



PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Cresson, Pennsylvania

BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2025

Caleb Drenning	—
Anthony Dziabo	—
Jennifer Gmuca	—
Matthew Kearney	—
Rudy McCarthy	—
Guy Monica	—
Michael Sheehan	—
Cindy Sheehan-Westrick	—
Jeffrey Stohon	—
Ronald Repak	—
Jill Francisco	—
Jaime Hartline	—

*The Board requests that those wishing to address the board during public comment observe a five-minute time limit.
A spokesperson should be appointed in the case of a group presentation.*

I. CALL TO ORDER AT _____ P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. RESOLUTION #1 - APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

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

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

V. ANNOUNCEMENT - Please join us in thanking our Penn Cambria school directors for their hard work and dedication during January, which is School Director Recognition Month. They make our students' success their priority.

Pennsylvania school directors are locally elected officials who voluntarily devote several hours per month to school board business.

The Penn Cambria School Board advocates on behalf of our school, students, and community. We salute them for their volunteer investment of time and effort for the good of our children.

VI. SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Lucas Gaida, Vocational Technical student, who was awarded an internship with TRANE.

Congratulations to the following student-athletes:

Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference all-conference teams:

Football

First team

Offense: Matthew Eckenrode, Preston Farabaugh, Gavin Harrold, Derek Hite and Logan Price

Defense: Jack Eckenrode, Gavin Harrold, Derek Hite, Mason Mento

Second team

Offense: Brock Fredack, Gavin Harrold, Brady Jones and Dayne Summerville

Defense: Marcus Eckenrode, Preston Farabaugh and Thomas Plunkett

Honorable mention

Offense: Thomas Plunkett

Defense: Brock Fredack, Blake Nadolsky and Corbin Vinglish

Boys soccer

First team: Duncan Gongloff, Cayden Helsel and Nicholas Marshall

Second team: Carter Panick and Jackson Rice

Honorable mention: Seth Conrad

Girls soccer

First team: Meghan Andersen and Danielle Farabaugh

Second team: Chloe Karabinos

Girls volleyball

Second team: Sophia Rabatin and Loren Stipanovich

Honorable mention: Addison Hite

District VI AA All District Volleyball team: Loren Stipanovich

All-State Football team: Preston Farabaugh and Gavin Harrold

Player of the Year in both the Altoona Mirror and Tribune Democrat: Gavin Harrold

Congratulations to Nicholas Felus who was named Coach of the Year in both the Altoona Mirror and Tribune Democrat.

VII. HEARING OF VISITORS - Questions, concerns, comments related to school business.

During this portion of the meeting, this is an opportunity for only residents, taxpayers, employees, and students of the district to provide information that you would like the Board to consider regarding a decision. We ask you to limit your comments to 5 minutes. If you share a common topic with others, we encourage the use of a single spokesperson for the group. Out of respect for our staff and students, we request that your public comments focus on issues or policies and not people. The intention of the audience of citizens is for the Board to listen to you. We will carefully weigh your comments, but may not engage in dialog, which is not the intended purpose of this opportunity. Should the comments be personally directed, or derogatory remarks made against District Board Members, District Officials, or District employees, or profanity used, the individuals remaining time will be forfeited. Please state your name and community in which you reside within Penn Cambria School District.

VIII. RESOLUTION #2 - MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2024, be approved as recorded in the copies mailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

IX. RESOLUTION #3 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

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.

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

X. RESOLUTION #4 - TREASURER’S REPORTS

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer’s Reports for November and December 2024, be accepted as mailed to the Board, and that a copy be filed with the official records of the School District. *(See pages 6-29)*

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

**XI. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
RESOLUTION #5 - 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.

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

RESOLUTION #6 - REVISION TO TAX WORKBOOKS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorize the payment to local tax collectors of \$1.00 (one dollar) for each addition, deletion, or address change to the tax workbooks. The district’s Business Office will validate all changes prior to payment.

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

RESOLUTION #7 - ANNUAL DONATIONS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to continue past practice of making donations to local fire companies and libraries.

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

XII. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

XIII. RESOLUTION #8 - SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

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

A. Personnel

- 1. Accept Resignations
 - a. Kristen Eger, Cresson, Nonpublic Title 1 Substitute Teacher, effective January 10, 2025
 - b. Katlin Little, Gallitzin, Volunteer Golf Coach, effective immediately
- 2. Approve Appointments
 - a. William Delaney, Windber, Scholastic Quiz Advisor, effective with the start of the 2025-2026 school year
 - b. Erika Link, Patton, Intermediate School Substitute Teacher, retroactive to November 25, 2024 through January 3, 2025
 - c. Bethany Vinglas, Loretto, Health Room Assistant, retroactive to January 2, 2025
- 3. Approve Appointments, effective pending documentation
 - a. Alana Berry, Cresson, Aide, location to be determined
 - b. Richard China, Lilly, Head Varsity Boys Soccer Coach, at a stipend of \$3958.00
 - c. Patrick Hanlon, Gallitzin, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, at a stipend of \$1689.80
 - d. Lakeyn Hogue, Cresson, Aide, location to be determined
 - e. Christine Nugent, Sidman, Substitute Nurse
 - f. Emilie Walker, Johnstown, Substitute Teacher
 - g. Samantha Wertz, Dysart, Substitute Nurse
- 4. Approve Fitness Center Coordinator:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Travis Schlupe	May 1, 2025 – August 1, 2025	\$1,500

- 5. Approve Mentors for the 2024-2025 school year, stipend per PCEA contract:

<u>Professional Staff</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Lori Long	Amanda Smorto	\$250
Courtney Johnson	Jenny Damin	\$500/year for 2 years (pro-rated)

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #9 - GESA CONTRACT AMENDMENT 3 – HIGH SCHOOL MEP IMPROVEMENTS WITH PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCOPE

RESOLVED: The Board of Directors hereby approve an Amendment to the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) contract with SitelogIQ for classroom and cafeteria HVAC renovations, electrical system upgrades, and plumbing system improvements at the High School. Scope items associated with the Public School Facility Improvement Grant at the High School are included within this project. The total value of the GESA Amendment is \$6,535,239.

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

ROLL CALL:

RESOLUTION #10 - CLOSURE OF PENN CAMBRIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby directs that the Penn Cambria Primary School located at 400 Main St. Lilly, Pennsylvania be permanently closed effective at the close of the 2024-2025 school year, pursuant to Section 13-1311 and in accordance with Section 5-524 and Section 7-780 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended. *(See complete resolution on page 30)*

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

ROLL CALL:

RESOLUTION #11 - SCHOOL RECONFIGURATION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the reconfiguration of the following Penn Cambria buildings, effective July 1, 2025:

- Penn Cambria High School – grades 7 through 12
- Penn Cambria Middle School – grades 4 through 6
- Penn Cambria Intermediate School – grades 2 through 3
- Penn Cambria Pre-Primary School – grades Pre-K through 1

This change is necessary due to the closure of Penn Cambria Primary School.

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

ROLL CALL:

RESOLUTION #12 - ADMINISTRATIVE RE-ASSIGNMENTS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the following Administrative re-assignments effective July 1, 2025:

- Mr. Ben Watt, Principal grades 7-12
- Mr. Dane Harrold, Principal grades 4-6
- Mr. Joseph Smorto, Principal grades Pre-K-3
- Mrs. Kristen Blackburn, Assistant Principal grades 7-12
- Mr. Justin Wheeler, Assistant Principal grades 2-3

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

RESOLUTION #13 - BOYS VOLLEYBALL CO-OP WITH BISHOP GUILFOYLE

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve a co-op agreement for Boys Volleyball with Bishop Guilfoyle to take effect with the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Parents of students participating will be responsible for transportation to Bishop Guilfoyle.

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

RESOLUTION #14 - CONSULTING SERVICES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with Food Facilities Concepts, Inc, Carnegie, PA, to provide professional consulting services for Penn Cambria School District.

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

RESOLUTION #15 - RESOLUTION IN LIEU OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors, in lieu of adopting a preliminary budget, will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the 2025-2026 fiscal year by more than its index (5.7%). *(See pages 31-32 for complete resolution)*

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

RESOLUTION #16 - OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve Penn Cambria Band students to attend an out of state field trip to Walt Disney World and Universal Studios, FL in February of 2026, cost will be funded by the PC Band Boosters.

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

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

- A. 610 - Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
- B. 611 - Purchases Budgeted
- C. 626 Attachment - Procurement – Federal Programs
- D. 823 - Opioid Antagonist

(Policies were reviewed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting and copies are available upon request)

XVI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. First Reading of the 2025-2026 School Calendar (proposed)(*See page 33*)

XVII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS

Benjamin Watt, High School Principal

Katlin Little, Athletic Director

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIX. ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING AT _____ P.M.

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____