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**BOARD REPORT**  
CAMBRIA

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This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, January 19, 2016. 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. Authorized payment of \$1 to local tax collectors for each addition, deletion, or address change made to their tax workbooks.
- II. Authorized the Business Administrator to continue past practice of making donations to local fire companies and libraries.
- III. Acknowledged the receipt of Borough of Tunnelhill Resolution No. 2015-5 wherein the Borough declared its intent to collect the ½% of the 2% Realty Property Transfer tax that the Municipality is entitled to collect.
- IV. Approved the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:

**APPROVED RESIGNATIONS**

*Mr. Alan Dubreucq*, Portage, Shared Music Instructor, effective January 5, 2016  
*Mr. Keith Cherico*, Gallitzin, Groundskeeper, effective January 4, 2016  
*Ms. Teresa Namowicz*, Cresson, Food Service Worker, effective December 3, 2015  
*Mr. Ben Watt*, Ashville, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective immediately

**APPROVED LEAVE REQUESTS**

*Ms. Amanda Marino*, Middle School, Maternity/FMLA leave effective on or about February 2, 2016  
*Ms. Lauren Kudlawiec*, High School, Maternity/FMLA leave effective on or about February 15, 2016  
*Ms. Joelle Hanlon*, Middle School, Maternity/FMLA leave effective on or about March 5, 2016  
*Ms. Tamara Rakar*, High School, Maternity/FMLA leave effective on or about March 29, 2016

**APPROVED APPOINTMENTS**

*Ms. Christina Knott*, Dysart, 3.75 Hour Primary School Food Service Worker, effective immediately at wages and benefits per PCESPA contract

*Ms. Shana Casey*, Cresson, from Shared Musical Instructor (60% of stipend of \$1,876) to Music Instructor stipend \$1,876 per PCEA contract (100% of stipend \$1,876) effective immediately

*Mr. Jonathan Stewart*, Cresson, from PC High School Full-time 3rd Shift Custodian to PC Primary Full-time 2nd Shift Custodian as the senior most qualified bidder, effective immediately. Wages \$9.60 and benefits, per PCESPA contract

**APPROVED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

*Ms. Danielle Bodeck*, Carrolltown, IU08EP  
*Ms. Debra Bunnell*, Hollidaysburg, IU08EP  
*Mr. Mario DaSilva*, Lilly, IU08EP  
*Ms. Kathryn Kuskoski*, Elmora, Instructional I, Family-Consumer Science K-12, et al \*

*Mr. Scott Leydig*, Portage, Instructional I, Social Studies 7-12  
*Mr. Christopher Tsikalas*, Lilly, IU08EP  
\* Pending clearances

#### **REMOVED THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTES**

*Ms. Marie Brenneman*, Hollidaysburg, Substitute Nurse, effective December 4, 2015  
*Ms. Paula Briel*, Cresson, Substitute Aide, effective January 1, 2016  
*Ms. Elizabeth Castel*, Ebensburg, IU08 Substitute Teacher, effective January 14, 2016  
*Ms. Mary Ann Cochran*, Portage, Substitute Teacher, effective January 1, 2016  
*Ms. Bonita Kos*, Ashville, Substitute Aide, effective January 1, 2016  
*Ms. Alexa Novak*, Ebensburg, Substitute Teacher, effective January 1, 2016  
*Ms. Tiffany Parker*, Lilly, Substitute Aide, effective December 8, 2015

#### **AWARDED TENURE**

*Ms. Amy Kowalski*

#### **APPROVED CURRICULUM MAP**

Approved completed curriculum map for the following course:  
Honors Biology 2

- V. Appointed Mr. Terry Krug as first alternate representative and Michael Sheehan as second alternate representative to the Admiral Peary Area Vocational Technical School Joint Operating Committee.
- VI. Approved 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 2016-2017 fiscal year by more than its index (3.4%).
- VII. Appointed Ebensburg Insurance Agency as Broker of Record for insurance coverage, excluding healthcare insurances, effective with the 2016-2017 policy year.
- VIII. First reading of 2016-2017 School Calendar (proposed). Additional information including back to School Nights, Parent Conferences, and the Assessment Calendar will be added at a later date.

#### **SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

##### **PC students named to LHAC All-Conference teams**

- *Kaeli Smith*, Soccer
- *Kaley Strittmatter*, Soccer
- *Gavin Link*, Cross Country
- *Melanie Wilkinson*, Cross Country
- *Kayla Simanski*, Golf
- *Derek Olsick*, Golf
- *Casey Lee*, Volleyball
- *Austin Zupon*, Football (offense)
- *Daniel Terek*, Football (offense)
- *Jacob Driskel*, Football (defense)
- *Dustin Hartline*, Football (defense)

##### **Other PC student athletic achievements**

- *Riley Anderson*, All-State Volleyball
- *Lauren Michina*, 6<sup>th</sup> place District Golf
- *Daniel Terek*, Western PA Athletic Conference Student/Athlete Award, First Team Tribune Democrat Football Team, and Third Team Altoona Mirror Football Team

### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

*Mr. James Abbott*, Principal grades 9 -12, gave a detailed explanation to the Board on the 2015 School Performance Profile Score for Penn Cambria High School.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

January is Board Appreciation Month. On behalf of the entire Penn Cambria family Mr. Marshall said Thank You to the Penn Cambria School District Board of Directors. Being an Administrator in this District for 9 years, he has seen the positive, meaningful impact our School Board has had both on our students and our school community. Their dedication, leadership and commitment to our students, our community and public education is the foundation of Penn Cambria School District.

Ms. Michelle Erculiani, Regional Manager of the Nutrition Group and Ms. Angela Focht, Food Service director thanked the Board of Directors for their support and dedication and provided an assortment of delectable refreshments.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS**

Ms. Deb Baker, PCEA President extended an invitation to Board Members to attend a dinner honoring their commitment and dedication to the Penn Cambria School District.