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This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, April 20, 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 – Sarah Myers, Lilly, addressed the Board of Directors with a request for a bus stop on Hilltop Road for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Myers also stated that there are other students on that same road that have bus services provided to them. She added that in the past there were concerns with the condition of the road, but since then it has been paved.

Mr. Pyo, Board President, and Mr. Marshall, Superintendent, informed the parent that the administration and Wilkinson Bus Lines, Inc. will analyze and review that route and a decision will be made in the summer of 2021.

- II. Approved the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:

- A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- Approve Appointments

- Alexandra Fleming, Patton, Locally Issued Day-To-Day Substitute Teacher, effective pending documentation

- Melanie O'Farrell, Ebensburg, Substitute Teacher, retroactive March 23, 2021

- Erika Strittmatter, Ebensburg, from Assistant to Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, effective March 15, 2021

- Andrew Tomaselli, Loretto, Volunteer Varsity Football Coach, effective immediately

- Remove Substitute Teachers

- Kylie Dillon, Hastings, effective March 12, 2021

- Hannah Ernest, Portage, effective March 12, 2021

- Shawn Hallahan, Bellwood, effective March 15, 2021

- Taylor Kunsman, Gallitzin, effective March 15, 2021

- Susan Maurer, Ashville, effective March 19, 2021

- Tarissa Mazzetti, Gallitzin, effective March 22, 2021

- Anthony Tomaselli, Cresson, effective March 15, 2021

- Remove IU08 Substitute Teachers

- Devonna Shoemaker, Gallitzin, effective March 25, 2021

- Zachary Rugg, Windber, effective immediately

- III. Appointed *Mr. Scott Sherry*, Ashville, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance, a member of the Act 93 Agreement, effective April 15, 2021, at a beginning annual salary of \$63,800 (prorated for the number of days worked in this position in 2020-2021).

- IV. Approved the modification of the contract for the School Psychologist, *Ms. Courtney Kuncelman*, from 260 days to 205 days, at an annual salary of \$60,000, effective July 1, 2021.

- V. 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 2020-2021 school year.
- VI. Approved a software contract, license, and hosting agreement with Transfinder for the purchase and implementation of Transportation Software.
- VII. Awarded the bid for Phase 3 of the Penn Cambria High/Pre-Primary School Paving/Drainage/Sidewalk/Curbing Project to Gordon L. Delozier Inc., Hollidaysburg, PA with a base bid of \$397,706.89.
- VIII. Approved Penn Cambria School District participation with the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 to provide emergency substitute services to the Penn Cambria School District for a fee of \$500 for the 2021-2022 school year.
- IX. Approved a Co-op agreement for competitive cheer with Portage Area School District to take effect with the 2021-2022 school year. Parents of students participating will be responsible for transportation to Portage.
- X. Approved the revised Penn Cambria School District Health and Safety Plan.
- XI. Authorized Altoona Area School District's ELECT Program to apply for and expend funds on behalf of the Penn Cambria School District through the AASD ELECT Consortium, to operate the ELECT program and activities for eligible students through 2022.
- XII. Approved the revised Penn Cambria School District Health and Safety Plan.
- XIII. Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policies:
 - 247 - Hazing
 - 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying
- XIV. Approved a resolution calling for charter school legislation reform by the Board of Directors of the Bedford County, Blair County, Cambria County, and Somerset County school districts.
- XV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
 - A. First Reading of the following new or revised board policies:
 - 330 - Overtime
 - B. First reading of the 2021-2022 School Calendar (proposed).
 - C. Mr. Marshall announced that the last day for the 2020-2021 school year will now be a two-hour early dismissal for all students.
- XVI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
 - Joseph Smorto, Elementary Principal, informed the Board of Directors on a new process for implementing interventions for struggling elementary students and the upcoming Title I summer school that will be held for four weeks in July.