian Pettenati, Student
Mr. Dave Beck, Facilities Manager	Ms. Gina Pettenati, Student
Mr. Lewis Hale, Network Administrator	

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mr. Marshall* stated that Penn Cambria School District and the Board of Directors would like to recognize and thank *Ian Pettenati*, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Penn Cambria High School, for constructing Buddy Benches at Penn Cambria Primary and Intermediate Schools. Ian’s goal was to teach students to be compassionate towards other students and to always lend a hand to someone who is feeling alone. Thank you, Ian, for helping Penn Cambria School District bring attention to the importance of being a friend and citizen by treating each other with respect.

*Ian Pettenati*, student, responded that he is glad to help the school and that he is very passionate about the Buddy Benches and thankful for the appreciation.

*Mr. Marshall* also announced that on behalf of the Board, faculty, staff, and students of Penn Cambria School District, he would like to thank *Mr. Scott Sutton*, a 1999 Penn Cambria graduate, for the donation copies of his book, "I Love You Like..." to our elementary libraries. Mr. Sutton co-authored the book with his lifelong friend, *Alec Traub*.

#### 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 August 21, 2018, 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 Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Report for August 2018, 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. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Claar, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolutions:

##### FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED: That the 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")

##### CD REDEMPTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the redemption and closeout of the State Farm Bank certificate of deposit.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

*Mr. Carl Beard* informed the Board of Directors that several of the Beard Legal Group attorneys will be speaking at the Education Law Day that will be held at Penn State on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Topics will include items such as Special Education and School Safety.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was offered by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Miss Pyo, and approved by roll call vote:

##### ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Mrs. Claar, Mrs. Guzic, Mr. McCarthy, Miss Pyo, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Albright, Mr. Pyo

NO: Mr. Krug (*approves everything, with the exception of Wilkinson Bus Lines, Inc. driver*)

RESOLVED: THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS BE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

##### A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

###### ACCEPT RETIREMENTS

*Ms. Valarie Tranquillo*, Ebensburg, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher, effective tentatively January 15, 2019, after 35+ years of service

*Ms. Judith Zachesky*, Cresson, High School Food Service Worker, effective January 2, 2019

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

*Mr. Joseph Hovan*, Substitute Teacher, effective August 21, 2018

*Mr. Matt Niebauer*, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective August 20, 2018

*Mr. Clifford Shultz*, High School 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Custodian, effective August 24, 2018

APPROVE APPOINTMENTS, PER THE PCEA CONTRACT

*Ms. Nancy Fochler*, Reading Competition Co-Advisor, at a stipend of \$1,170, effective immediately

*Mr. Faber Moyer*, Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach, effective pending documentation

*Mr. Nicholas Wanyo*, Volunteer Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective immediately

*Mr. Douglas Fogel*, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, at a stipend of \$3,958, effective immediately

*Ms. Amy Walters*, Lilly, Middle School Emotional/Learning Support Teacher, Bachelors Step 7, salary \$46,975, effective September 20, 2018

APPROVE MENTOR TEACHER FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR, PER THE PCEA CONTRACT

Approve *Ms. Natalie Watt* as the Mentor Teacher for *Ms. Amy Walters*, at a stipend of \$1,000, prorated from the teacher hire date

APPROVE SUBSTITUTES

*Ms. Kaitlyn Dividock*, Portage, IU08 Substitute

*Ms. Marie Link*, Gallitzin, IU08 Substitute

*Mr. Michael Morgan*, Duncansville

*Ms. Jessica Moyer*, Substitute Aide/Cook/Secretary

*Ms. Lori Patterson*, Hollidaysburg

APPROVE WILKINSON BUS LINES, INC. DRIVER

*Mr. Guy Monica*

APPROVE INCENTIVE BONUS

Approve incentive bonus of \$640.41 for *Mr. Charles Terek*, Athletic Director, based on performance criteria under the compensation plan clause of the Athletic Director agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

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

ADOPTION OF REVISED BOARD POLICIES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

Policy 105 – Curriculum Development

Policy 115 – Vocational Technical Education

Policy 116 – Tutoring

Policy 127 – Assessments

Policy 138 – Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners

(See Addendum “D”)

SELECT ENSEMBLE GROUP

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the proposal of initiating of a Select Ensemble Club. This is an afterschool club and the advisor does not receive a stipend.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

First reading of new and revised board policies:

Policy 209.2 – Diabetes Management

Policy 212 – Reporting Student Progress

Policy 247 – Hazing

Policy 819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

Policy 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

(See Addendum “E”)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

*Ms. Cynthia Pacifico*, Principal grades Pre-K – 2, reflected on the of the Leveled Literacy Intervention (L.L.I.) program. The assessments results from the L.L.I. program continue show improvement in the number of students reading at or above grade level. It is her hope that our students continue to make these kinds of gains each year through the program.

She also thanked the Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve the students and the families of Penn Cambria and for the Board of Directors' continued support throughout the years. She is proud to have worked with such a dedicated group of teachers and staff members. *Ms. Pacifico* also stated that she has learned much during her years at the district and that she will take with her as she moves forward.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:15 P.M.