

PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2026

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board of Directors entered Executive Session to discuss litigation at 6:30 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Penn Cambria School District Board of Education was called to order by Rudy McCarthy, Board Vice President, at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 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
Mr. Guy Monica
Mrs. Cindy Sheehan-Westrick (*via phone*)
Mr. Jeffrey Stohon
Mr. Anthony Tomaselli
TOTAL. 8

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Michael Sheehan
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
Ronald Repak, School Solicitor	Adam Clevenger, PCEA President
Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director	Kerry Nileski, Teacher
Lewis Hale, Director of Technology	Robin Lappi, PCESPA President
Dane Harrold, High School Principal	Kristin Baudoux, Mainliner Reporter
Benjamin Watt, High School Principal	Matt Churella, Altoona Mirror Reporter
Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal	Joe Penrod, SitelogIQ
Jane Burkholder, School Psychologist	Kyle Harnish, Colliers Engineering & Design
Scott Sherry, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance	Justin Thorton, Colliers Engineering & Design

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

AGENDA

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

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

SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following:

- A. Varsity Girls Basketball Team, who took first place at P.I.A.A. District VI Basketball Tournament. Players were Reagan Ronan, Meghan Andersen, Makenna McCoy, Kaydynce Baney, Avery LeMaster, Aubree Rickens, Megyn Stipanovich, Eden Davison, Avayah LeMaster, Peyton Rabatin, Rachel Fisher, Sophia Beard, Laila Milavec, Samara Piotti, Arianna Walters, Carlee McCloskey, Kiara Diehl, and Morgan Cadwallader.
- B. Nate Mack, who took third place at P.I.A.A. Wrestling Tournament.

PRESENTATION – Joe Penrod, SilogIQ Project Manager, provided a progress update on the High School and Pre-Primary construction/renovation project.

Mr. Penrod reported that throughout December and January, SilogIQ, along with the architects and consulting engineers, initiated the project by coordinating with the five major prime contractors and completing the necessary administrative preparations. On-site work began in February with the arrival of large earth-moving equipment to support development of the spoils road, contractor trailer placement, and material laydown areas. This work commenced the week of February 9, 2026. For the remainder of February, the General Contractor continued site preparation activities, and excavation began for the new north parking lot. The High School and Pre-Primary project will run concurrently with the GESA project beginning in the summer of 2026.

During February 2026, JC Orr & Sons, Inc. completed initial administrative tasks and mobilization efforts, including site demolition, installation of site fencing, establishment of the trailer and laydown areas, and placement of erosion and sediment controls. In March, their work will continue with excavation of the detention tanks north of the existing building, grading for the new north parking lot, ongoing installation of the stormwater management system, and demolition of the existing site areas that will support the new addition. Great Lakes West, LLC submitted all required contractual documentation, with food service equipment installation scheduled for Summer 2027. DC Goodman & Sons, Inc. completed their contractual paperwork and will continue administrative preparations in March. Shipley Plumbing LLC began administrative work, disconnected water service at the concession stand, and verified the gas line between the concession stand and main building, with administrative efforts continuing through March. Halstrom-Clark Electric, Inc. completed administrative startup items, addressed temporary electrical needs on-site, and coordinated with Penelec regarding the site electrical work order. Their March work will include continued administrative tasks, demolition of existing power lines, installation of underground conduits for new parking lot lighting, removal of lighting and underground utilities in the future addition area, and relocation of the fiber optic line from the Pre-Primary building to the High School.

Mr. Penrod also provided an overview of the project schedule, noted that no contractors met the March 1 deadline for payment submission, and identified two major items currently being tracked for resolution: the storm water management basin and asbestos abatement.

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

MINUTES

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting held February 17, 2026, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Report for February 2026, 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 Mrs. Andraychak, seconded by Mr. Kearney, 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 projects 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 - Attorney Repak reported that Governor Josh Shapiro has proposed a five-million-dollar increase to Pennsylvania's Student Teacher Support Program to address the growing demand for the \$10,000 stipends provided to student teachers and to further support efforts to expand the educator workforce across the Commonwealth. He also noted that Pennsylvania's proposed bell-to-bell ban on student cell phone use has passed the state Senate and advanced to the House for consideration; however, no action has been taken in the House since February. Attorney Repak further stated that the Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss litigation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was offered by Mr. Monica, seconded by Mrs. Andraychak, and approved by voice aye vote, with the exception of Mr. Dziabo who opposed Letter B, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent's recommendations be approved as follows:

A. Personnel

1. Accept Terminations, effective immediately
 - a. Andrew Jones, Head 7th/8th Grade Football Coach
 - b. Dontae Lilly, Assistant Varsity Football Coach
2. Accept Resignations
 - a. James Dunlap, Volunteer Baseball Coach, effective February 20, 2026
 - b. Hope Kephart, Kindergarten Teacher substitute assignment, effective February 27, 2026
3. Approve Appointments, effective pending documentation
 - a. Matthew Ryan, McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Driver
 - b. Eden Ronan, Head Varsity Volleyball Coach, at a stipend of \$6,498
 - c. Vincent Franco, Prospective Teacher Substitute (Student Teacher)
 - d. Casadie Miller, Prospective Teacher Substitute (Student Teacher)
4. Approve Appointments
 - a. Kyla Glass, Teacher Preparation Program Completer (Section 1215) Substitute, retroactive to March 16, 2026
 - b. Kyla Glass, Kindergarten Teacher Substitute, retroactive to March 16, 2026 through on or about April 17, 2026
5. Approve Correction
 - a. Sierra McMullen, High School Science Substitute Teacher, revised start date of March 2, 2026 (originally March 5, 2026)

B. Approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar (*See Addendum "D"*)

C. Approve the revised 2025-2026 School Calendar (*See Addendum "E"*)

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

STORAGE BUILDING

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve a change order to the General Construction bid for the purchase, construction, and assembly of a storage building from J.C. Orr & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$231,604.90.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Mr. Dziabo, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Monica, Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, Mr. Stohon,
Mr. Tomaselli, Mrs. Andraychak, Mr. McCarthy

No: 0

A motion was offered by Mr. Tomaselli, seconded by Mrs. Andraychak, and approved by roll call vote, to accept the following resolution:

SOFTBALL FIELD FENCING

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with Clark Contractors, Inc. for the purchase and installation of fencing at the High School Softball Field at a total cost of \$76,980.45 through the Keystone Purchasing Network Job Order Contracting (JOC) Contract No. 2021JOCC-26.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Mr. Kearney, Mr. Monica, Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, Mr. Stohon, Mr. Tomaselli, Mrs. Andraychak, Mr. Dziabo, Mr. McCarthy
No: 0

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

GENERAL FUND BUDGET OF IU08 2026-2027

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget for IU08 including a total contribution of \$173,000 from 35 participating school districts; Penn Cambria’s share estimate at \$5,066.01.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Mr. Monica, Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, Mr. Stohon, Mr. Tomaselli, Mrs. Andraychak, Mr. Dziabo, Mr. Kearney, Mr. McCarthy
No: 0

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

2026-2027 BUDGET FOR ADMIRAL PEARY AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the 2026-2027 budget as presented and endorsed by the Superintendent’s Advisory Committee and the Joint Operating Committee of Admiral Peary Area Vocational-Technical School.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, Mr. Stohon, Mr. Tomaselli, Mrs. Andraychak, Mr. Dziabo, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Monica, Mr. McCarthy
No: 0

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

2024 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PLGIT ACCOUNT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the redemption and close-out of the 2024 GO Bonds Capital Project Fund PLGIT Account and transfer of the remaining de minimis amount to the 2025 GO Bonds Capital Project Fund PLGIT Account, retroactive to December 19, 2025.

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

ATHLETIC CHECKING ACCOUNT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the closing of the First National Bank Athletic checking account.

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

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF NEW, REVISED, OR BOARD POLICIES FOR REVIEW:

- A. 105.2 - Exemption from Instruction
- B. 122.1 - Noncurriculum-related, non-school sponsored, student-initiated groups
- C. 215 - Promotion/Retention/Transfer
- D. 231 - Social Events
- E. 247 - Hazing
- F. 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying
- G. 252 - Dating Violence
- H. 701.1 - Naming Rights
(See Addendum “F”)

FIRST READING OF NEW, REVISED, OR BOARD POLICIES FOR REVIEW:

- A. 246 - Wellness
(See Addendum “G”)

INFORMATION ITEM

- A. Stadium Donation - Mr. Hartline expressed his appreciation to Knopp & Klatt Excavation & Concrete for their generous donation of \$10,000 to the stadium project. He further reported that this contribution brings the total amount

of donations for the stadium project to \$845,100. Mr. Hartline extended his gratitude to all donors for their continued support.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Jane Burkholder, School Psychologist, presented the following report to the Board of Directors, highlighting a key aspect of the school psychologist's role, specifically, the facilitation and coordination of social-emotional and mental-health supports and programming essential to fostering strong and resilient students.

“Good evening. As I reflected on this past year and what to highlight with you tonight, it hit me how much of my job is so very confidential, which makes sharing what I have done challenging. So tonight, I want to focus on one of the roles of a school psychologist that I feel is most critical in building strong schools and resilient students. That is the role of helping to facilitate and coordinate student social-emotional and mental health supports and programming.

I firmly believe that kids (and all of us) do well if we can; this goes beyond basic reading, writing, and math skills and can extend into feeling safe and supported and having the necessary coping skills in order to do hard things and face challenges. We are very fortunate at Penn Cambria to have many amazing initiatives, frameworks, and supports in place to build and address social-emotional learning and needs. We employ four school counselors and a full-time social worker. They provide classroom lessons and daily support to our students at both a tier 1 and tier 2 level of support. We also have SAP teams at each school and district MTSS teams that address social-emotional needs of our students.

For needs that rise beyond those supports, we also have the benefit of having a full time Reach/Rise counselor at the high school who holds a caseload of students seen for individual and group counseling services. I have worked with her along with our guidance staff to determine appropriate areas of need for counseling groups for our students. This year we have also added Cartwheel, a virtual option for families and students to access individual counseling services, parent guidance and support, and potential consultation and services from a psychiatrist if needed. This has opened the doors for our families and helped link many students up K-12 with direct support and can be done in a students' home. This has been an excellent resource for our families and students, especially in our area where obtaining counseling supports can be challenging.

Looking forward, a goal of mine is to begin building and bring together a student support team in order to continue to strengthen and adjust the support we have in place to meet the constantly evolving needs of our students and district. I am excited to have shared time with the school counselors and social worker as part of our April early dismissal day to kick this off. Together we will talk about areas of need and trends in student mental health we see K-12 and determine if additional supports or tier 1 interventions may be needed to address any areas of need. My hope is that working together we can build on what we already have in place, efficiently use our resources, and work collaboratively to best support all of the students of Penn Cambria.

I thank you for your support of our students – not only their academic progress but also their social-emotional progress and general well-being. Together we are building resilient, strong students who are ready when they leave us to face all challenges.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION - No additional executive session was held.

Mr. Dziabo thanked the Vo-Tech students in the carpentry program for their excellent work in building the new podium.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Mr. Tomaselli, 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 7:28 P.M.