

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2020

MEMBERS: Pat Albright, Jenny Guzic, Terry Krug, Rudy McCarthy, Guy Monica, George Pyo,
Patricia Pyo, Justin Roberts, Michael Sheehan

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, February 18, 2020 in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Mr. Pat Albright
- Mrs. Jenny Guzic
- Mr. Terry Krug
- Mr. Rudy McCarthy
- Mr. George Pyo
- Mr. Guy Monica
- Miss Patricia Pyo
- Mr. Justin Roberts
- TOTAL. 8

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Mr. Michael Sheehan
- TOTAL. 1

QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

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| William Marshall, Superintendent | Courtney Kuncelman, School Psychologist |
| Jill Francisco, Business Administrator | Lewis Hale, Network Administrator |
| Krystal Edwards, School Solicitor – Beard Legal Group, PC | Dave Beck, Facilities Manager |
| Kaitlyn Kalwanaski, High School Principal | Angela Focht, Food Service Director |
| Jeff Baird, High School Principal | Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary |
| Dane Harrold, Middle School Principal | Deb Baker, PCEA President |
| Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal | Robin Lappi, PCESPA President |
| Jeanette Black, Director of Curriculum | Gina Bianucci, Mainliner Reporter |
| Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director | Kerry Nileski, Teacher |

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

HEARING OF VISITORS – There were no questions, concerns, comments, related to agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Marshall announced that the Board of Directors has approved that Thursday, April 9, 2020 will be a snow make up day, school will be in session for a full day. The last day of school for students will be an Act 80 day – early dismissal. Students will be dismissed approximately two hours early.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Students who qualified for PMEA Region III Chorus: Adrianna Boldizar (Soprano II, 1st chair), Courtney Grant (Alto I, 6th chair), Cassidy Grant (Alto I, 7th chair), Gabriell Sikora (Bass II, 4th chair), and Grant Bossler (Bass II, 10th chair)

Fifth grade students who will be participating in the PMEA District VI Songfest are: Gia Ricupero, Megyn Stipanovich, Cain Trexler, Chloe Venesky, and Frank Wallis

The following chorus student qualified for All-State Jazz: Gabriell Sikora

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 January 21, 2020, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Report for January 2020, 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. Albright, seconded by Miss Pyo, 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, 2019, as prepared and presented by *Mark C. Turnley, CPA*.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Krystal Edwards provided the Board of Directors with highlights of Governor Wolf's proposed 2020-21 state budget, including an increase of one hundred million dollars to the Basic Education Funding, changes to the charter school funding formula for special education, charter school tuition formula, and an increase in funding for maintenance and construction, specifically related to lead and asbestos abatement. A recent 2020 survey showed that fifty percent of school districts have pushed off doing construction projects due to the lack of state funding.

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 Retirement, effective at the close of the 2019-2020 school year
Ramona Rodgers, Spanish Teacher, after 35+ years of service

Accept Resignations

Jennifer Klett, Middle School Aide, effective January 22, 2020
Drake Diehl, Volunteer Track Coach, effective immediately

Approve Leaves

Employee #016586, Aide, effective on/or about May 10, 2020 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year

Employee #001589, Teacher, effective on/or about May 26, 2020 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year

Approve Appointment

Jodie Albertelli, Primary School Substitute Teacher, effective on/or about April 3, 2020 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year

Approve Appointments per the PCESPA Contract

Edward Baldish, Altoona, 2nd Shift High School Custodian, retroactive to January 29, 2020

Edward Swope, Jr., Beavertdale, 2nd Shift Middle School Custodian, retroactive to January 31, 2020

Approve Volunteer

Anthony Tomaselli, Volunteer Track Coach, effective immediately

Approve IU08 Substitute Teachers, effective immediately

Karen Bilchak, Portage

Zachary Rugg, Windber

B. PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE 2020-2021 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE CATALOG

Social Communication

21st Century Workplace Communication

Personal Finance

C. CURRICULUM MAP

High School Band

NEW BUSINESS

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

ADOPTION OF NEW OR REVISED POLICIES

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

006: Meetings

204: Attendance

220: Student Expression/Distribution and posting of Materials

610: Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation

611: Purchases Budgeted

626 Attachment: Procurement - Federal Programs

805: Emergency Preparedness

805.1: Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

805.2: School Security Personnel

806: Child/Student Abuse

(See Addendum "D")

CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve a resolution that the Penn Cambria School District calls upon the General Assembly to meaningfully revise the existing flawed charter school funding systems for regular and special education. (See Addendum "E")

FOOD PANTRY DONATION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the donation of leftover, sealed breakfast items and fruit at Penn Cambria Primary School and Penn Cambria Intermediate School to St. Vincent DePaul in Cresson, PA as well as authorize the Superintendent to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same.

CAMBRIA COUNTY BACKPACK PROJECT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Penn Cambria School District and Cambria County Backpack Project for the purpose of working collaboratively to leverage resources in our communities to alleviate childhood hunger, while closing the gap between chronic childhood hunger and academic achievement.

APPROVE COURSE CREDIT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the use of the Personal Finance course as a mathematics credit towards meeting graduation requirements as established in PCSD Policy #217 (217-AR), per Act 91 of 2019.

E-SPORTS CLUB

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the formation of a new E-Sports Club at Penn Cambria High School, with William Delaney as the volunteer advisor.

LAUREL HIGHLANDS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

RESOLVED: That the Board hereby approve the letter of commitment for continued participation in the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference for the 2021 through 2025 school years.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

First Reading of New or Revised Board Policies:

004: Membership

233: Suspension and Expulsion

(See Addendum "F")

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Beck, Facilities Manager, provided the Board of Directors with an overview of facility operations in the past year. The first item and most notable was the paving project around the high school that included improvements to the drainage piping, collection system, and changes to parking spaces. Another project completed last year was the pond dredging at the pre-primary school. Mr. Beck noted that we have not had one overflow since completion.

There have also been major repairs made to the high school coal boiler, upgrades to the middle and intermediate schools' energy management system control panels, and tree removals at the high school and intermediate school as per recommendation from Standing Stone Consulting, Inc.

Future projects at the high school include the second phase of paving project, including drain work at the 5th street entrance, roof repairs, and the replacement of the main waterline with the assistance of Keller Engineers and input from the borough engineer.

Mr. Beck stated that it has been a great year as far as getting things accomplished and he expressed his appreciation for the support from the Board.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Terry Krug, School Director, questioned the size of the waterline and asked if there is a shut off.

Dave Beck responded that the waterline is four inches and that he is currently working with Keller Engineers to try and get it switched from iron, as requested by the engineer, to PVC. Also, responding yes, that there is a shut off and a new valve was installed in the early 2000's.

Guy Monica, School Director, addressed the Board with a congratulations to Ramona Rodgers on her years of service and William Marshall for being recognized for the anti-bullying program that was featured on the news. He also asked to keep the recent loss of three retired Penn Cambria School District teachers; Albert Leap, Gerald Boland, and Cheryl Michelangelo in our thoughts and prayers.

Terry Krug questioned the cause and current balance of the district's negative cafeteria accounts.

Jill Francisco, Business Administrator, responded that the cause of the negative balance is that the students will purchase a breakfast or lunch meal in the cafeteria and if they do not have the money in their cafeteria account to cover the price of that meal, then the balance goes into a negative. A report is provided to Mr. Marshall and the Board at each Committee meeting of the negative accounts, both by building and district wide. As of the last report that was run February 7th, those balances were a little over \$6,500 district wide.

William Marshall, Superintendent, noted that the negative cafeteria balance is the highest it has ever been. The District's negative cafeteria balance has never exceeded \$6,000 and it is only halfway through the school year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Miss 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 7:21 P.M.