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BOARD REPORT

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May 2015

This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, May 19, 2015. Routine business, such as approval of minutes, treasurer's report, financial reports and payment of bills was accomplished. The Board also took the following actions:

- I. Approved the re-enactment of Per Capita Tax under School Code of 1949 as well as Act 511 taxes (real estate transfer, earned income, gainfully employed, per capita and local services tax).
- II. Authorized the School Business Administrator to prepare invoices and bill neighboring school districts for special services provided to special education non-resident students attending Penn Cambria in 2014-2015.
- III. Approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendations as follows:

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ACTIONS

APPROVED LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE

Ms. Patricia Strenko, Language Arts Teacher, PC Middle School, effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year, after 19 years at Penn Cambria

ACCEPTED RESIGNATIONS

Mr. Jordan Fees, Patton, Special Education PK-8/Early Childhood PK-4, Long-Term substitute for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year

Mr. Jason Grassi Assistant Coach, Boys Varsity Basketball, effective immediately

APPROVED LEAVE REQUEST

Ms. Jessica Burlingame, Social Studies Teacher, PC High School, FMLA/Maternity leave effective on or about September 3, 2015 through November 10, 2015

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Amy Bistline, Duncansville, School Nurse, Bachelor's Step 1, salary \$34,771 with benefits per PCEA contract, prorated through the end of the current school year, effective May 22, 2015

Mr. J Douglas Skrouf, Wilmore, Full-Time Custodian, 3rd Shift, PC High School, effective May 20, 2015. Wages \$9.15 per hour plus shift differential and benefits, per PCESPA contract

Mr. David Warfield, Patton, Full-Time Custodian, 2nd Shift, PC High School, effective May 20, 2015. Wages \$9.15 per hour plus shift differential and benefits, per PCESPA contract

Mr. Jason Grassi, Head Coach, Junior High Boys Basketball, effective immediately, stipend \$3370 (100% of \$3370 stipend with credit for previous coaching experience), per PCEA contract

APPROVED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

*Ms. Abby Bono**, Cresson, Instructional I, Early Childhood PK-4/Special Education PK-8

*Ms. Julie Koban**, Portage, Instructional I, Early Childhood PK-4/Special Education PK-8

*Mr. Dylan Link**, Ebensburg, Instructional I, Social Studies 7-12

*Pending Certification

REMOVED SUBSTITUTES

Ms. Mandy Eger, Substitute Aide/Food Service

Mr. Jordan Fees, LTS

Ms. Janeen LeComte, Substitute RN

Ms. Tiffnay Parker, Substitute Aide/Food Service/Secretary

Mr. David Pollino, Substitute Teacher

Ms. Miranda Powell, Substitute Teacher

Ms. Laura Scheeler, Substitute Teacher

Ms. Laken Smith, Substitute Teacher

Mr. John-Michael Werking, Substitute Teacher

- IV. Adopted the **Proposed Final** Budget for the 2015-2016 school year , beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, be adopted and advertised and be available for public review at least twenty (20) days prior to final adoption. Copy to be made part of the minutes. And set the millage rate at 52.82 mills for property in Penn Cambria School District in Cambria County. School District property in Blair County will be taxed at 73.19 mills in compliance with Section 24 of the Public School Code 6-672.1 (re-balancing).
- V. Authorized homestead farmstead real estate tax assessment reduction for school year beginning July 1, 2015.
- VI. Approved a modification of the current Penn Cambria School District Natural Gas Supply Agreement with Dominion Retail, to reduce the contracted price to \$0.57/Dth for the remaining months of June through December 2015. This is a 13% decrease, which will save the district an estimated \$4970 through December 2015.
- VII. Ratified the successor agreement with PCEA which covers the period from August 21, 2015 through August 20, 2019.
- VIII. Approved a proposed Elementary Autistic Support Class at PCSD for the 2015-2016 school year pending PDE BSE approval.
- IX. Approved additional volunteer chaperone **Mr. Bill Wilkinson** to accompany qualifying students to the 2015 National Forensics Competition.
- X. Approved a revised Back to School night for students entering 5th Grade at PC Middle School for the 2015-2016 School Year. PC Middle School staff will conduct a separate orientation and Back to School night for students entering 5th Grade at PC Middle School, to enhance their transition to the Middle School environment.
- XI. Approved Penn Cambria School District participation in the proposed Gallitzin Natural Gas Pipeline expansion project.
- XII. Approved a Co-op agreement for Girls Soccer with Portage Area School District to take effect with the 2016-2017 school year.

INFORMATION ITEMS

First reading of proposed Board Policies

Policy 819: Suicide Prevention

Administrative Regulation 216-AR: Student Records Retention

ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to PCHS Senior **Mike Eckenrode** on his 1st Team selection to the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association All-Academic Team. Mike has a 4.0 GPA, and was 1 of only 19 Seniors in PA to have been awarded this honor. PC Senior **Nolan Link**, with a 3.6 GPA, was a 3rd Team selection.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

Elementary Students:

- Grade 1** *Haylee Bisignano*
Grant Gides
Masyn Hann
- Grade 2** *Jordan Bateman*
Marcus Eckenrode
Reese Swires
- Grade 3** *Sienna Bianconi*
Jacob Poldiak
- Grade 4** *Aliya O'Donnell*
Lily Sheehan

High School Students:

- Grade 9** *Cassidy Myers*
Kayla Simanski
Abigail Williamson
Hannah Grace Wirfel
- Grade 10** *Jocelynn Galat*
Samantha Osman
Alexis Strittmatter
Tyler Weakland
Hannah Westin
- Grade 11** *Amber Waite*
- Grade 12** *Casey Williams*

Middle School Students:

Southern Allegheny Museum of Art Show

- Grade 7** *Kaitlyn Eger*
Makenzie Shuagis
- Grade 8** *Laken Guzic*
Victoria Kochara
Jason McElheny
- Grade 8/9** *Lauren Michina*

Arts in Bloom Show

- Grade 5** *Noah Noel*
- Grade 7** *Alyssa Crynock*
Zoey Hartline
Hannah Krug
Sydney Reese
- Grade 8** *Sydney Cannonie*
Chris Freeman
Gabby Long
Anna Smith