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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, September 17, 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 ACHIEVEMENT
 - A. The following students have been accepted into the American Choral Directors All-Eastern Honors Choir and will represent Penn Cambria School District and Pennsylvania, this Spring in Rochester, New York:
Adrianna Boldizar – Soprano, Cassidy Grant – Alto, Brandon Riley – Tenor, and Gabe Sikora – Bass
 - B. Austin Wheeler, Penn Cambria student, shared the six steps that it took to complete the Penn Cambria Middle School Courtyard project and thanked the community, Board of Directors, Mr. Harrold, Mr. Marshall, and the custodial staff for their assistance.
- III. Approved budget transfers under the 2018-2019 general fund budget and that a copy be filed with the official records of the school district.
- IV. Approved the Superintendent's Recommendations as follows:
 - A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS
 - ACCEPT RETIREMENT
Colleen Vinglish, Ashville, High School Head Cook, effective August 28, 2019, after 28 years of service
 - ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS
Sarah Stanley, Cresson, High School Aide, effective August 13, 2019
John Bianconi, Duncansville, Head Junior High and Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, effective August 16, 2019
 - REMOVE VOLUNTEERS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
Richard Brooks, Wrestling
Dane Harrold, Football
Noah McDaniel, Band
 - APPROVE APPOINTMENTS, PER THE PCEA CONTRACT
Kelly Mignogna, Wexford, Elementary Title 1 Intervention Teacher, Masters Step 4, at a salary of \$43,939, effective date to be determined
 - Todd Niebauer, Cresson, from Assistant Girls Track to Head Boys Track Coach, at a stipend of \$3,958, effective immediately
 - Joseph Piotti, Ashville, Head Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, at a stipend of \$3,370, effective pending documents

APPROVE UNIFIED BOCCE BALL COACH

Joshua Watt, Ashville, at a stipend of \$1,000 to be funded by the Special Olympics of Pennsylvania, effective immediately

APPROVE APPOINTMENT, PER THE PCESPA CONTRACT

Brooke Wasser, Cresson, Food Service Worker, effective immediately

APPROVE MENTOR TEACHER FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR, PER THE PCEA CONTRACT

Approve *Theresa Kuntz* as the Mentor Teacher for *Kelly Mignogna*, at a stipend of \$1,000, prorated from the teacher hire date

APPROVE WILKINSON BUS LINES, INC. DRIVERS

Kristie Hess, Cresson

Brooke Wasser, Cresson

B. APPROVE CURRICULUM MAP

Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus

V. Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

Policy 307 - Student Teachers/Interns

Policy 336 - Personal Necessity Leave

Policy 626 - Federal Fiscal Compliance attachment

Policy 704 - Maintenance

Policy 707 - Use of School Facilities

Policy 818 - Contracted Services

VI. Approved the following components of the Penn Cambria School District Comprehensive Plan pending twenty-eight-day review period ending on October 15, 2019: Professional Education Plan, Induction Plan, Safe and Supportive Schools, and Chapter 12 and 14 Assurances.

VII. Approved of the purchase of a visitor management system for Penn Cambria High School with funding provided by the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency School Safety and Security Grant Program.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

First reading of new and revised board policies:

Policy 007 - Distribution - Policy Manual Access

Policy 201 - Admissions of Students

Policy 208 - Withdrawal from School

Policy 209 - Health Examinations/Screenings

Policy 335 - Family Medical Leaves

Policy 808 - Food Services

Policy 916 - School Volunteers

IX. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Angela Focht, Food Service Director, updated the Board of Education on some new and exciting initiatives that have or will be introduced to the students and staff during the 2019-2020 school year, such as: the Panther Perk, a high school coffee bar; Lunch for Life for kindergarten students; Tasty Bites; Bistro Box; Wellness Wednesdays; and Action Stations which allow the students to see their food being prepared.

Joseph Smorto, Principal grades Pre-K-4, shared with the Board of Directors the integration of Physical Education, Music, Art, Computer, and Library classes into the Pre-K and kindergarten curriculum this school year.

X. HEARING OF VISITORS

Pamela Flis, a community member, addressed the board of directors with some concerns regarding the effect that the LED lighting upgrade and recent tree removal at the high school campus have had on the neighborhood.