

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
January 18, 2022

MEMBERS: Caleb Drenning, Matthew Kearney, Terry Krug, Rudy McCarthy,  
Guy Monica, George Pyo, Justin Roberts, Michael Sheehan, Jeffrey Stohon

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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, January 18, 2022, in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Caleb Drenning  
Mr. Matthew Kearney  
Mr. Terry Krug  
Mr. Guy Monica  
Mr. George Pyo  
Mr. Justin Roberts  
Mr. Michael Sheehan  
TOTAL. . . . . 7

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Rudy McCarthy  
Mr. Jeffrey Stohon  
TOTAL. . . . . 2

QUORUM PRESENT.

**AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:**

William Marshall, Superintendent	Scott Sherry, Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Maintenance
Joseph Beard, School Solicitor – Beard Legal Group, PC	Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director
Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent	Angela Focht, Food Service Director
Kaitlyn Kalwanaski, High School Principal	Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary
Greg Shingle, Assistant High School Principal	Adam Clevenger, PCEA President
Dane Harrold, Middle School Principal	Kerry Nileski, Teacher
Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal	Kristin Baudoux, Mainliner Reporter

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENT** - Please join us in thanking our Penn Cambria school directors for their hard work and dedication during January which is School Director Recognition Month. They make our students' success their priority.

PA school directors are locally elected officials who voluntarily devote an average of 20 hours per month to school board business.

The Penn Cambria School Board advocates on behalf of our school, students, and community. We salute them for their volunteer investment of time and effort for the good of our children.

**SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS** - Congratulations to the following Laurel Highlands All Conference selections: Volleyball - Marissa Conley; Golf - Kyle Reese and Isabella Spahr; Cross Country - Tara Crynock and Trey Talko; Football - Garrett Harrold, Zachary Grove, Zachary Eckenrode, and Nathan Little; and Soccer - Chase Sorichetti, Brandt Patterson, Devon Cornell, and Madison Farabaugh.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held December 7, 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. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, 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. Monica, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the Treasurer's Reports for November and December 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. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Krug, 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")

**REVISION TO TAX WORKBOOKS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education authorize the payment to local tax collectors of \$1.00 (one dollar) for each addition, deletion, or address change to the tax workbooks. The district will provide guidelines for this compensation to the local tax collectors at the time new tax workbooks are distributed. The district's Business Office will validate all changes prior to payment.

**ANNUAL DONATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to continue past practice of making donations to local fire companies and libraries.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

*Mr. Joseph Beard* informed the Board of Directors of Federal Court cases over the past year that involved public participation laws. Communications that outline what is permissible under these laws, as well as limitations and restrictions, will be published in the Education Law Report before the end of the month.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

A motion was offered by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Monica, 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 Retirements**

James Smilnak, Hollidaysburg, High School Math Teacher, effective at the close of the 2021-2022 school year, after 33 years of service

Lisa Dillon, Carrolltown, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, effective at the close of the 2021-2022 school year, after 22 years of service

**Approve Termination**

Melisa Bradley, Patton, Temporary ESSER Funded Part-Time Health Room Support, effective December 22, 2021

**Approve Appointments**

Tonya Niebauer, Cresson, School Nurse under Emergency Permit Type 01 with an educational obligation to pursue certification as per CSPG #13, effective February 14, 2022, with a starting Step 1 salary of \$38,301, pro-rated from effective date

Michele Taddei, Gallitzin, High School and Middle School Health Room Assistant, retroactive to January 3, 2022

Lindsay Beyer, Cresson, Head Junior High Softball Coach, at a stipend of \$2,359.00, effective immediately

Mark Mardula, Lilly, Head Junior High Baseball Coach, at a stipend of \$2,359.00, effective immediately

Justin Magnotti, Cresson, Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach, at a stipend of \$1,689.80, effective pending documentation

Dominic Ricupero, Cresson, from Assistant Varsity Football Coach to Volunteer Coach, effective immediately

Kaeli Smith, Cresson, Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, at a stipend of \$1,689.80, effective pending documentation

Andrew Tomaselli, Loretto, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend of \$3,958.00, effective immediately

**Award Tenure**

Suzan McMullen

**Approve Mentors, stipends per the PCEA contract, prorated from employee start date**

Renee Myers as Mentor for Kayla Galebach

Jenny Damin as Mentor for Leah Montgomery

**Approve McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Driver**

George Nesbella, Lilly, retroactive to January 10, 2022

**Approve Substitute Teacher**

Madison Smith, Patton, effective pending documentation

**Approve Driver**

Patricia Derosa, daily transportation for student #260015, retroactive to November 9, 2021

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**OFFICIALS' STIPENDS AND ATHLETIC TICKET PRICES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve the officials' stipends and athletic ticket price increase for the 2022-2023 school year. *(See Addendum "D")*

**RESOLUTION IN LIEU OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors, in lieu of adopting a preliminary budget, will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the 2022-2023 fiscal year by more than its index (4.8%). *(See Addendum "E")*

**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 2023-2024 through 2026-2027 school years.

A motion was offered by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Roberts, 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 allow Test to Stay, pending acceptance into the program.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Mr. Kearney, Mr. Krug, Mr. Monica, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Drenning, Mr. Pyo

NO: 0

*(See Addendum "F")*

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

First Reading of New or Revised Board Policies:

006.1: Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications

246: Student Wellness

247: Hazing

249: Bullying/Cyber Bullying

610: Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation

611: Purchases Budgeted

626 Attachment: Procurement – Federal Programs

*(See Addendum "G")*

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

*Mrs. Kaitlyn Kalwanaski*, High School Principal, shared the activities and events organized by student groups at the high school to increase building morale.

The student council planned many events, such as: hallway decorating contests; an outdoor pep rally that included kindergarten students; tailgates at every home football game; winter challenge activity the day before Christmas break; and the Fall Flake dance in November. Upcoming events such as collections for Mending Hearts and the Cambria County Humane Society and the Sadie Hawkins dance are also being organized.

This is the third year for the Penn Cambria Bocce Ball team, which is coordinated with the Special Olympics. For the first time ever, Penn Cambria was able to host Youth Summit at the high school. The school day event saw six school districts bring members of their Bocce Ball teams, as well as their coaches. The students worked on team building activities with instructions from the Special Olympics, while coaches were able to meet and discuss the upcoming season with the area Bocce Ball coordinator. The first home match is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. This year, Penn Cambria will also be hosting the Bocce Ball Regional Championship on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

The National Honor Society hosted a teacher breakfast and organized themed days leading up to Christmas break. In addition, they organized and promoted “Penny Wars” that supported the Angel Tree fundraiser. This fundraiser, coupled with “Dress Down Day”, raised over \$3,000 to assist twelve Penn Cambria families for Christmas.

Unfortunately, there were a number of homecoming court members that were unable to attend due to quarantine. Since it is an honor being elected to homecoming court, and part of the high school experience, a second crowning ceremony was held at the school, in front of the student body and the kindergarten students.

The new Creative and Community Arts class allows students the opportunity to participate in art projects in the building, and in the community. At Penn Cambria, students painted a sign in the concession stand at the stadium, lockers outside the library, and created murals for various classrooms. In the community, the class coordinated projects with a local VFW and the Cresson Lions Pool.

The Spanish Club promoted holiday spirit by caroling outside the high school, as well as at the Pre-Primary building when students got off the bus in the morning.

The Pink Panthers organization has been actively working to support local breast cancer survivors and coordinating pink out days with Penn Cambria sport teams. Yearbook class added support by decorating bulletin boards throughout the building to highlight this year's theme, "Behind the Theme".

*Mrs. Kalwanaski* expressed her pride for all the organizations, students, and advisors behind these groups. These organizations have all been challenged with the pandemic and still exceeded everyone's expectations with their creativity and dedication.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**RESOLVED:** That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:18 P.M.