

PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
September 21, 2021

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

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 21, 2021, in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Terry Krug
Mr. Rudy McCarthy
Mr. Guy Monica
Mr. George Pyo
Miss Patricia Pyo
Mr. Justin Roberts
Mr. Michael Sheehan
Mr. Jeffrey Stohon
TOTAL. 8

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Pat Albright
TOTAL. 1

QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

William Marshall, Superintendent
Jill Francisco, Business Administrator
Krystal Edwards, School Solicitor – Beard Legal Group, PC
Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent
Kaitlyn Kalwanaski, High School Principal
Greg Shingle, Assistant High School Principal
Dane Harrold, Middle School Principal
Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal
Scott Sherry, Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Maintenance
Lewis Hale, Director of Technology
Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director
Courtney Kuncelman, School Psychologist

Angela Focht, Food Service Director
Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary
Ben Watt, PCEA President
Robin Lappi, PCESPA President
Kerry Nileski, Teacher
Ashley Carney, Teacher
Kristin Baudoux, Mainliner Reporter
Elias Ball, Student Representative
Aaron Duke, Student Representative
Monica Ball, Parent
A.J. Ball, Parent

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.

STUDENT REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Mrs. Kaitlyn Kalwanaski, High School Principal, introduced Elias Ball and Aaron Duke as the two student representatives reporting to the Board of Directors.

Elias Ball informed the Board of Directors that after talking with other students over the past four weeks on their likes and requested changes, he has concluded that most students enjoy supporting school sports. Students are excited to have pep rallies back; support stopping the spread of Covid-19; express concern regarding bathroom vandalisms; request more pep rallies and theme days; and recommend changing the portion size of school lunches or, if not possible, to have a lunch combo such as salad and sandwich option. In general, the students want the year to be as enjoyable as possible.

Aaron Duke reported to the Board of Directors that students enjoy school spirit activities such as tailgates, noting that the students want normalcy and to make this a memorable year. School breakfasts that have been integrated into first period have been very beneficial for all students and the use of cell phones during lunch periods gives students the ability to help each other and keeps them more connected. There have been requests for Trivia Fridays to return during lunch periods. Aaron also stated that there has been a positive response to pep rallies and that students have good school spirit; regardless of the pandemic, they want to come together and support school sports. Mask wearing in the school is going well. Overall, the atmosphere is friendly at the Penn Cambria High School.

Mr. William Marshall thanked the students for reporting school climate and added the following: the district will be having two theme days per month, mid-month theme will be individual building and the other will be districtwide; all school districts are currently battling food shortages, making the options for school meals limited; and mentioned the upcoming homecoming parade. Mr. Marshall also commended Mrs. Kalwanaski, Mr. Shingle, and Mr. Harrold for their hard work regarding the revision to cell phone usage during school hours.

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 August 17, 2021, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Report for August 2021, 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. Krug, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, 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 of the School District. (*See Addendum "C"*)

BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve budget transfers under the 2020-2021 general fund budget and that a copy be filed with the official records of the school district. (*See Addendum "D"*)

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Krystal Edwards informed the Board of Directors that on September 18th, Governor Tom Wolf announced a proposal of new regulations to increase charter school transparency and accountability to improve the quality of Pennsylvania charter schools. All students, parents, educators, and the public are encouraged to submit comments on the regulations until October 18th. The Department of Education will then finalize the proposal.

Mr. George Pyo commented that four letters have been received supporting charter school funding reform. Mr. Pyo encouraged the Board of Directors to send copies of these letters to state officials and county commissioners to help regulate the high cost of charter schools to our district.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was offered by Mr. Monica, seconded by Mr. Stohon, 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

Approve Appointments

Kimberly Thomas, Nanty Glo, Primary School Aide, retroactive to September 7, 2021

Katelyn Vinglish, Daily Substitute Teacher, effective August 26, 2021 through the close of the 2021-2022 school year

Patricia Tarwater, Special Education Substitute Teacher, effective on or about September 15, 2021 through January 3, 2022, pending PSERS approval

Brittany Barnes, Gallitzin, 4 hour per day, Middle School Food Service Worker, effective pending documentation

Ryan Niklaus, Gallitzin, Majorette/Color Guard Advisor, retroactive to September 4, 2021 through on or about October 14, 2021, stipend to be determined (dependent on length of time in position)

Approve Athletic Appointments, retroactive to August 25, 2021

Benjamin Pratt, Cresson, Assistant Golf Coach, at a stipend of \$1,689.80 (70% of stipend)

Michael Simone, Indiana, Volunteer Cross Country Coach

Accept Resignations

Dana Cooper, Ebensburg, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately

Melanie O’Farrell, Ebensburg, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately

Stephanie Broad, Cresson, High School Food Service Worker, effective August 17, 2021

Award Tenure

Amy Walters

Approve Substitute Teachers, pending documentation

Apryle Ernest, Portage

Kara Miller, Hastings

Sarah Moyer, Duncansville

Approve IU08 Substitute Teachers, pending documentation

Joyce Bailey, Mineral Point

Gloria Baker, Loretto

Leigh Casher, Cresson

Tyler Smith, Summerhill

Gregory Wirfel, Summerhill

Approve McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Drivers

Shannon Lee, Gallitzin, pending documentation

Geane McDaniels, Ashville, retroactive to August 30, 2021

Richard Patterson, Gallitzin, retroactive to August 31, 2021

Jeremy Rouser, Ebensburg, pending documentation

NEW BUSINESS

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the revised Penn Cambria School District Health and Safety Plan to include the acceptance of parental attestation/written notification forms as described therein.
(See Addendum "E")

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

VOLUNTARY COVID TESTING PROGRAM

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the Penn Cambria School District to offer the PA Department of Health's voluntary K-12 school COVID-19 testing program at no cost to families.

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

UNPAID LEAVE

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the District and its Administration to allow members on unpaid leave during times of quarantine, isolation, or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and seeking a medical diagnosis as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to be covered under the District's medical insurance coverage without reimbursement of costs as required under District policy and respective of Collective Bargaining Agreements for the 21-22 school term ONLY. This shall be a non-precedent setting action taken by the board for the 21-22 school term ONLY.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Lewis Hale, Director of Technology, provided updates to the Board of Directors regarding the technology department that occurred over the past year, such as: additional conference lines provided through the Conference Bridge for meetings; availability of T-Mobile's free mobile hotspots for students that meet the free/reduced lunch requirements; sixty-five of the six hundred seventy-two laptops loaned out to families in need of devices last year have not yet been returned; laptops returned have been moved back into the classrooms; Help Desk upgraded to include the Maintenance Department to improve tracking maintenance issues as well as give a knowledgebase going forward; Transfinder selected as the new transportation software vendor; pending approval of the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) Program that will provide funding for the district to purchase laptops for families; current laptop loans for students enrolled in Penn Cambria Cyber or students on quarantine; and changes necessary to qualify for the eRate funding, including CIPA Filtering that will require two factors when faculty and staff log on to district owned devices.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Mr. Krug, 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 7:30 P.M.