

PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2022

MEMBERS: Caleb Drenning, Matthew Kearney, Terry Krug, Rudy McCarthy,
Guy Monica, George 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, March 15, 2022, in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Caleb Drenning
Mr. Matthew Kearney
Mr. Rudy McCarthy
Mr. Guy Monica *
Mr. George Pyo
Mr. Justin Roberts
Mr. Michael Sheehan
Mr. Jeffrey Stohon
TOTAL. 8

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Terry Krug
TOTAL. 1

QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

William Marshall, Superintendent
Krystal Edwards, School Solicitor – Beard Legal Group, PC
Jill Francisco, Business Administrator
Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent
Kaitlyn Kalwanaski, High School Principal
Greg Shingle, Assistant High School Principal
Dane Harrold, Middle School Principal
Benjamin Watt, Assistant 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
Calem Illig, Mainliner Reporter
Adam Clevenger, PCEA President
Robin Lappi, PCESPA President
Kerry Nileski, Teacher
Jennifer Dziabo, Parent
Anthony Dziabo, Parent

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

HEARING OF VISITORS – Jennifer Dziabo, a Penn Cambria parent, addressed the Board of Directors with concerns of bullying and the lenient repercussions.

Mr. Pyo informed Mrs. Dziabo that the board cannot formally address this issue right here at this public meeting. However, the Board has looked at the bullying practices and policies and hope that those policies will help in these situations. Mr. Pyo urged Mrs. Dziabo to work with, and stay in touch with, the administration to get a solution.

Mr. Marshall added that he is more than willing to meet with Mrs. Dziabo and her child when they are available.

Mr. Monica advised Mrs. Dziabo of the various additional options that are available for issues such as these.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Penn Cambria's Mr. Fogel and Mr. Niebauer who were both inducted into the District VI Wrestling Association Coaches Hall of Fame.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following Penn Cambria students:

Wrestlers who placed at PIAA District VI Championships: Anthony Coukart (6th), Austin McCloskey (4th), Nathan Little (4th), Austin Wagner (4th), and Trent Hoover (1st).

Both Bocce Ball teams played in the championship game held on February 24th. Team 1 took 1st place and qualified for states. Team 2 took 2nd place.

The rosters were as follows:

Team 1: Tanner Clawson, Sadie Davison, Haley Gray, Sydney Greene, Kaylee Mento, Wyatt Moreland, Elle Myers, and Kamryn Wheeler.

Team 2: Douglas Brown, Peter Crusciel, Cole Eberhart, Kayla Galovich, Anna Lill, Kayden McMullen, Nathan Norris, and Eli Summerville.

Varsity Boys Basketball Team won the PIAA District VI Championship game on March 1, 2022. Individual players were Alexander Cherico, Vincent Chirdon, Zachary Eckenrode, Zachary Grove, Garrett Harrold, Gavin Harrold, Eric Hooper, Isaac Kuntz, Camron Latterner, Kayden Logan, Andre Marinak, Mason McCarthy, Carter McDermott, Trenten Murphy, Kyle Reese, Easton Semelsberger, Luke Shuagis, and Adyn Tremmel.

Forensics Team placed 1st at Districts. Out of 16 competitors, 7 were District Champs and 11 qualified for States*! District place winners were the following: Extemporaneous - Magnus Lewis (3rd) and Joseph Hite (1st)*, Commentary - Caleb Piszczek (3rd) and Andre Marinak (1st)*, Informative - Caleb Hunt (2nd)* and Jelana Boldizar (1st)*, Persuasive Camilla Wu (3rd)* (competing in Impromptu at States) and Julia Gil (1st)*, Poetry - Sadie Davison (3rd) and Anna Lill (1st)*, Prose - Marlana Krug (2nd)* and Sydney Greene (1st)*, Dramatic Interp. - Haley Gray (1st)*, and Humorous Interp. Sydney Lee (2nd)*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 minutes of the regular meeting held February 15, 2022, 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. Kearney, 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. Stohon, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Reports for February 2022, 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. Kearney, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, 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 School District. *(See Addendum "C")*

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Krystal Edwards reminded the district of Board Policy 249: Bullying/Cyber Bullying that was approved and adopted at last month's Board meeting. That policy is available on the Penn Cambria website for any students, parents, etc. that are aware of bullying and would like to complete the attachment/complaint form to report it.

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

Accept Resignations

Benjamin Watt, Ashville, Assistant 7th and 8th Grade Football Coach, effective February 16, 2022

Adrienne Rabatin, Lilly, Volunteer Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, effective February 15, 2022

Joshua Himmer, Cresson, Fitness Center Coordinator (November 1st – January 31st), effective February 1, 2022

Approve Appointments

Gabriel Hutsky, Ashville, Middle School 3rd Shift Custodian, retroactive to February 14, 2022

Lauren Douglas, Hollidaysburg, Elementary Health Room Assistant, effective March 15, 2022

April Rose, Loretto, Substitute Nurse, effective pending documentation

Amanda Gonzalez, Summerhill, IU08 Substitute Teacher, effective pending documentation

Andrew Jones, Lilly, Volunteer Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, effective pending documentation

Approve Leaves

Employee #005827, Teacher, effective on/or about May 12, 2022 through October 24, 2022

Employee #015822, Teacher, effective on/or about the start of the 2022-2023 school year through November 14, 2022

B. APPROVE THE 2021-2022 REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR *(See Addendum "D")*

NEW BUSINESS

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

ADOPTION OF NEW OR REVISED POLICIES

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

011: Board Governance Standards/Codes of Conduct

808: Food Services

(See Addendum "E")

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. First reading of new or revised board policies:

111: Lesson Plans

218.1: Weapons

903: Public Participation in Board Meetings

(See Addendum "F")

B. First reading of the 2022-2023 School Calendar (proposed) *(See Addendum "G")*

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mrs. Courtney Kuncelman, School Psychologist, reported to the Board of Directors on the importance of good mental health, stating that it is critical to children’s success in school and life. Mrs. Kuncelman noted that students who receive social–emotional, mental, and behavioral health support achieve better academically. If these needs are left unmet, mental health problems are linked to costly negative outcomes.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children and adolescents experience a mental health problem during their school years. Serious mental health problems, such as self-injurious behaviors and suicide, are on the rise, particularly among youth. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in 2019, 3.8 million adolescents ages 12–17 reported a major depressive episode in the last year and nearly 60% did not receive any treatment. Of the adolescents who did get help, nearly two thirds did so only in school.

Mrs. Kuncelman cited research that shows students are more likely to seek counseling when services are available in schools. Mental Health Services available at Penn Cambria include Building-level Concussion Management Teams, IMPACT Counselors, Student Support Team and Student Assistance Program teams, Special Education and Section 504 supports and services, Social-Emotional learning efforts and Trauma-Skilled approaches, Youth Mental Health First Aid training, and School Social Work, that has been an asset with Mrs. Galebach’s focus on counseling.

Partnerships with the Cambria County Suicide Prevention Task Force, Cambria County Children & Youth, Cambria County CRISIS, Cambria County Drug & Alcohol, the PA Network for Student Assistance Services, and our Regional Homeless and Foster Care Liaisons allow the District to expand the possibilities for meeting the imperative needs of our students and families.

Mrs. Kuncelman thanked the Board of Directors for supporting the implementation of such important initiatives so that mental health needs of our students can be addressed, including the short-term needs within our district, which equip them with long-term benefits after they leave PCSD.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:26 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

** Mr. Monica left at 7:30 PM and refused to attend the executive session.*

Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:21 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Sheehan suggested discussion at the April Committee of the Whole meeting regarding appropriate Board conduct, and to review policy 011 as it relates to no response to public comment and related board responsibility.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 8:24 P.M.