

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
October 15, 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, October 15, 2024, in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Caleb Drenning
Mr. Anthony Dziabo
Mr. Matthew Kearney
Mr. Guy Monica
Mr. Michael Sheehan
Mrs. Cindy Sheehan-Westrick
Mr. Jeffrey Stohon
TOTAL. 7

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Jennifer Gmuca
Mr. Rudy McCarthy
TOTAL. 2
QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

Jaime Hartline, Superintendent	Katlin Little, Athletic Director
Ronald Repak, School Solicitor	Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary
Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent	Veronica Noll, PCESPA Secretary
Benjamin Watt, High School Principal	Robin Lappi, PCESPA President
Kristen Blackburn, Assistant High School Principal	Adam Clevenger, PCEA President
Dane Harrold, Middle School Principal	Kerry Nileski, Teacher
Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal	Stephanie Rossman, Teacher
Justin Wheeler, Assistant Principal Grades PK-8	Renee Schreyer, Teacher
Carrie Conrad, Special Education Director	Kristin Baudoux, Mainliner Reporter
Jane Burkholder, School Psychologist	Matt Churella, Altoona Mirror Reporter
Lewis Hale, Director of Technology	Josh Byers, The Tribune Democrat Reporter

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was offered by Mr. Kearney, 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 TEACHER ACHIEVEMENT - Jaime Hartline, Superintendent, congratulated Renee Schreyer, High School Chemistry Teacher, who received The Regional Award for Excellence in High School Teaching, sponsored by the American Chemical Society. This award is given to recognize, encourage and stimulate outstanding teachers of high school chemistry. The Regional Award consists of a cash award and plaque. One of the required attributes to qualify for the award is the ability to challenge and inspire students.

Michael Sheehan, Board President, presented a certificate to Renee Schreyer, on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Renee Schreyer thanked the Board of Directors for the recognition, stating what an honor it is to receive this award. Renee also thanked her amazing colleagues, that she gets to work with on a daily basis, stating that without them, she would not be standing here tonight. The atmosphere that her colleagues create at the high school and the high standards that they set in every single classroom, makes it easy for her to reach high standards. She stated how she enjoys working with her colleagues every day and would not want to be in another place. "Go Panthers!"

ANNOUNCEMENT - The December Reorganization Meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, December 4th.

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

MINUTES

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting held September 17, 2024, 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. Monica, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan-Westrick, and approved unanimously by voice aye vote, to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Report for September 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. Stohon, seconded by Mr. Kearney, 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")*

FOOD SERVICE - SPONSOR TO SPONSOR AGREEMENT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve an agreement to provide lunches to Start Smart Learning Center for the 2024-2025 school term in accordance with guidelines established by the National School Lunch Program and Pennsylvania Department of Education, effective November 4, 2024.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Ronald Repak informed the Board of Directors on resolution ten, the National School District Litigation. The school district has recently taken part in two class actions lawsuits; Juul and Social Media litigations. This litigation is in regard to overpricing of insulin purchased by the District in its health care plans. The reason the class action lawsuit has been brought to the District is one, the District may receive monies back and two, to try and stop the price increase of medications and keep healthcare costs down. As litigation costs were previously, legal expenses will only be deducted through any monetary recovery and there will be no cost to the District in the event of no recovery fees.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was offered by Mr. Monica, seconded by Mr. Dziabo, 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. Amanda Flynn, Lilly, Substitute Aide, retroactive to September 10, 2024
- b. Zachary McCracken, Altoona, High School Science Teacher, effective October 11, 2024
- c. Jenna Montag, Johnstown, Middle School Teacher, effective date to be determined
2. Approve Appointments
 - a. Dominic Farabaugh, Lilly, High School Substitute Teacher, effective on October 14, 2024 through an approximate date of December 13, 2024
 - b. Kendra Sherry, Ebensburg, High School Assistant Yearbook Advisor, retroactive to August 24, 2024, at a stipend of \$1,042
3. Approve Appointments, effective immediately
 - a. Dominic Farabaugh, Lilly, Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach, at a stipend of \$2,158
 - b. Jessica Secriskey, Cresson, IU08 Substitute Teacher
4. Approve Appointments, pending documentation
 - a. Cheree Daughtery, Cresson, Intermediate School Aide
 - b. Mary Heiple, Cresson, Science Teacher, Bachelors Step 4, \$46,138, effective upon release from current employment
 - c. Travis Keiper, Johnstown, IU08 Substitute Teacher
 - d. Alexis Paul, Lilly, Primary School Custodian
5. Approve McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Driver
 - a. Nick Perry, Portage, effective pending documentation

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 resolution:

TITLE 1 SERVICES

- A. **RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve entering into a Third-Party Agreement with EMLuensmann, LLC for the provision of Nonpublic Title 1 Services to Holy Trinity Catholic School- Eldorado Campus.
- B. **RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve entering into a Third-Party Agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for the provision of Nonpublic Title 1 Services to Holy Name School.

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

SEA, AIR, LAND CHALLENGE

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the participation in the 2025 Sea, Air, Land Challenge sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and PSU, at a cost of \$100 per high school team plus the cost of transportation.

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

NATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT LITIGATION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors authorize the District to enter into an Attorney Client fee contract with the Frantz Law Group and Dillon McCandless King Coulter and Graham, LLP (co-counsel) for the commencement of legal action against Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk and all other responsible parties in the MDL filed in the District of New Jersey at MDL 2:23-md-3080 with respect to claims related to the overpricing of insulin purchased by the District in its health care plans.

The Attorney-Client Fee Contract shall provide for a total Contingent Attorneys' Fee of Thirty Percent (30%) of any recovery. Out-of-pocket actual expenses needed to fund the litigation shall be advanced by Frantz Law Group, APLC, and deducted from any recovery. All legal expenses for the litigation, including for co-counsel work performed by the District Solicitor, shall be paid by agreement of such counsel from the contingent fee legal fees and not from the District's net recovery. The District shall not be responsible for any fee or cost reimbursement in the event that there is no recovery in this action.

The proper officers of the District are hereby authorized to sign the Attorney-Client fee Contract.

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

SURVEY SERVICES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc, Pittsburgh, PA, to provide professional survey services for Penn Cambria School District.

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

PRE-CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent to sign the Pre-Construction Manager agreement with Reynolds Construction, LLC, d/b/a SitelogIQ on behalf of the Penn Cambria School District.

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

ADOPTION OF NEW, REVISED, OR BOARD POLICIES FOR REVIEW

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

A. 622 - GASB Statement 34 (*See addendum "D"*)

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

A. 140.1 - Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students

B. 801 - Public Records (*See addendum "E"*)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. The Board of Directors officially recognizes the revised by laws of the Penn Cambria PTO. (*See addendum "F"*)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Dane Harrold, Middle School Principal, provided updates to the Board of Directors regarding the Middle School, including the A-wing shutdown, activity period, and student of the month.

During the summer there were many challenging decisions to make over the A-wing shutdown that included where to house the fifth and sixth grade classes. Mr. Harrold stated that moving fifth grade to the Intermediate School was one of the most difficult decisions to make as principal. After meeting the incoming fifth graders at orientation and seeing their excitement and anticipation of moving to a new building, it made it even more difficult, knowing that the fifth-grade students would be disappointed. Also sending the fifth-grade teachers to another building was tough. During the several years of being at the Middle School, we assembled a pretty good team and sending the fifth-grade teachers out, making change hard. However, the fifth-grade teachers handled the move to the Intermediate School with the utmost professionalism and adjusted well. Mr. Harrold stated that he is gracious for what those teachers have done at the Middle School and what they continue to do at the Intermediate School.

The morning activity period has continued for its third year. The morning period gives students opportunities to do several things such as homework, receive extra assistance, a seven-day rotation where students can access the library, and intramurals that have gotten bigger and better every year with Mr. Simone and Mrs. Buck.

Every month, teachers nominate students of the month. It is just not students who receive good grades, it is also students that behave themselves. The Middle School tries to instill leadership qualities into the students. The students who get good grades, stay out of trouble, and have leadership qualities. The nominated students receive a certificate; dog tags made in the Tech Education Department, which features the student's name; and the student's picture is published in the Mainliner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board of Directors entered Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:18 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Dziabo, seconded by Mr. Kearney.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:53 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Dziabo, seconded by Mr. Kearney.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 7:53 P.M.