

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2025

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., Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 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. Rudy McCarthy
Mr. Guy Monica
Mr. Michael Sheehan
Mrs. Cindy Sheehan-Westrick
TOTAL. 7

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Jennifer Gmuca
Mr. Jeffrey Stohon
TOTAL. 2
QUORUM PRESENT.

AMONG OTHERS PRESENT:

Jaime Hartline, Superintendent	Stephanie Rossman, Teacher
Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent	Josh Byers, Tribune Democrat Reporter
Scott Sherry, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance	Kristin Baudoux, Mainliner Reporter
Katlin Little, Athletic Director	Matt Churella, Altoona Mirror Reporter
Justine Hrzic-Smith, Food Service Director	Albert Colian, Community Member
Jacquelyn Mento, Recording Secretary	Richard China, Proposed Coach
Adam Clevenger, PCEA President	Jenny Schilling, Parent
Kerry Nileski, Teacher	

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Lucas Gaida, Vocational Technical student, who was one of three Pennsylvania students awarded an internship with Trane HVAC.

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, and 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

Marcus Eckenrode and Gavin Harrold were also named to the AAA All State Team.

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

Football 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.

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

MINUTES

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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 addendum "B"*)

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

A motion was offered by Mr. Drenning, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, 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”*)

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.

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.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – There was no solicitor’s report at this time.

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

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 Schluep	May 1, 2025 - August 1, 2025	\$1500

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)

NEW BUSINESS

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

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.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Mr. Dziabo, Mr. Kearney, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Monica, Mrs. Sheehan-
Westrick, Mr. Drenning, Mr. Sheehan
NO: 0

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

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 addendum "D"*)

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Mr. Kearney, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Monica, Mrs. Sheehan-
Westrick, Mr. Drenning, Mr. Dziabo, Mr. Sheehan
NO: 0

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

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.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Monica, Mrs. Sheehan-
Westrick, Mr. Drenning, Mr. Dziabo, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Sheehan
NO: 0

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

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
Dr. Joseph Smorto, Principal grades Pre-K-3
Mrs. Kristen Blackburn, Assistant Principal grades 7-12
Mr. Justin Wheeler, Assistant Principal grades 2-3

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

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.

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

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.

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

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 Addendum "E"*)

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

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.

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 (*See Addendum "F"*)

INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. First Reading of the 2025-2026 School Calendar (*See Addendum "G"*)

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Katlin Little, Athletic Director, shared highlights from the Athletic Department with the Board of Directors that included fall sports, 5g T-Mobile giveaway, online platform, and upcoming events.

Ms. Little began by thanking the board members and administration for giving her the opportunity to serve as the Athletic Director at Penn Cambria. It has been a fun Extending her appreciation to Mr. Hartline, Mr. Watt, Mr. Harrold, Mrs. Blackburn, Scott Sherry, Jackie Mento, and Mrs. Francisco.

Katlin continued with Fall sport highlights that included: boys soccer team placing 2nd in the District VI Championship; girls’ volleyball securing their 1st playoff win in four years and ending with a 11-7 regular season record; football winning Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference for the first time since 1989, securing their first and second state playoff wins, and ending the season as a PIAA 3A Final Four finalist with a record of 14-1; Gavin Harrold and Preston Farabaugh receiving All-State Honors in football; Gavin Harrold winning Player of the year for the Altoona Mirror and Tribune Democrat; Coach Felus receiving two major awards as well - Coach of the year for both Altoona Mirror and Tribune Democrat; and Gavin Harrold and Marcus Eckenrode being named to PFN Class 3A All-State Football Team.

Ms. Little also expressed her pride for the community for their involvement and dedication in the 5g T-Mobile giveaway, where Penn Cambria School District advanced through the first round and won five thousand dollars. This competition was a win-win situation, it brought the community together and made Ms. Little immensely proud of the community’s dedication and hard work.

This coming spring, the athletic department will launch an online platform called Student Central through Big teams, to be made active next Fall 2025. The platform will contain sport physicals, paperwork, and all the forms that are needed for student athletes. It will be an adjustment at first, however, it will be beneficial in the long run.

This week is Officials Appreciate Week, where officials will be recognized through special announcements, gifts, etc. in order to thank them for their incredible work and dedication. Also scheduled this week is Teacher appreciation night that will take place at Friday night’s boys’ and girls’ basketball double header against Bishop Guilfoyle.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Mr. McCarthy, 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 7:24 P.M.