

PENN

# BOARD REPORT

Volume 42 No. 9

CAMBRIA

January 2021

This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, January 19, 2021. Routine business, such as approval of minutes, treasurer's reports, payment of bills, and financial reports was accomplished. The Board also took the following actions:

- I. Hearing of Visitors –
  - A. Erin Eckerd, Member Services Manager with Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA), acknowledged and thanked the board of directors for their devoted service and informed them of professional development opportunities and other resources offered through PSBA.

- B. There were no questions, concerns, comments, related to school business.

- II. Mr. Marshall, Superintendent, made the following announcement:  
Please join us in thanking our Penn Cambria school directors for their hard work and dedication during January which is School Director Recognition Month. They make our students' success their priority.

PA school directors are locally elected officials who voluntarily devote an average of 20 hours per month to school board business.

The Penn Cambria School Board advocates on behalf of our school, students, and community. We salute them for their volunteer investment of time and effort for the good of our children.

- III. Spotlight on Student Achievement  
The following students will be representing Penn Cambria in the virtual PMEA District Band: Leah Partner - Flute, Emily Riggleman - Clarinet, Gabriel Lutz - Alto Saxophone, Morgan McConnell - French Horn, and Angel Yahner-Golby - Euphonium.

Students who were named to the Laurel Highlands All Conference Teams: Football - Garrett Harrold and Nicholas Marinak on offense; Brandon Storm and Zachary Eckenrode on defense; Boys soccer - Dominic Landi and Reed Niebauer; Girls soccer - Julia Podrasky and Taylor Rabatin; Golf - Gregory Caldwell and Marlana Krug; Boys cross country - Logan Michina; Girls cross country - Sydney Dignan; and Girls volleyball - Maddax Laret.

Congratulations to Reed Niebauer who was selected to Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association All-State team.

- IV. Authorized the payment to local tax collectors of \$1.00 (one dollar) for each addition, deletion, or address change to the tax workbooks.
- V. Authorized the Business Administrator to continue past practice of making donations to local fire companies and libraries.
- VI. Approved the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:
  - A. Personnel Actions  
Accept Retirement  
Mary Anne Rose, Intermediate School Aide, effective January 3, 2021, after 10+ years of service

Approve Resignation

Gerald Piddington, Lilly, Volunteer Wrestling and Volunteer Track and Field Coach, effective January 20, 2021

Approve Appointments

Brittany Mogollon, Gallitzin, Substitute Teacher, effective immediately

Brittany Mogollon, Gallitzin, Middle School/High School Chorus/Music Teacher, Bachelors Step 1, salary \$37,835, effective pending receipt of final paperwork

Nicholas DelPidio, Cresson, 3rd Shift Middle School Custodian, effective January 28, 2021

Approve Mentor Teacher

Rebekah Stombaugh as Mentor Teacher for Brittany Mogollon, stipend as per the PCEA contract

B. Approve High School Curriculum Maps

Modern Communications: Social Communication

Modern Communications: 21st Century Workplace Communication

C. Approve Updated Novel List

- VII. Appointed the current Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Jeanette Black, as Assistant to the Superintendent, a member of the Act 93 Agreement, effective January 20, 2021.
- VIII. Approved the District and its Administration to allow members on unpaid leave during times of quarantine, isolation, or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and seeking a medical diagnosis as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic to be covered under the District's medical insurance coverage without reimbursement of costs as required under District policy and respective Collective Bargaining Agreements for the 20-21 school term ONLY. This shall be a one-time, non-precedent setting action taken by the board for the 20-21 school term ONLY.
- IX. Approved the Superintendent to effectuate any or all documents to enter into an agreement with Impact Counseling Services, LLC to provide mental health counseling services within the Penn Cambria School District using funds provided by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency COVID-19 School Health and Safety FY20-21 (ESSER) Grant Award.
- X. Approved modifications to the existing Penn Cambria School District Health and Safety Plan to show the district moving to district wide hybrid learning, effective January 25, 2021.
- XI. Approved a resolution in lieu of adopting a preliminary budget, to not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the 2021-2022 fiscal year by more than its index (4.3%).
- XII. Informational Items  
First Reading of New or Revised Board Policies:  
610: Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation  
611: Purchases Budgeted  
626 Attachment: Procurement - Federal Programs  
626 Attachment: Administration of Federal Funds  
626 Attachment: Grant Subrecipient Monitoring Procedures-Federal Programs
- XIII. Administrator's Report  
*Mrs. Kaitlyn Kalwanaski*, High School Principal, stated that despite the pandemic, there are many positive activities taking place at the high school, which include the implementation of new technology to facilitate instruction, health and wellbeing inquiries made by school nurses to each student, Wednesday meetings with school counselors that focus on stress and time management, and interactive virtual activities that have been offered to students.