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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, April 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. Approved the 2016-2017 budget for Admiral Peary Area Vocational-Technical School as presented and endorsed by the Superintendent's Advisory Committee and the Joint Operating Committee of Admiral Peary Area Vocational-Technical School.

- II. Awarded the bid for the Penn Cambria Pre-Primary School roof replacement to Tuscano Maher Roofing, Saltsburg, PA with a base bid of \$197,000.

- III. Approved the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:

APPROVED RESIGNATIONS

Ms. Katie McBroom-Stenger, Johnstown, Special Education Teacher, Emotional Support, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Ms. Katie McBroom-Stenger, Johnstown, Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ATHLETIC STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Randall Beers, Gallitzin, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective immediately, stipend \$2,770.60 (70% of \$3,958 stipend for previous coaching experience), per PCEA contract.

Mr. Brandon Nicodemus, Altoona, Volunteer Varsity Football Coach, effective immediately *

* Pending Clearances

APPROVED UNPAID FMLA LEAVE:

Ms. Rebecca Passanita, Pre-K Counts Program Assistant Teacher, PC Pre-Primary, effective April 11, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Daniel Szekeresh, Nanty Glo, Full-time 2nd Shift Custodian, PC High School, retroactively March 15, 2016, per PCESPA contract.

APPROVED SUBSTITUTES

Ms. Amy Farabaugh, Loretto, to be assigned to the PC Pre-Primary School, Pre-K Counts Program Assistant, at \$11.66/hour per Pre-K Counts Grant, effective April 13, 2016 to the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Ms. Kirstie Semanchik, Portage, Instructional I, Grades PK-4, substitute for Ms. Kimberly Mayes effective April 13, 2016 through May 13, 2016, compensation per PCSD Administrative Regulation 305-AR.

Ms. Allegra Bem, Ashville, substitute food service worker, effective immediately.

REMOVED THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTES

Mr. Daniel McMullen, Ebensburg, substitute teacher, effective March 18, 2016.

Mr. Jesse Bortner, Cresson, substitute aide, effective March 18, 2016.

Ms. Sara Kruley, Ebensburg, substitute secretary, effective April 4, 2016.

APPROVED CURRICULUM

Extended the current graduation requirements in Board Policy 217-AR (effective 2014-2015 and 2015-2016) through the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years with the elimination of “completion of an approved graduation project” as this is not required after 2016.

SET GRADUATION, LOCATION, DATE, AND TIME

Graduation will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, June 4, 2016 in the Maurice Stokes Gymnasium at Saint Francis University.

- IV. Approved entering into a cooperative agreement with participating school districts to select the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 to operate and oversee the Open Campus Initiative (OCI).
- V. Approved the General Fund Budget, 2016-2017, for IU08 including a total contribution of \$173,000 from 35 participating school districts; Penn Cambria’s share estimated at \$4,670.39.
- VI. Approved the Compensation Plan for Administrative Personnel effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.
- VII. Approved *Dr. David Bateman* as an independent educational consultant.
- VIII. Approved payment in the amount of \$3,085.00 for settlement of the Special Education School Based Access Fund, and authorization for the Superintendent to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same.
- IX. Approved that *Ms. Holly Smith*, 12 qualified students, and 2 chaperones to attend National Forensics Competition in Sacramento, CA, May 26, 2016.
- X. Approved the following volunteer chaperones to accompany qualifying students to the 2016 National Forensics Competition:
 - a. Ms. Kim Terek
 - b. Ms. Virginia Roberts

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

First reading of proposed revised board policy
Policy 210: Use of Medications

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following students on their accomplishments:

WRESTLING

Derek Brown – 4th at Districts

Chase Proudfit – 2nd at Districts & 4th at Regionals

Austin Farabaugh – 2nd at Districts, 4th at Regionals, & 5th at States

Jake Driskel – District champion (earning his 100th win in quarter finals), 3rd at Regionals, & 7th at States

BAND

Anthony Podrasky – 1st place at Regionals and qualifying for Pennsylvania All State Concert Band

READING COMPETITION TEAM – 1ST PLACE AT SPRING MEET

Alyssa Beiswenger

Jared Gray

Baily Burkett

John McConnell

Tiffany Colon

Abbigale Rager

Cassidy Graham

Tyler Smolko

Benjamin Gray

Lyvia Toth

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Lewis Hale, Network Administrator, updated the Board on district technology.

Ms. Angela Focht, Food Service Director, presented an update on cafeteria events.

HEARING OF VISITORS

A parent addressed the Board regarding student pick up after athletic events.

A parent addressed the Board regarding parental notifications.