

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
October 17, 2023

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, October 17, 2023, 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. George Pyo
- Mr. Justin Roberts
- Mr. Michael Sheehan
- Mr. Jeffrey Stohon
- TOTAL. . . . . 7

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Mr. Terry Krug
- Mr. Guy Monica
- TOTAL. . . . . 2
- QUORUM PRESENT.

**AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:**

- William Marshall, Superintendent
- Jill Francisco, Business Administrator
- Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Amy Spinos, School Solicitor
- Kaitlyn Kalwanaski, 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
- Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary
- Justine Hrzic-Smith, Food Service Director
- Robin Lappi, PCESPA President
- Adam Clevenger, PCEA President
- Kerry Nileski, Teacher
- Veronica Noll, PCESPA Secretary
- 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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 minutes of the regular meeting held September 19, 2023, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**RESOLVED:** That the invoices as mailed to the 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. McCarthy, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the Treasurer’s Report for September 2023 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. Drenning, 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. Amy Spinos* had no report at this time.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS**

A motion was offered by Mr. Stohon, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, with the exception of Mr. Kearney who abstained on the High School Floating Secretary appointment, to accept the following resolution:

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

**A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**Accept Letter of Intent to Retire**

William Marshall, Patton, Superintendent, effective July 1, 2024, after 17 years of service

**Accept Retirements**

Christina Dorsch, Lilly, Administrative Assistant, after 18+ years of service, effective January 5, 2024

Charles Terek, Cresson, Athletic Director, effective July 19, 2024, after 14+ years of service

**Accept Resignation**

Debbie Love, Gallitzin, High School Cafeteria Worker, effective October 11, 2023

**Approve Appointments**

Christina Dorsch, Lilly, Substitute Aide and Secretary, effective January 6, 2024

Kimberly Gobert, Gallitzin, High School Cafeteria Worker, at 4.75 hours per day, retroactive to October 12, 2023

Mackenzie Kearney, Cresson, High School Floating Secretary, retroactive to October 5, 2023

Brennon Shall, Loretto, Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, effective pending documentation

**Approve IU08 Substitute Teachers**

Brandon Nicodemus, Altoona, effective immediately

Angelica Shoemaker, Loretto, effective pending documentation

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

Christopher Polenik, Johnstown, effective pending documentation

**B. Approve Job Description**

Central Office/Business Office Administrative Support *(See Addendum “D”)*

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**JUNIOR HIGH CO-ED SOCCER PROGRAM**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve a Junior High Co-Ed Soccer program beginning with the 2024-2025 season.

**R.E.A.C.H./RISE COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with R.E.A.C.H. Inc. in conjunction with the RISE Project of Cambria County to provide mental health counseling services at Penn Cambria High School. These services are being provided through county opioid settlement funding.

**GOVERNMENT ENTITY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve entering into a Settlement Agreement, as of this 26th day of July 2023 (the “Execution Date”), made by and between Altria Group, Inc., Philip Morris USA, Inc., Altria Client Services LLC, Altria Enterprises LLC, and Altria Group Distribution Company (collectively “Altria”); and Plaintiffs’ Leadership in MDL No. 2913 and JCCP No. 5052, on behalf of all Settling Government Entity Plaintiffs (together with Altria, the “Parties”). This Settlement Agreement establishes a program to resolve the Released Claims and Liabilities (defined in complete resolution).

**PRE-K COUNTS FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve the Pre-K Counts Flexible Instructional Plan for the 2023-2024 school year. (*See Addendum “E”*)

**SEA, AIR, LAND CHALLENGE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve the participation in the 2024 Sea, Air, Land Challenge sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and Penn State University, at a cost of \$100 per high school team plus the cost of transportation.

**ADOPTION OF NEW, REVISED, OR BOARD POLICY FOR REVIEW**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve the second reading and adoption of the following policy:  
204 AR - Attendance (*See Addendum “F”*)

**RETIRE BOARD POLICY**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve the retirement of the following board policy:  
255 - Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care (*See Addendum “G”*)

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Acknowledge donation of Glowforge laser engraver (Pro 45W), printer, and laser engravable items to PC Middle School by Mrs. Lori Heldibridle and Loricky Enterprises, LLC of Lilly, PA
- B. First reading of new, revised, or Board Policies for review:
  - 251 - Students Experiencing Homeless, Foster Care, and Other Educational Instability
  - 810 - Transportation (*See Addendum “H”*)

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

*Dane Harrold*, Middle School Principal, shared with the Board of Directors, highlights from the Middle School for the 2023-24 year, including: a twenty minute activity period after morning announcements that provides math interventions, homework assistance for special education students, AR testing, and physical education exercise and competitions; a new social, emotional, and academic behavioral screener called SAEBR completed by teachers and all students in grade five through eight that is used to help identify students who may need counseling or other types of support; participation by students in grade six and eight in the PA Youth Survey, a voluntary survey on behavior, violence, mental health, and drug abuse; and the Panther Closet that supplies clothes, shoes, school supplies, and hygiene products to students anonymously. Mr. Harrold commended Robin Lappi’s hard work and dedication to this project.

*Robin Lappi* thanked the principals, nurses, and all those who have made contributions to the Panther Closet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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 there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:13 P.M.