

PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
October 19, 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, October 19, 2021 in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Pat Albright
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. 9

MEMBERS ABSENT:

TOTAL. 0
QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

William Marshall, Superintendent	Robin Lappi, PCESPA President
Jill Francisco, Business Administrator	Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary
Ron Repak, School Solicitor – Beard Legal Group, PC	Kerry Nileski, Teacher
Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent	Ashley Carney, Teacher
Kaitlyn Kalwanaski, High School Principal	Erin Eckerd, PSBA Representative
Greg Shingle, Assistant High School Principal	Kayla Galebach, Community Member
Dane Harrold, Middle School Principal	Matthew Kearney, Community Member
Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal	Caleb Drenning, Community Member
Scott Sherry, Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Maintenance	Kristin Baudoux, Mainliner Reporter
Lewis Hale, Director of Technology	April Rose, Parent
Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director	Jonathan Illig, Parent
Courtney Kuncelman, School Psychologist	Mason McCarthy, Student Representative
Angela Focht, Food Service Director	Aaron Duke, Student Representative

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 Aaron Duke and Mason McCarthy as the two student representatives reporting to the Board of Directors.

Aaron Duke reported to the Board of Directors that there has been a good amount of school spirit at the high school. Trivia Fridays have been integrated back into lunches and students are really enjoying it. Aaron recommended the creation of posters to show students that may not have had the opportunity to hear the announcements, how they can join school clubs and activities. The main concern at the high school is regarding COVID-19 related quarantines; students and teachers that are quarantined are struggling to get caught up, causing high stress levels.

Mason McCarthy informed the Board of Directors that there was a big turnout of students who participated in and loved the first school spirit week and are looking forward to Red Ribbon week. Mason also stated that there has been a vast improvement to school lunches and recognized Mrs. Focht, Food Service Director, for her efforts. He suggested having pep rallies for all high school activities, not just sports, so that all students can be recognized. Mason asked permission from the Board for the Spanish Club to attend Fright Night at Kennywood, following COVID-19 protocols.

Mr. William Marshall thanked the students for reporting school climate and added that the Leadership Team will be meeting this week to review the students' requests. Mr. Marshall noted that Fright Night at Kennywood this year will be held during the day and that there are concerns of student commitments to clubs and extracurriculars.

ANNOUNCEMENT - *Erin Eckerd*, PSBA Representative, recognized School Directors Patricia Pyo, George Pyo, Terry Krug, and Patrick Albright for their years of service on the Penn Cambria School Board. Ms. Eckerd presented two School Directors with plaques: Patricia Pyo for thirty-two years of service and George Pyo for twenty-four years of service. She also presented two School Directors with certificates: Terry Krug and Patrick Albright, both for sixteen years of service.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Penn Cambria Girls Golf Team who placed 2nd at PIAA District VI Golf Championships. Individual golfers were *Alyssa Mostick, Isabella Spahr, Marlana Krug, and Kylee Marshall*.

Congratulations to individual golf champions who took 4th place and will advance to PIAA State Championship at Heritage Hills York, PA: *Kyle Reese* – Boys Golf and *Alyssa Mostick* – Girls Golf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 the minutes of the regular meeting held September 21, 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. Albright, seconded by Mr. Stohon, 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. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Report for September 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. Stohon, seconded by Mr. Albright, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

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 of the school district. (*See Addendum "C"*)

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ron Repak informed the Board of Directors of five federal cases challenging the mask mandate in schools, including the suit against the Acting Pennsylvania Secretary of Health, that will be held in the Commonwealth tomorrow.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was offered by Mr. Monica, seconded by Mr. Albright, 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 Resignations

Edward Swope, Middle School Custodian, effective October 1, 2021

Brittany Barnes, Gallitzin, Food Service Worker, effective September 21, 2021

Sarah Moyer, Duncansville, Substitute Teacher, effective September 23, 2021

Approve Appointments

Amy Farabaugh, Loretto, IU08 Substitute, effective pending documentation

Ryan Niklaus, Gallitzin, IU08 Substitute, effective pending documentation

Joseph Storm, Cresson, High School 2nd Shift Custodian, retroactive to October 11, 2021

Paul David Myers, Cresson, Volunteer Wrestling Coach, effective pending documentation

Mark Mardula, Lilly, High School BCIT Teacher, Bachelors Step 1, salary \$38,301, effective October 20, 2021

Kenneth Lenz, Gallitzin, Van Driver at 4 hours a day, starting rate of \$10.05/hour per Employment Agreement, effective pending documentation.

Approve McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Drivers

Kayla Grossen, Ashville, pending documentation

Approve Leave

Employee #015458, Teacher, effective on or about December 8, 2021 through on or about January 14, 2022

NEW BUSINESS

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

SEA, AIR, LAND CHALLENGE

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the participation in the 2022 Sea, Air, Land Challenge sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and PSU, at a cost of \$100 per team plus the cost of transportation.

CLAY TARGET CLUB

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the formation of a new Clay Target Club at Penn Cambria High School.

CLAY TARGET CLUB ADVISORS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve *Joseph Ryan* and *Makaela Stanek* as Volunteer Clay Target Club Advisors, effective immediately.

JUNIOR HIGH BASEBALL PROGRAM

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve a Junior High Baseball program beginning with the 2021-2022 season.

JUNIOR HIGH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL DEEMED AS PENN CAMBRIA SPORTS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby deem Junior High Baseball and Junior High Softball as Penn Cambria School District sports, with district paid stipends of up to \$3,370 for head coach positions, all other costs incurred will be the responsibility of each team’s respective booster club.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT RENEWAL

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve a contract renewal for Business Administrator, *Jill Francisco*, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve *Kayla Galebach*, Loretto, as ESSER Grant Funded School Social Worker, salary and benefits as per the district collective bargaining agreement for professional staff, effective November 1, 2021 and anticipated through the 2023-2024 school years.

Mr. William Marshall announced that the award for the proposal to provide and install interior camera systems on school buses will be made at the November Board of Directors meeting due to the number of responses and the vast information that was included therein.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Dane Harrold, Principal grades 5-8, provided middle school updates to the Board of Directors regarding the new school year, including: 102 out of 107 families participated in the 5th grade back to school night; information provided by the PA Youth Survey on school climate, academics, and resources; Panther PAWS Rewards given to students that go above and beyond; the popcorn fundraiser raised over \$22,000 and those funds will be used for field trips and activities, any excess funds will stay with each grade level until funds are depleted; theme days and pep rallies are helping to improve school climate; thanked Mrs. Kalwanaski and Mr. Shingle for allowing the high school band to perform at their pep rally; Positively P.C. Proud Mural that Mrs. Weakland and students completed in the cafeteria that includes pictures and newspaper clippings of student recognitions; and the usage of Canvas for quarantines due to COVID-19 has made it less challenging for students due to the opportunity to interact with teachers. Mr. Harrold concluded that middle school students and staff are doing a really great job and that he is extremely proud of all of them.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:29 P.M.