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This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, April 16, 2019. 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. Hearing of Visitors – There were no questions, concerns, comments, related to agenda items.
- II. Spotlight on Student Achievements
 - A. *Mrs. Holly Smith*, Forensics Coach, highlighted this year's Forensics Team accomplishments. Nationals forensic qualifier for Humorous Drama, *Colette Costlow* entertained the board of directors with her Junie B. Jones performance.
 - B. All-State Chorus qualifiers - *Adrianna Boldizar* (sophomore), Soprano II and *Gabriell Sikora* (junior), Bass II
 - C. Skills USA
1st Place: *Hope Dively* – Employment Application, *Tiffany Colon* – Nurse Assisting, *Michael Sanders* Team Works, and *Rebecca Rininger* – Technical Drafting

Third Place: *Kamryn Whited* – Early Childhood Education
 - D. 7th & 8th Grade Reading Competition Team outscored 28 other teams from the IU08, to bring home another blue ribbon and the Overall High Score trophy for the Spring 2019 Reading Competition. Team members include: *Leah Partner*, *Anna Lill*, *Robert Glass*, *Alyssa Ropp*, *Gina Pettenati*, *Noah Risban*, *Aliyah Golden*, *Joseph Hite*, *Rocco Dzurko*, *Samuel Wirfel*, *Carter McDermott*, *Parker Nelen*, and *Arien McConnell*.
- III. Agreed to enter into a contract with The Nutrition Group to provide Food Service Management Services for the district's cafeterias. The contract is for a period of one year beginning on or about July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, with up to four one-year renewal options upon mutual agreement between the district and The Nutrition Group.
- IV. Approved the 2019-2020 budget as presented and endorsed by the Superintendent's Advisory Committee and the Joint Operating Committee of Admiral Peary Area Vocational-Technical School.
- V. Approved the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:
 - A. Personnel Actions
Approve Appointments per the PCEA Contract
Mr. Devin Lawhead, Elementary Emotional Support Teacher, \$37,539, Bachelors Step 1, effective with the start of the 2019-2020 school year

Mr. Devin Lawhead, Head 9th Grade Football Coach, at a stipend of \$2,359 (70% of 3,370 stipend) effective immediately

Mr. Dominic Ricupero, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend of \$3,958, effective immediately
Mr. Sean Davison, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend of \$3,958, effective immediately

Mr. Dane Harrold, Volunteer 8th grade Football Coach, effective immediately
Mr. Adam Wheeler, Volunteer 8th grade Football Coach, effective pending clearances
Mr. Perry Tsikalas, Volunteer Junior High Football Coach, effective immediately

Approve Appointment per the PCESPA Contract

Ms. Mary Borlie, from Intermediate School Food Service worker at 4.75 hours per day to Middle School Aide at 7.5 hours per day, retroactive to April 1, 2019

Approve Substitutes

Ms. Dana Cooper, Ebensburg, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately
Ms. Susan Harclerode, Cresson, Substitute Food Service Worker, effective pending clearances
Ms. Clarisse Spencer, Locally Issued Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher, effective pending clearances

Accept Resignations

Ms. Brianna Wasser, IU08 Substitute, effective April 4, 2019
Mr. Dominic Ricupero, Head Junior High Wrestling Coach, effective March 20, 2019
Mr. Bill Zamboni, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective immediately
Mr. Josh Himmer, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective April 3, 2019
Mr. Perry Tsikalas, 7th & 8th Grade Assistant Football Coach, effective April 3, 2019

Approve Extended School Year Staff

Aides: *Ms. Amanda Flynn*, *Ms. Deb Rabatin*, *Ms. Stacey Reffner*, *Ms. Phylis Kippeny*, *Ms. Donna Shedlock*, *Ms. Beverly Nadolsky*, *Ms. Robin Lappi*, *Ms. Susie Baum*, *Ms. Lynn Lassak*, *Ms. Leah George*, and *Ms. Ruth Taylor*

Teachers: *Ms. Jenna Miller*, *Ms. Chelsey McMahon*, *Ms. Suzie McMullen*, *Mr. Devin Lawhead*, and *Ms. Michele Smith*

Substitutes: Aides: *Ms. Connie McIntosh*, *Ms. Judy Costlow*, *Ms. Becky Venesky*, *Ms. Sarah Paronish*
Teachers: *Ms. Marie Cattoi*, *Ms. Jessica Cherico*, *Mr. Bryan Marra*, *Mr. Joshua Watt*, and *Ms. Natalie Watt*

Speech and Language Support: Blair Therapies

B. Approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar

C. Set Graduation, Location, Date, and Time

Graduation will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Mount Aloysius College's Athletic Convocation & Wellness Center.

- VI. Approved the second reading and adoption of the following new or revised board policies:
Policy 103 - Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
Policy 104 - Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices
Policy 247 - Hazing
Policy 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying
- VII. Approved *Ms. Holly Smith*, 12 qualified students, and 3 chaperones to attend National Forensics Competition in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on May 23, 2019.
- VIII. Approved *Ms. Jennifer Erculiani*, *Ms. Olivia Swan*, and *Ms. Kristen Swan* as volunteer chaperones to accompany qualifying students to the 2019 National Forensics Competition.
- IX. 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 2018-2019 school year.
- X. Approved the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget for IU08, including a total contribution of \$173,000 from 35 participating school districts; Penn Cambria's share estimate at \$4,775.66.

- XI. Approved the Special Education Plan for 2019-2020 through 2021-2022 school years, pending the twenty-eight day review ending on April 23, 2019.
- XII. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Penn Cambria School District and Community Action Partnership of Cambria County (CAPCC) Early Childhood Program as a Head Start provider for the purpose of coordinating mutually beneficial activities between the district and Head Start as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act.
- XIII. Approved Comcast to provide 1GB Leased Fiber from PCP, PCI, and PCM to PCHS for a 60-month term starting July 1, 2019 as the lowest bid from the E-rate process for WAN Service.
- XIV. Approved to a proposal from Ignite for temporary custodial staffing, effective with the start of the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- XV. First Reading of the following new or revised board policies:
 - 103.1 – Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities
 - 222 – Tobacco Use (Pupils)
 - 323 – Tobacco Use (Employees)
 - 808 – Food Services
 - 904 – Public Attendance at School Events
- XVI. Administrator’s Report
Mr. Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal, informed the Board of Directors of his ongoing goals to increase parent and community engagement within our elementary schools.
- XVII. *Ms. Rhonda Dodson*, Cresson, offered her congratulations to the students for their achievements as mentioned at the meeting, shared her pride in the Penn Cambria School District, and stated her intentions to regularly attend board meetings and further encourage community involvement in our schools.