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# BOARD REPORT

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This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, April 17, 2018. Routine business, such as approval of minutes, treasurer's report, payment of bills, and financial reports was accomplished. The Board also took the following actions:

- I. Mr. William Marshall, Superintendent announced that *Mrs. Sandra Warner*, Middle School Teacher, was recently awarded the Dr. John Powers Outstanding Educator Award from St. Francis University. This award goes to an educator in the region that displays the following: Shares abilities & skills generously with others, seeks to use their knowledge to serve others, strives for excellence, is willing to learn from others, and seeks the truth and encourages free and open exchange of ideas and responsible actions.
- II. Spotlight on Student Achievement  
*Mrs. Holly Smith*, forensics coach, updated the board on the outstanding accomplishments of the forensics team. National forensic qualifiers; *Myah Smith*, *Olivia Swan*, and *Kayla Simanski* entertained the board with their expertise in forensics.

The forensics team placed second at the Regional Tournament held at Saint Francis University. Individual winners and National Qualifiers were:

- Persuasive: *Kayla Simanski* – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Serious Drama: *Kaine Bukowski* – 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Duo Drama: *Myah Smith* and *Olivia Swan* – 4<sup>th</sup> place
- Lincoln Douglas: *Taylor Tomlinson* – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
*Ashton Ropp* – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Public Forum Debate: *Gage Parkin* and *Lacey Lumadue* – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
*Matthew Kearney* and *Josh Koval* – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

- III. Approved the closure of the Penn Cambria Tax Office First National Bank checking account.
- IV. Approved the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:

A. Personnel Actions

- Accept Retirements, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year
- Ms. Karen Bryan, Middle School Teacher, after 25 years of service
- Mr. Gregory Norris, Intermediate School Teacher, after 37 years of service

Accept Resignations

- Mr. Ted Boylan, Contracted Employee, effective April 6, 2018
- Mr. Richard Hatch, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective March 7, 2018
- Mr. John Stephans, High School Spanish Teacher, effective March 16, 2018
- Mr. Jonathan Stewart, Primary School Custodian, effective April 12, 2018

Approve Appointments, effective immediately

- Ms. Diana Batdorf, High School 3 hour a day Food Service Worker, per the PCESPA contract
- Mr. Micah Magley, IU08 Substitute

Approve Drivers (Wilkinson Bus Lines, Inc.)

- Mr. Charles Nicholson, Lilly, effective immediately
- Ms. Bryanna O'Donnell, Cresson, effective pending clearances

- B. Approve Curriculum Map  
Digital Concepts 9 (*formerly Computer Applications 9*)
  - C. Approve 2017-2018 School Calendar Revision
  - D. Approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar
  - E. Set Graduation, Location, Date, and Time  
Graduation will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, June 2, 2018 in the DeGol Arena at Saint Francis University.
- V. Approved a contract with *Huckestein Mechanical Services, Inc.*, an approved *COSTARS* supplier, to replace the High School DHW tank (and associated installation costs) at a price of \$108,452.00.
- VI. Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policies:  
100 - Strategic Plan  
101 - Mission Statement  
806 - Child/Student Abuse
- VII. Approved *Ms. Holly Smith*, 10 qualified students, and 1 chaperone to attend the National Forensics Competition in Washington, D.C. on May 24, 2018.
- VIII. Approved the following volunteer chaperone to accompany qualifying students to the 2018 National Forensics Competition:  
*a. Ms. Kristen Swan*
- V. Administrator's Report  
*Mr. Jeff Baird*, Principal Grades 7-8, reported to the Board on various topics including the Attendance Policy and procedures the Panther Pledge, and the PAWS Reward program.