

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
April 21, 2026

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

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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, April 21, 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  
Mr. Michael Sheehan  
Mrs. Cindy Sheehan-Westrick  
Mr. Jeffrey Stohon  
Mr. Anthony Tomaselli  
TOTAL . . . . . 9

MEMBERS ABSENT:

TOTAL . . . . . 0  
QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Jaime Hartline, Superintendent                  | Jane Burkholder, School Psychologist       |
| Jill Francisco, Business Administrator          | Katlin Little, Athletic Director           |
| Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent | Justine Hrzic-Smith, Food Service Director |
| Ronald Repak, School Solicitor                  | Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary       |
| Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director       | Adam Clevenger, PCEA President             |
| Lewis Hale, Director of Technology              | Kerry Nileski, Teacher                     |
| Dane Harrold, High School Principal             | Robin Lappi, PCESPA President              |
| Benjamin Watt, High School Principal            | Kristin Baudoux, Mainliner Reporter        |
| Justin Wheeler, Middle School Principal         | Matt Churella, Altoona Mirror Reporter     |
| Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal             | David Nitchkey, Core Architects            |

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

**AGENDA**

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

**RESOLVED:** That 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. Dziabo, seconded by Mr. Stohon, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the regular meeting held March 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 Mrs. Andraychak, 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 Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the Treasurer's Report for March 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 Mr. Monica, seconded by Mr. Stohon, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolutions:

##### **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"*)

##### **LIFE AND SHORT-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors hereby approve a two-year agreement effective July 1, 2026 with OneAmerica to provide Life insurance coverage for all eligible employees and Short-Term Disability insurance coverage for three support staff members. These benefit plans will continue to be administered in compliance with all employment agreements.

##### **TAX COLLECTOR AUDIT REPORT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors hereby accept the Audit of Selected Real Estate Tax Collectors for the 2024 Tax Assessment Year, Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, as prepared by Turnley Robertson & Associates LLC.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** - Attorney Repak reported on House Bill 2285, which was approved by the House Education Committee and proposes a target ratio of one certified school nurse per 750 students, replacing the current ratio of one nurse per 1,500 students. The solicitor also provided an update on the Bishop McCort lawsuit, noting that a 60-day extension has been requested by Bishop McCort. The extension was denied and a motion to dismiss was filed on Monday. A response from the judge is pending and additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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

##### **A. Personnel**

1. Accept Resignations
  - a. William Delaney, Scholastic Quiz Advisor, effective immediately
  - b. Anthony Tomaselli, Volunteer Track Coach, effective immediately
  - c. Sarah Paronish, Aide, effective April 17, 2026
  - d. Courtney Johnson, School Nurse, effective May 18, 2026
2. Approve Appointments, effective for the 2026-2027 school year
  - a. Tori Shingler, Assistant Volleyball Coach, at a stipend of \$3,958
  - b. Derek Mardula, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach, at a stipend of \$3,370
  - c. Eric Gaida, Assistant Varsity Football at a stipend of \$3,958
  - d. Margaret Coho, Volunteer Junior High Soccer Coach, pending documentation
  - e. Noah Smith, Volunteer Junior High Soccer Coach, pending documentation
  - f. Bayle Kunsman, Volunteer Track Coach, pending documentation
3. Approve Appointments, effective pending documentation
  - a. Sierra McMullen, High School General Science Teacher, Bachelor Step 1, \$42,571 pro-rated from effective date
  - b. IU08 Substitute Teacher

- i. Christopher Seymour
- c. Mcilwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Driver
  - i. Jeremiah Kim
  - ii. Dorothy Dietrich
- 4. Approve Mentor for the 2025-2026 school year, stipend per PCEA contract:

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| <u>Professional Staff</u> | <u>Mentor</u>    |
| a. Amanda George          | Jocelyn McMullen |
- B. Approve Job Description
  - 1. Office Coordinator - Special Education
- C. Set Graduation Location, Date, and Time  
Graduation will be held at the Maurice Stokes Athletic Center/DeGol Arena on the campus of Saint Francis University on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**IU08 PRESCHOOL CLASS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve renewal of lease for classroom space for the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 Preschool Class at Penn Cambria Intermediate School for the 2026-2027 school year at the annual sum of \$4,500.

**SUBSTITUTE SERVICES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve Penn Cambria School District participation with the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 to provide emergency substitute services to the Penn Cambria School District for a fee of \$500 for the 2026-2027 school year.

**BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve an agreement with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 to provide blind and visually impaired services to Penn Cambria School District for the 2026-2027 school year at a projected cost of \$14,436.

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

**ESTABLISHMENT OF PAES LAB**

**RESOLVED:** That Board of Directors approve the purchase of supplies and software from PAES Productions, LLC in the amount of \$50,825 to implement a PAES (Practical Assessment Exploration System) lab at the High School for the 2026-27 school year.

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

**OUT OF STATE CONFERENCE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve 9 students, along with two chaperones and one coach, to attend the National Catholic Forensics League Tournament in Washington, D.C. on May 21-24, 2026, registration costs to be paid by students.

**VOLUNTEER CHAPERONES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors hereby approve Sydney Lee and Jelana Boldizar as volunteer chaperones to accompany qualifying students to the 2026 National Catholic Forensics League Tournament.

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

**PENNSYLVANIA LINES, LLC SETTLEMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve the stipulation for settlement between Penn Cambria School District and Pennsylvania Lines, LLC (Norfolk Southern Railway Company) docket number 2025-4732 regarding PURTA exempt properties and acceptance of same.

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

**CHANGE ORDER SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors authorize Jaime Hartline, Superintendent, to approve and execute change orders to previously approved project agreements in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

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

**HIGH SCHOOL STORAGE BUILDING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with CORE Architects, LLC for the lump sum of \$50,000 to provide professional architectural, engineering and project management services to facilitate the design and construction of a new storage building at the Penn Cambria High School Campus, which shall be a pre-engineered metal building, with appropriate interior finishes and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

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

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

**APPRAISAL SERVICES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with Richard Johnston, to provide professional appraisal services for Penn Cambria Middle School and Intermediate School, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 each.

A motion was offered by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Dziabo, 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. 246 - Wellness  
(See Addendum "D")

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Joseph Smorto, Elementary School Principal, presented the following report to the Board of Directors, regarding *Facts on Fire*, a supplemental math program that was recently implemented in the elementary schools.

"Good evening. We have been actively engaged in learning, enjoying meaningful experiences, and preparing for a strong finish to the school year at both the Pre-Primary and Intermediate Schools.

Tonight, I would like to highlight a new math facts program we recently implemented in our kindergarten through third grade classrooms called *Facts on Fire*.

Several years ago, I led the implementation of a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) team at our elementary schools. As part of this framework, our team meets every six weeks to review student data, engage in collaborative problem-solving, and develop targeted interventions to support student success. While analyzing our recent math data through this process, we identified an opportunity to further strengthen students' math fact fluency.

In response, Mrs. Conrad, Director of Special Education, shared a program which we believed would be a valuable addition for our students. While the program itself is free, and we like free, it did require Mrs. Conrad and I to develop a training for the teachers, create instructional packets, and organize the instructional videos for effective implementation.

*Facts on Fire*, part of the M.I.N.D. 2.0 framework, is a brief, 10–15 minute daily supplemental program designed to build automaticity, strengthen number sense, and increase student confidence in mathematics. So, *Facts on Fire* is implemented in addition to our GoMath! program.

The purpose of the program is to develop math fact fluency, build number sense, improve accuracy and efficiency, and foster greater confidence in math skills.

Each day, students engage in focused practice on one operation at a time. The program is mastery and time-based, meaning that students are practicing fluency but only progress after demonstrating consistent accuracy.

Our teachers play a key role in ensuring the program is implemented with fidelity, monitoring student growth, emphasizing accuracy before speed, celebrating student milestones, and providing additional support or enrichment as needed.

To evaluate the effectiveness of this program, we will utilize the Acadience Math benchmark assessments to monitor student progress and analyze overall program impact.

We are excited about the positive impact this program is already having on our students' confidence and foundational math skills.

As we continue to build a strong academic foundation for our students, math fact fluency remains a critical component of long-term success in mathematics. When students develop automaticity with basic facts, they are better equipped to tackle more complex concepts such as multi-digit operations, problem solving, and algebraic thinking.

By strengthening these foundational skills in our youngest learners, we are not only improving their accuracy and efficiency but also reducing frustration and increasing confidence as they progress through increasingly rigorous math content.

We are confident that this focused approach will support our students in developing the skills they need to be successful both now and in the years ahead at Penn Cambria.”

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - No executive session was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**RESOLVED:** That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:19 P.M.