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This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, February 18, 2020. 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. Announcement
The Board of Directors has approved that Thursday, April 9, 2020 will be a snow make up day, school will be in session for a full day. The last day of school for students will be an Act 80 day – early dismissal. Students will be dismissed approximately two hours early.
- III. Spotlight on Student Achievement
Students who qualified for PMEA Region III Chorus: Adrianna Boldizar (Soprano II, 1st chair), Courtney Grant (Alto I, 6th chair), Cassidy Grant (Alto I, 7th chair), Gabriell Sikora (Bass II, 4th chair), and Grant Bossler (Bass II, 10th chair)

Fifth grade students who will be participating in the PMEA District VI Songfest are: Gia Ricupero, Megyn Stipanovich, Cain Trexler, Chloe Venesky, and Frank Wallis

The following chorus student qualified for All-State Jazz: Gabriell Sikora
- IV. Accepted the Auditor's Reporting Package for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, as prepared and presented by *Mark C. Turnley, CPA.*
- V. Approved the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:
 - A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS
Accept Retirement, effective at the close of the 2019-2020 school year
Ramona Rodgers, Spanish Teacher, after 35+ years of service

Accept Resignations
Jennifer Klett, Middle School Aide, effective January 22, 2020
Drake Diehl, Volunteer Track Coach, effective immediately

Approve Leaves
Employee #016586, Aide, effective on/or about May 10, 2020 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year
Employee #001589, Teacher, effective on/or about May 26, 2020 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year

Approve Appointment
Jodie Albertelli, Primary School Substitute Teacher, effective on/or about April 3, 2020 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year

Approve Appointments per the PCESPA Contract
Edward Baldish, Altoona, 2nd Shift High School Custodian, retroactive to January 29, 2020
Edward Swope, Jr., Beaverdale, 2nd Shift Middle School Custodian, retroactive to January 31, 2020

Approve Volunteer
Anthony Tomaselli, Volunteer Track Coach, effective immediately

Approve IU08 Substitute Teachers, effective immediately
Karen Bilchak, Portage
Zachary Rugg, Windber

B. PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE 2020-2021 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE CATALOG
Social Communication
21st Century Workplace Communication
Personal Finance

C. CURRICULUM MAP
High School Band

- VI. Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policies:
006: Meetings
204: Attendance
220: Student Expression/Distribution and posting of Materials
610: Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
611: Purchases Budgeted
626 Attachment: Procurement - Federal Programs
805: Emergency Preparedness
805.1: Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
805.2: School Security Personnel
806: Child/Student Abuse
- VII. Approved a resolution that the Penn Cambria School District calls upon the General Assembly to meaningfully revise the existing flawed charter school funding systems for regular and special education.
- VIII. Approved the donation of leftover, sealed breakfast items and fruit at Penn Cambria Primary School and Penn Cambria Intermediate School to St. Vincent DePaul in Cresson, PA as well as authorize the Superintendent to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same.
- IX. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Penn Cambria School District and Cambria County Backpack Project for the purpose of working collaboratively to leverage resources in our communities to alleviate childhood hunger, while closing the gap between chronic childhood hunger and academic achievement.
- X. Approved the use of the Personal Finance course as a mathematics credit towards meeting graduation requirements as established in PCSD Policy #217 (217-AR), per Act 91 of 2019.
- XI. Approved the formation of a new E-Sports Club at Penn Cambria High School, with William Delaney as the volunteer advisor.
- XII. Approved the letter of commitment for continued participation in the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference for the 2021 through 2025 school years.
- XIII. Informational Items
First Reading of New or Revised Board Policies:
004: Membership
233: Suspension and Expulsion
- XIV. Administrator's Report
Dave Beck, Facilities Manager, provided the Board of Directors with an overview of facility operations in the past year. Projects included: the high school paving project, pond dredging at the pre-primary school, repairs made to the high school coal boiler, upgrades to the middle and intermediate schools' energy management system control panels, and tree removals at the high school and intermediate school as per recommendation from Standing Stone Consulting, Inc.

Future projects at the high school include the second phase of the paving project, roof repairs, and replacement of the main waterline with the assistance of Keller Engineers and input from the borough engineer.

XV. Hearing of Visitors

Terry Krug, School Director, questioned the size of the waterline and asked if there is a shut off.

Dave Beck responded that the waterline is four inches and that he is currently working with Keller Engineers to try and get it switched from iron, as requested by the engineer, to PVC. Also, responding yes, that there is a shut off and a new valve was installed in the early 2000's.

Guy Monica, School Director, addressed the Board with a congratulations to Ramona Rodgers on her years of service and William Marshall for being recognized for the anti-bullying program that was featured on the news. He also asked to keep the recent loss of three retired Penn Cambria School District teachers; Albert Leap, Gerald Boland, and Cheryl Michelangelo in our thoughts and prayers.

Terry Krug questioned the cause and current balance of the district's negative cafeteria accounts.

Jill Francisco, Business Administrator, responded that the cause of the negative balance is that the students will purchase a breakfast or lunch meal in the cafeteria and if they do not have the money in their cafeteria account to cover the price of that meal, then the balance goes into a negative. A report is provided to Mr. Marshall and the Board at each Committee meeting of the negative accounts, both by building and district wide. As of the last report that was run February 7th, those balances were a little over \$6,500 district wide.

William Marshall, Superintendent, noted that the negative cafeteria balance is the highest it has ever been. The District's negative cafeteria balance has never exceeded \$6,000 and it is only halfway through the school year.