

PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
201 6TH STREET
CRESSON, PENNSYLVANIA 16630

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
March 19, 2024

MEMBERS: Caleb Drenning, Anthony Dziabo, Jennifer Gmuca, Matthew Kearney, Rudy McCarthy, Guy
Monica, Michael Sheehan, Cindy Sheehan-Westrick, and Jeffrey Stohon

A Regular Meeting of the Penn Cambria School District Board of Education was called to order by Michael Sheehan,
Board President, at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 19, 2024, in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Dr. Jennifer Gmuca
- Mr. Matthew Kearney (*via phone*)
- Mr. Rudy McCarthy
- Mr. Guy Monica
- Mr. Michael Sheehan
- Mrs. Cindy Sheehan-Westrick
- Mr. Jeffrey Stohon
- TOTAL. 7

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Mr. Caleb Drenning
- Mr. Anthony Dziabo
- TOTAL. 2
- QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

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| William Marshall, Superintendent | Justine Hrzic-Smith, Food Service Director |
| Jill Francisco, Business Administrator | Kayla Galebach, School Social Worker |
| Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent | Kerry Nileski, Teacher |
| Benjamin Watt, High School Principal | Adam Clevenger, PCEA President |
| Kristen Blackburn, Assistant High School Principal | Robin Lappi, PCESPA President |
| Dane Harrold, Middle School Principal | Veronica Noll, PCESPA Secretary |
| Justin Wheeler, Assistant Middle School Principal | Jaime Hartline |
| Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal | Matt Churella, Altoona Mirror Reporter |
| Scott Sherry, Director of Buildings, Grounds, & Maintenance | Kristin Baudoux, Mainliner Reporter |
| Lewis Hale, Director of Technology | Courtney Taylor, Parent/Community Member |
| Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director | Jeff Fisher, Parent |
| Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary | Anthony Ditka, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP |

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was offered by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Stohon, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to enter executive session to discuss personnel at 7:01 P.M.

A motion was offered by Mr. Stohon, seconded by Dr. Gmuca, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to exit executive session at 7:28 P.M.

Mr. Sheehan stated that an executive session was held to discuss an incident involving a current Board member and the Board's options relating to it.

A motion was offered by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, and approved by a roll call vote requesting the resignation of Board member, Anthony Dziabo, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Dr. Gmuca, Mr. Kearney, Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, Mr. Stohon, Mr. Sheehan

NO: Mr. Monica

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following wrestlers who placed at PIAA District VI Championships: 2nd - Trent Hoover, 3rd - Andrew Mardula, and 3rd - Nick Summerville.

Congratulations to Rocco Dzurko who placed 3rd in the 200-yard Swimming and Diving District VI Championships.

One of the two Penn Cambria Bocce Ball teams took 2nd place at districts. Members of the second-place team were Douglas Brown, Seth Conrad, Kayla Galovich, Thomas Jones, Kayden McMullen, Emme Myers, Marisa Rabatin, Eli Summerville, and Kirk Yahnert.

Congratulations to the following Band students who successfully auditioned:

District Jazz - Modern Band: Colin Berkheimer and Collin Borlie

Region Band: Camryn Ashworth, Hailey Farabaugh, Aliyah Golden, Emma Hazlett, Christina Myers, and Mya Weisinger

All-State Band: Emma Hazlett and Mya Weisinger

Congratulations to the Forensics Team who won both the District and Regional Championship Titles.

District medalists: ** Qualified to states

Extemporaneous: 1st - **Joseph Hite, 2nd - **Colin Berkheimer

Commentary: 2nd - **Haelyn Singer, 3rd - Caleb Piszczek

Informative: Auto-Qualified to states with a perfect win record over the regular season - **Jelana Boldizar, 3rd - Hudson Farabaugh, 1st - ** Brian Wu

Persuasive: 3rd - Lauren Riley, 1st - **Addyson Ehredt

Dramatic Interp: 1st - **Austin Gray

Humorous Interp: 1st - **Belle Eckenrode

Poetry: 3rd - Samantha Borlie

Program of Oral Interpretation: 1st - **Lachlan Lewis

Oratorical Declamation: 1st - Harlie Racz (not a state category)

Regional medalists: ** Qualified to nationals

Commentary: 3rd - Caleb Piszczek, 1st - **Haelyn Singer

Informative: 2nd - ** Brian Wu, 1st - **Jelana Boldizar

Persuasive: 2nd - **Addyson Ehredt

Dramatic Interp: 2nd - ** Lachlan Lewis, 1st - ** Austin Gray

Humorous Interp: 1st - **Belle Eckenrode

Poetry: 3rd - Samantha Borlie

Oratorical Declamation: 2nd - **Chloe Rose, 1st - Harlie Racz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held February 20, 2024, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was offered by Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, 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 Dr. Gmuca, seconded by Mr. Monica, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Report for February 2024 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. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Stohon, 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"*)

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was offered by Mr. Monica, seconded by Dr. Gmuca, 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

1. Accept Resignations
 - a. Nancy Cassisi, Lilly, Substitute Teacher, effective March 5, 2024
 - b. Catherine Duman, Hastings, IU08 Substitute Teacher, effective February 28, 2024
 - c. Makaela Stanek, Patton, High School English Teacher, Yearbook Co-Advisor, Junior-Senior Class Co-Advisor, Assistant Bocce Ball Coach, and Clay Target Club Advisor, effective at the close of the 2023-2024 school year
 - d. Christina Knott, Hollidaysburg, Pre-Primary Paraeducator, effective March 22, 2024
2. Remove Volunteer Coaches, effective immediately
 - a. Kiersten Davis, State College, Volunteer Softball Coach
 - b. Andrew Jones, Lilly, Volunteer Baseball Coach
 - c. Ashley Urish, Gallitzin, Volunteer Cheer Coach
3. Approve Substitute Teachers, effective pending documentation
 - a. Jennie Bastian, Cresson, IU08
 - b. James Miller, Ashville, IU08
 - c. Melissa Rajnish, Cresson
 - d. Jessica Secriskey, Cresson, IU08
4. Approve Appointments
 - a. Jane Burkholder, Hollidaysburg, School Psychologist, 205-day Act 93 position at a salary of \$83,500.00 (prorated for days worked in 2023-24), effective on or about May 20, 2024
 - b. Leigh Casher, Cresson, Primary School Substitute Teacher, retroactive to March 8, 2024 through April 1, 2024
 - c. Thomas Creehan, Cresson, Junior High Co-Ed Soccer Coach, at a stipend of \$3,370.00, effective pending documentation
 - d. James Dunlap, Ebensburg, Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach, effective pending documentation
 - e. Katelyn Seese, Ashville, from Volunteer to Assistant Varsity Cheer Coach, at a stipend of \$1,931.20, effective with the start of the 2024-2025 season
 - f. Dave Urish, Gallitzin, Volunteer Junior High Softball Coach, effective pending documentation
5. Approve McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Drivers, effective pending documentation
 - a. Timothy Seymore, Cresson
 - b. John Risban, Cresson

B. CURRICULUM MAP

1. HS Psychology (1/2 credit elective)

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was offered by Mr. Stohon, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolutions:

JUNIOR HIGH CO-ED SOCCER PROGRAM DEEMED A PENN CAMBRIA SPORT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby deem Junior High Co-Ed Soccer as a Penn Cambria School District sport, with a district paid stipend of up to \$3,370.00 for the head coach position, all other costs incurred will be the responsibility of the team's booster club.

DOOR CONTROLLER/ALARM BID AWARD

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the purchase and installation of door controller systems from Empire Communications based on successful bid at a cost not to exceed \$38,972.00, with funding to be provided by the PCCD School Safety and Security grant and the 2023-2024 PCCD School District Meritorious Safety Grant.

A motion was offered by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Stohon, and approved by a roll call vote, to accept the following resolution:

GENERAL FUND BUDGET OF IU08 2024-2025

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget for IU08 including a total contribution of \$173,000.00 from 35 participating school districts: Penn Cambria's share estimate at \$4,875.96.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Mr. Kearney, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Monica, Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, Mr. Stohon, Dr. Gmuca, Mr. Sheehan

NO: 0

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

APPALACHIA IU08 INTERNET CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve participation in the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 E-rate Consortium for the procurement of Internet services.

A motion was offered by Mr. Monica, seconded by Dr. Gmuca, and approved by a roll call vote, to accept the following resolution:

APPALACHIA IU08 COOPERATIVE BIDDING FOR PAPER

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve participation in the cooperative bidding program coordinated by Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for the purpose of purchasing paper supplies for 2024-25 and thereafter. (*See Addendum "D"*)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Monica, Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, Mr. Stohon, Dr. Gmuca, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Sheehan

NO: 0

A motion was offered by Mr. Monica, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, and approved by a roll call vote, to accept the following resolution:

ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2024

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors adopt a resolution, as presented by Bond Counsel, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.00, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Unit Debt Act, for the purpose of providing funds for capital improvements to School District facilities. (*See Addendum "E"*)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Mr. Monica, Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, Mr. Stohon, Dr. Gmuca, Mr. Kearney, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Sheehan

NO: 0

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

NEW ACCOUNT FOR BOND PROCEEDS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors authorize the opening of an account with The Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) for purposes of investing the proceeds of the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2024, in accordance with Policy 609 and Section 440.1 of the Public School Code of 1949 as amended and supplemented by Act 10 of 2016 and the Local Government Unit Debt Act.

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

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the adoption of new textbook for High School Psychology - Psychology High School 3rd Edition by William J. Elmhorst and Mary Spilis c2023 Pearson at an approximate one-time cost of \$6,330.00.

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the adoption of MyView by Savvas c2025 textbook for grades 3-5 English Language Arts classes at an approximate cost of \$53,115.00. This includes teacher materials and a three-year consumable print and digital student subscription for each grade level.

ADOPTION OF NEW, REVISED, OR BOARD POLICIES FOR REVIEW

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

A. 810 - Transportation (*See Addendum "F"*)

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING NEW, REVISED, OR BOARD POLICY FOR REVIEW:

1. 200 - Enrollment of Students
2. 202 - Eligibility of Non-Resident Students
3. 217 - Graduation
4. 217 AR - Graduation Requirements
5. 254 - Educational Opportunity for Military Children (*See Addendum "G"*)

B. FIRST READING OF THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR (proposed) (*See Addendum "H"*)

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:46 P.M.