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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, May 17, 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 renewal of contract with Nutrition, Inc., to provide Food Service Management Services for the district's cafeterias for the 2016-2017 school term. This contract is for a period of one year beginning on July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- II. 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).
- III. 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 2015-2016.
- IV. Awarded contract in the amount of \$31,160 to OTIS Elevator Company, Pittsburgh, PA, for Elevator Hydraulic Cylinder Replacement and Piping at the Pre-Primary School.
- V. Awarded a multi-year contract in the amount of \$249,000 to United Data Networks, Inc., Altoona, PA for Infrastructure Upgrades; after funding by e-Rate, net cost to the district will be \$79,471.55.
- VI. Approved the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:

APPROVED ATHLETIC RESIGNATION

Mr. Corey Rickens, Gallitzin, Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective April 26, 2016

APPROVED ATHLETIC APPOINTMENT

Mr. David James, Jr., Flinton, Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective immediately

APPROVED LEAVE REQUEST

Ms. April Wessel, Cresson, First Grade Teacher, Primary School, FMLA/Maternity Leave effective on or about August 3, 2016 through October 26, 2016

APPROVED RETIREMENT

Ms. Patricia Felus, Lilly, Middle School Secretary, effective May 31, 2016, after 28 years of service

REMOVED THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTES

Ms. Heather Bishop, Carrolltown, Substitute Food Service Worker

Ms. Lori Ritchey-Fox, Portage, Substitute Food Service Worker

Mr. Kenneth Bussard, Ebensburg, Substitute Teacher

Ms. Jennifer Felus, Livingston, AL, Substitute Teacher

Ms. Julie Koban, Portage, Substitute Teacher

Mr. Jesse Kochara, Ashville, Substitute Teacher

Mr. Shane McGregor, Ebensburg, IU08 Substitute

Ms. Jaime Olbert, Lilly, Substitute Aided/Secretary/Food Service Worker

Ms. Mary McCloskey, Gallitzin, Substitute Aide

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS

Mr. John Russian, Lilly, Van Driver (Wilkinson Bus Lines, Inc.)

Mr. Samuel Brisini, Ebensburg, Substitute Nurse

- VII. Approved the updated Penn Cambria School District Comprehensive Literacy Plan.
- VIII. Renewed contract for Athletic Director, *Charles Terek*, Cresson, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.
- IX. A **Proposed** Final Budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, was adopted and shall be advertised and be available for public review at least twenty (20) days prior to final adoption. Copy to be made part of the minutes. Set the millage rate at 54.63 mills for property in Cambria County. School District Property in Blair County will be taxed at 74.85 mills. These mill rates are in compliance with Section 24 of the Public School Code 6-672.1 (re-balancing).
- X. Authorized homestead and farmstead real estate tax assessment reductions for the school year beginning July 1, 2016, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006).
- XI. Authorized the Superintendent to execute all required forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for reimbursement of excess costs to the district incurred during Winter Storm Jonas on January 23-24, 2016.
- XII. Granted an easement with People's Natural Gas, on Penn Cambria Middle School Property.
- XIII. Approved a Co-op agreement for girls and boys swimming with Cambria Heights School District to take effect with the 2016-2017 school year. Parents of students participating will be responsible for transportation to Cambria Heights.
- XIV. Approved eight Penn Cambria Admiral Peary Vocational Technical School Cosmetology students to attend a one day hair show in Maryland, May 23, 2016.
- XV. Determined that the Superintendent, pursuant to Act 141 of the Pennsylvania School Code enacted in 2012, has successfully achieved the mutually agreed upon goals in his contract for the 2015-2016 school year.

XVI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Second Reading of Proposed Revised Board Policy
Policy 210: Use of Medications

First Reading of Proposed Board Policy
Policy 626.1: Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs
Policy 827: Conflict of Interest

First Reading of Proposed Revised Board Policy
Policy 626: Federal Fiscal Compliance
Policy 808: Food Services

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following students on their accomplishments:

Daniel Terek, qualified for the PFSCA East/West All-Star game held on May 1, 2016

Ian Brumbaugh, named Altoona Mirror's 20 under 20 on May 10, 2016

Derek Olsick, SKILLS USA, Plumbing– 1st Place at District VII and 2nd at States

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

Primary School

Brady Jones, Reagan Ronan, Kaliyah Smay-Jefferson, and Cain Trexler

Intermediate School

Tara Buck, Gina Pettenati, Sophia Rabatin, Bryson Rainey, Haelyn Singer, and Santino Tiracave

Middle School

Cassidy Grant, Sarah Hines, Lauren Itle-Szpala, Mykalia Johnson, Ella Kline, Ian McGongile, Wyatt Pettenati, Jake Tsikalas, and David Waksmunski

High School

Alissa Buck, Sydney Cannonie, Brandon Dixon, Casey Ellis, Maureen Engle, Trista Frank, Brooke Krug, Casey Lee, Marie Motylski, Rebeca Norris, Macey Sral, Amber Wade, Amber Waite, and Kylie Wasser

HEARING OF VISITORS

A parent addressed the Board regarding parental notifications.