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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, October 20, 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 school business.
- II. SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT  
Congratulations to the Girls Golf Team who took 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the Boys Golf Team who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Districts.
- III. Approved the Superintendent's Recommendations as follows:
  - A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS
    - Accept Retirements
      - Alice Lee, Portage, High School Food Service Worker, effective October 16, 2020, after 16+ years of service
      - Leonard Mastrine, Ebensburg, Middle School Science Teacher, effective October 20, 2020, after 33+ years of service
    - Accept Resignations
      - Karen Vermeulin, Cresson, High School Aide, effective October 27, 2020
      - Brenda Biller, Gallitzin, High School Food Service Worker, effective October 23, 2020
    - Approve Appointments
      - Andrew Tomaselli, Pittsburgh, Middle School Science Teacher, Masters Step 11, salary \$57,135, effective date to be determined
      - Jessica Moyer, Lilly, from Substitute to High School Food Service Worker at 4.75 hours per day, effective October 12, 2020
      - Rebecca Howe, Lilly, Building TBD Food Service Worker at 4.75 hours per day, effective pending documents
      - Jesse Bianconi, Ashville, Head Junior High Girls Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$2,359, effective pending documents
      - Patricia Tarwater, Ebensburg, Substitute Teacher, effective pending documents
      - Rayna Jones, Johnstown, IU08 Substitute Teacher, effective pending documents
    - Remove Substitute Teacher
      - Gregory Miller, Cassville, effective September 8, 2020

Approve Mentor Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year

Dominic Ricupero as the Mentor Teacher for Michael Simone, at a stipend of \$1,000, prorated from the teacher hire date

B. APPROVE THE REVISED 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- IV. Approved the County Commissioner's Office exoneration of real estate taxes for property owned by Lilly Borough, Map No. 35-009.-301.000, due to the Borough being tax exempt.
- V. Approved revisions to the Penn Cambria School District Teacher Observation and Practice Plan process as a component of the Act 82 PA Educator Effectiveness System.
- VI. Approved revisions to the Penn Cambria School District Health and Safety Plan that include the return to full face to face instruction for grades PreK-4 on October 12th and the return to full face to face instruction for grades 5-12 on November 2nd.
- VII. INFORMATION ITEMS  
First Reading of the Following New or Revised Board Policies:  
210.1 AR-1 - Asthma Management Form  
222 - Tobacco and Vaping Products - Pupils  
323 - Tobacco and Vaping Products - Employees  
333 - Professional Development  
707 - Use of Facilities  
709 - Building Security
- VIII. Mrs. Robin Lappi, PCESPA Union President, complimented Mr. Harrold on a job well done at the Middle School and thanked the Board of Directors for the opportunities that they have provided the faculty and staff.
- IX. Mr. Dane Harrold, Principal grades 5-8, updated the Board of Directors regarding the start of the 2020-2021 school year, including topics such as: back to school activities for 5<sup>th</sup> graders, panther paws rewards, food distribution, remote learning Wednesdays, social distancing, mask wearing, building-wide popcorn fundraiser, and hybrid learning.
- X. Mr. William Marshall, Superintendent, announced that accommodations are being made for cyber students, especially those in grades 5 and 9, that are returning to full face to face instruction on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, modifications to upcoming parent teacher conferences will include a virtual option and will be by appointment only. He also introduced Ben Watt as the new PCEA Union President.