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BOARD REPORT

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January 2017

This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, January 17, 2017. 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 to the tax workbooks.
- II. Authorized the Business Administrator to continue past practice of making donations to local fire companies and libraries.
- III. Approved the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:
 - A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS
 - ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS
 - Mr. Randall Beers*, Gallitzin, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective December 12, 2016
 - Mr. Daniel Szekeresh*, Nanty Glo, High School Custodian, effective December 16, 2016
 - APPROVE VOLUNTEERS
 - Mr. Randall Beers*, Gallitzin, Volunteer Varsity Football Coach
 - Ms. Kate Little*, Gallitzin, Volunteer Softball Coach *
 - Ms. Brianna Toth*, Loretto, Volunteer Softball Coach *
 - APPROVE APPOINTMENTS WITH WAGES AND BENEFITS PER PCEA CONTRACT
 - Ms. Leah Montgomery*, Cresson, Junior High Volleyball Coach, effective immediately, stipend \$3,370 (100% of \$3,370 stipend)
 - APPROVE APPOINTMENTS WITH WAGES AND BENEFITS PER PCESPA CONTRACT
 - Mr. Ryan Novak*, Gallitzin, Custodian, from Pre-Primary/High School 2nd Shift to High School 2nd Shift, effective January 18, 2017
 - Ms. Natalie Prosser*, Cresson, from High School Food Service Worker at 6.5 hours to High School Head Cook at 7.5 hours, retroactive to January 3, 2017
 - Ms. Brenda Kalwasinski*, Portage, from High School Food Service Worker at 5.5 hours to Middle School Head Cook at 7.5 hours, effective February 15, 2017
 - Ms. Mildred Smith*, Portage, Substitute Food Service Worker, retroactive to December 7, 2016 through January 17, 2017; Food Service Worker, Primary School at 4.75 Hours, effective January 18, 2017
 - APPROVE DRIVERS, WILKINSON BUS LINES, INC.
 - Mr. David Hollen*, Cresson
 - Mr. Patrick Gaida*, Ashville

APPROVE IU08 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Mr. Joshua Beck, Ebensburg

Ms. Kaitlyn Dividock, Portage *

Ms. Margaret Eberhart, Cresson

Ms. Kristina Fulton, Colver

Ms. Margaret Kibler, Ashville

Ms. Nelda Sharbaugh, Ebensburg *

Ms. Devonna Shoemaker, Gallitzin

APPROVE SUBSTITUTES

Ms. Carly Surkovich, Gallitzin, Substitute Secretary/Aide

AWARD TENURE

Ms. Makaela Stanek, Flinton

APPROVE UNPAID LEAVE REQUESTS

Ms. Christina Knott, Food Service Worker

Ms. Veronica Noll, Aide

* Pending Clearances

- IV. Appointed *Ms. Jill Bender*, Ebensburg, Business Administrator with a 5-year contract, effective April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022 and at a beginning annual salary of \$72,000 (prorated for number of days worked in 2016-17). Ms. Bender will work alongside Ms. Evans from April through June 2017 to facilitate a smooth transition.
- V. Approved a resolution in lieu of adopting a preliminary budget, to not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the 2017-2018 fiscal year by more than its index (3.6%).
- VI. Approved the letter of commitment for continued participation in the LHAC for the 2017 through 2021 school years.
- VII. Approved Schneider Electric to conduct a Facility Planning and Condition Assessment Study at a cost of \$12,000.
- VIII. Ratified the successor agreement with PCESPA, which covers the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021.
- IX. First Reading of Revised Board Policy
Policy 610: Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
- X. An executive session was held to discuss pending litigation.
- XI. Approved a sewer payment agreement between Lilly Borough, Central Mainline Sewer Authority and Penn Cambria School District for payment of nine (9) EDUs, which shall be paid one-half to Lilly Borough based upon their rates, and one-half to Central Mainline Sewer Authority based upon their rates, inclusive of all other terms and conditions, pending final review of our solicitor.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

PC students named to LHAC All-Conference teams

Emily Harvey, Soccer

Madison Piatak, Soccer

Dominic Lee, Cross Country

Melanie Wilkinson, Cross Country

Lauren Michina, Golf

Tyler Smolko, Golf

Alyssa Montgomery, Volleyball

Darion Conrad, Football

Nicholas Hite, Football

Dominic Stiffler, Football

Austin Zupon, Football

PC students named to All-District Volleyball team

Riley Anderson

Makalyn Clapper

Stefanie Madonna

Alyssa Montgomery

PC students named to All-State Volleyball team

Riley Anderson

Alyssa Montgomery

Other athletic achievements

The Penn Cambria Football team was awarded the Northern Cambria Chapter, PIAA Football Officials, Father James Conrad Sportsmanship Award.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. James Abbott, Principal grades 9-12, updated the Board on the Lions Club Student of the Month program that is taking place at the High School.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Marshall made the following announcement: "January is Board Appreciation Month. On behalf of the entire Penn Cambria family, I would like to say Thank You to the Penn Cambria School District Board of Directors. Our school district has become one of the highest rated public school districts in the region. Their personal commitment, dedication, leadership and attention to the well-being of our students, our communities and public education is the foundation of the success of Penn Cambria School District."

HEARING OF VISITORS

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