

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
December 9, 2025

MEMBERS: Carrie Andraychak, Anthony Dziabo, Matthew Kearney, Rudy McCarthy, Guy Monica, Michael Sheehan, Cindy Sheehan-Westrick, Jeffrey Stohon, and Anthony Tomaselli

A Special 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, December 9, 2025, in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mrs. Carrie Andraychak
	Mr. Anthony Dziabo
	Mr. Matthew Kearney
	Mr. Rudy McCarthy (<i>via phone</i>)
	Mr. Guy Monica
	Mr. Michael Sheehan
	Mrs. Cindy Sheehan-Westrick
	Mr. Anthony Tomaselli
	TOTAL. 8

MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mr. Jeffrey Stohon
	TOTAL. 1
	QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:	
Jaime Hartline, Superintendent	Katlin Little, Athletic Director
Jill Francisco, Business Administrator	Justine Hrzic-Smith, Food Service Director
Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent	Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary
Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director	Adam Clevenger, PCEA President
Dane Harrold, High School Principal	Kerry Nileski, Teacher
Benjamin Watt, High School Principal	Matt Churella, Altoona Mirror Reporter
Justin Wheeler, Middle School Principal	Kristin Baudoux, Mainliner Reporter
Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal	Joshua Byers, Tribune Democrat Reporter
Scott Sherry, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance	Tonee Rice, Parent

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

AGENDA

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

RESOLVED: The Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented.

HEARING OF VISITORS - There were no questions, concerns, comments related to school business.

MINUTES

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the organization and regular meeting held December 2, 2025, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was offered by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Dziabo, and approved unanimously by roll call vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors award bids associated with the New Elementary Education Center (attached to the existing High School) for General Construction, Food Service Construction, Fire Protection Construction, Plumbing Construction, and Electrical Construction as follows (*See addendum "A"*):

Contract Name/ Contractor	Lump Sum Contract Award Amount	Scope Accepted
General Construction - J.C. Orr & Son, Inc.	\$14,258,441	Base Bid + Alternates 1-5, 8, 11-14
Food Service Construction - Great West Lake LLC	\$746,614	Base Bid + No Alternates
Fire Protection Construction - DC Goodman and Sons	\$381,736	Base Bid + No Alternates
Plumbing Construction - Shipley Plumbing, LLC	\$821,459	Base Bid + No Alternates
Electrical Systems Construction - Hallstrom Clark Electric, Inc.	\$2,434,500	Base Bid + Alternates 1, 3-5
	\$18,642,750	Total Base Bids plus Selected Alternates

Roll Call: Yes: Mr. Dziabo, Mr. Kearney, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Monica, Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, Mr. Tomaselli, Mrs. Andraychak, Mr. Sheehan
No: 0

AWARD ALTERNATE 7

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors award Alternate 7 to J.C. Orr & Son, Inc.'s contract for the work associated with roadway at Sixth Street for an ADD of \$23,400.

The Board engaged in a detailed discussion regarding the proposed roadway (Alternate 7), focusing on safety, traffic flow, cost, and long-term implications. Key points are as follows:

- Commended the board's decision to hold a separate vote, as it promotes transparency and avoids divisive tactics.
- Regarding Alternate 7 (roadway):
 - It was not requested by the board or architects; it originated from the superintendent and seems tied to athletic considerations, including a \$10M supplemental project.
 - Baseball already benefits from excellent facilities in Lilly, and past issues should not drive capital decisions.
- Traffic concerns - No sustained congestion issues have been reported since grade shifts; adding the road may create bottlenecks rather than solve problems.
- Cost - While \$23,400 is small relative to the entire project, its purpose is questionable. The real motive appears linked to future athletic upgrades, which should be discussed separately.
- Supports ADA accessibility improvements but remains cautious about large athletic spending.
- Priority should be improvements inside the school building to benefit education, safety, and student well-being before exterior projects.

Mr. Monica requested clarity on the necessity of the roadway, aside from safety concerns.

- Justified the need for the roadway based on:
 - Safety - Currently, the Pre-Primary School has only one entrance/exit for students, visitors, and emergency services.
 - Traffic Flow - Congestion occurred at the start of the year; anticipated increase with the new elementary education center.

- Events - More students and families in attendance at extracurricular activities due to grade consolidation and the unknown of future events, such as parent teacher conferences.
- Coordinated with Cresson Township regarding roadway discharge onto McGarrity Lane; timber has been cleared.
- Explained gravel was chosen over asphalt due to cost and the need for stone settling before paving.

Mr. Sheehan supported the roadway if it addresses traffic control and safety for spectators and athletes. *Mr. Sheehan* noted that he believes all sports should be played on campus to strengthen the district.

Mr. Tomaselli stated that safety concerns alone justify the roadway.

Mr. Dziabo shared the following concerns:

- Impact on residents and taxpayers near McGarrity Lane.
- Student safety when accessing Route 53 from McGarrity Lane.
- Additional costs for gates and fencing (approx. \$2,000).
- On days where there is snow accumulation, McGarrity Lane is not a priority, it was not cleared until after 11:00 A.M. the last day.
- New construction already includes another access point from 4th Street that will total five access points:
 - 6th and Linden
 - 5th and Linden
 - Three access points on 4th Street
- More maintenance responsibilities (plowing, locking and unlocking the gates).
- Lack of requesting feedback from residents and taxpayers on this alteration.

Mr. Kearney stated that it may seem as though he is being antagonistic, however, that is not his intention. He is aware of all the work the administration has put into the decision of the roadway. In the end, he believes that the roadway will not make the campus safer and will be a net negative in the long run.

Mr. McCarthy expressed confidence in the administration's thorough review and recommended preparing for increased traffic due to campus consolidation.

Mrs. Andraychak emphasized student safety as the top priority and supported a second route for emergency access to the Pre-Primary building.

Mr. Sherry clarified that the roadway has existed but was unused; the proposal is to revamp it for potential use.

Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick suggested monitoring the roadway for safety issues and closing it if concerns arise.

Roll Call:	Yes:	Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Monica, Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, Mr. Tomaselli, Mrs. Andraychak, Mr. Sheehan
	No:	Mr. Kearney, Mr. Dziabo

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

GESA CONTRACT AMENDMENT 4

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve an Amendment to the initial Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) contract with SitelogIQ for work associated with the HVAC portion of the New Addition to the High School; HVAC, Plumbing and Electrical upgrades associated with the existing High School and Pre-Primary School; and select architectural improvements at the High School. The specific scope is identified in the Amendment document for a total lump sum of \$11,310,551.

Roll Call:	Yes:	Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Monica, Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, Mr. Tomaselli, Mrs. Andraychak, Mr. Dziabo, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Sheehan
	No:	0

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

TRACTOR AND ACCESSORIES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the purchase of a Kubota tractor from McCoy's Lawn & Garden SLS & Service at a price of \$34,757.66, in addition to 110 gallons of rim guard rear tire fluid and third function for loader additions in the amount of \$2,260.00, through Sourcewell cooperative purchasing Contract #082923-KBA.

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

TIMBER AGREEMENT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve an Agreement for the sale of timber to E&E Logging & Sons to select cut a parcel of District land in the amount of \$41,700, retroactive to December 3, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board of Directors entered Executive Session to discuss legal matters at 7:38 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Tomaselli, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:10 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Dziabo, seconded by Mr. Kearney.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 8:10 P.M.