

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
October 20, 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, October 20, 2020 in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Pat Albright (*via phone*)
Mrs. Jenny Guzic
Mr. Terry Krug
Mr. Rudy McCarthy
Mr. Guy Monica
Mr. George Pyo
Miss Patricia Pyo
Mr. Justin Roberts
Mr. Michael Sheehan
TOTAL. 9

MEMBERS ABSENT:

TOTAL. 0
QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

William Marshall, Superintendent
Jill Francisco, Business Administrator
Krystal Edwards, Solicitor – Beard Legal Group, PC
Jeanette Black, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Lewis Hale, Network Administrator
Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director
Courtney Kuncelman, School Psychologist
Dave Beck, Facilities Manager
Kaitlyn Kalwanaski, High School Principal

Dane Harrold, Middle School Principal
Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal
Gregory Shingle, Asst. High School Principal
Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary
Robin Lappi, PCESPA President
Ben Watt, PCEA President
Kerry Nileski, Teacher
Calem Illig, Mainliner

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 school business.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the Girls Golf Team who took 3rd place and the Boys Golf Team who took 2nd place at Districts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting held September 15, 2020, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer’s Report for September 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 resolution:

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 of the school district. *(See Addendum “C”)*

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Ms. Krystal Edwards informed the Board of Directors that the Education Law Report that was provided to them in early October highlighted cases involving Title IX.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was offered by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Krug, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, with the exception of an abstention by Mr. Sheehan (family), to accept the following resolution:

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

A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Accept Retirements

Alice Lee, Portage, High School Food Service Worker, effective October 16, 2020, after 16+ years of service

Leonard Mastrine, Ebensburg, Middle School Science Teacher, effective October 20, 2020, after 33+ years of service

Accept Resignations

Karen Vermeulin, Cresson, High School Aide, effective October 27, 2020

Brenda Biller, Gallitzin, High School Food Service Worker, effective October 23, 2020

Approve Appointments

Andrew Tomaselli, Pittsburgh, Middle School Science Teacher, Masters Step 11, salary \$57,135, effective date to be determined

Jessica Moyer, Lilly, from Substitute to High School Food Service Worker at 4.75 hours per day, effective October 12, 2020

Rebecca Howe, Lilly, Building TBD Food Service Worker at 4.75 hours per day, effective pending documents

Jesse Bianconi, Ashville, Head Junior High Girls Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$2,359, effective pending documents

Patricia Tarwater, Ebensburg, Substitute Teacher, effective pending documents

Rayna Jones, Johnstown, IU08 Substitute Teacher, effective pending documents

Remove Substitute Teacher

Gregory Miller, Cassville, effective September 8, 2020

Approve Mentor Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year

Dominic Ricupero as the Mentor Teacher for Michael Simone, at a stipend of \$1,000, prorated from the teacher hire date

B. APPROVE THE REVISED 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR *(See Addendum “D”)*

NEW BUSINESS

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

TAX EXONERATION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the County Commissioner's Office exoneration of real estate taxes for property owned by Lilly Borough, Map No. 35-009.-301.000, due to the Borough being tax exempt.

PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OBSERVATION AND PRACTICE PLAN

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve revisions to the Penn Cambria School District Teacher Observation and Practice Plan process as a component of the Act 82 PA Educator Effectiveness System. *(See Addendum "E")*

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve revisions to the Penn Cambria School District Health and Safety Plan that include the return to full face to face instruction for grades PreK-4 on October 12th and the return to full face to face instruction for grades 5-12 on November 2nd. *(See Addendum "F")*

ROLL CALL: Yes: Mrs. Guzic, Mr. Krug, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Monica, Miss Pyo, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sheehan,
Mr. Albright, and Mr. Pyo

No: 0

Abstain: 0

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING NEW OR REVISED BOARD POLICIES:

- 210.1 AR-1 - Asthma Management Form
 - 222 - Tobacco and Vaping Products - Pupils
 - 323 - Tobacco and Vaping Products - Employees
 - 333 - Professional Development
 - 707 - Use of Facilities
 - 709 - Building Security
- (See Addendum "G")*

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Dane Harrold, Principal grades 5-8, offered Mrs. Robin Lappi, PCESPA Union President, an opportunity to address the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Lappi complimented Mr. Harrold on a job well done at the Middle School and thanked the Board of Directors for the opportunities that they have provided the faculty and staff.

Mr. Harrold updated the Board of Directors regarding the start of the 2020-21 school year, including topics such as: changes to the 5th grade orientation activities, continuous improvement to the school climate as a result of the panther PAWS rewards program, a wonderful job by the cafeteria staff with new food distribution procedures, Wednesday remote learning days, the quick adaptation by students and teachers with regards to social distancing and mask wearing, the success of the building-wide popcorn fundraiser, and hybrid learning improvements since the beginning of the school year. Mr. Harrold also stated that even though this school year started out much differently than any other year, it has gone very well, and the technological changes have made the school even stronger.

Mr. William Marshall, Superintendent, announced that accommodations are being made for cyber students, especially those in grades 5 and 9, that are returning to full face to face instruction on November 2nd. In addition, modifications to upcoming parent teacher conferences will include a virtual option and will be by appointment only. He also introduced Ben Watt as the new PCEA Union President.

He also praised the faculty and staff on an amazing job.

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 7:21 P.M.