

PENN
BOARD REPORT
CAMBRIA

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This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, February 15, 2022. 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. STUDENT REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Mrs. Kaitlyn Kalwanaski, High School Principal, introduced Elias Ball and Aaron Duke as the two student representatives reporting to the Board of Directors.

Elias Ball informed the Board of Directors on school climate at the high school. With the stress of finals, Keystones, winter sports, and thoughts about the future, students are looking forward to the upcoming Sweetheart dance that is scheduled for March 4th, Prom on April 30th at the Casino, and spring sports signups. Students are currently fundraising for Mending Hearts and the Cambria County Humane Society. Elias, on behalf of the National Honor Society, thanked Mr. Marshall for helping out with the induction of the NHS students for the past two years. Elias also shared concerns from students regarding school meal options and thermostat issues. He recommended the addition of a winter pep rally and more student competitions, such as a competitive winter basketball challenge or a spring race on the track to increase school spirit.

Aaron Duke reported to the Board of Directors on the recent, low student engagement. Students need more school spirit to lower stress levels, especially during Keystone testing, returning to school after the holidays, and transitioning to new classes. Breakfasts are still popular, with the wide variety of options for students. Aaron suggested that information on the Key Club that is offered at the high school be made available to students and recommended to incorporate athletic season passes for students. Overall, Aaron has noticed low morale and would like to see more theme days and changes to accommodate student athletes.

III. SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the four District Band students who have all advanced into Regional Band with exemplary results!

Leah Partner (flute)- 1st chair, Ariane Eckenrode (flute)- 6th chair, Mya Weisinger (Oboe)- 1st chair, and Emma Hazlett (French Horn)- 3rd chair.

These students will be attending Regional Band at West Branch on March 10th and 11th under the direction of Dr. Bill Stowman.

IV. Accepted the Auditor’s Reporting Package for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, as prepared and presented by *Mark C. Turnley*, CPA.

V. Approved the Superintendent’s recommendations as follows:

A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Approve Termination

Kenneth Lenz, Gallitzin, Van Driver, effective February 3, 2022

Accept Retirement

Molly Scaglione, Ebensburg, Substitute Teacher, effective February 2, 2022

Accept Resignations

Amanda Bianconi, Ashville, Substitute Aide, effective January 30, 2022

Timothy Gray, Cresson, High School Custodian, effective February 18, 2022

Jason Hall, Ebensburg, High School Food Service Worker, effective January 28, 2022

Bethany Vinglas, Loretto, Intermediate School Health Room Assistant, effective February 11, 2022

Gregory Wirfel, Summerhill, IU08 Substitute Teacher, effective January 20, 2022

Approve Appointments, effective pending documentation**Volunteer Junior High Girls Softball Coaches**

Kiersten Davis, State College

John Jasper, Cresson

Andrew Stopko, Johnstown

Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coaches

Brent Davison, Loretto

Shane Hartline, Lilly

Volunteer Varsity Football Coaches

Brent Davison, Loretto

Matthew Pyo, Lilly

Substitute Aide

Tessa O'Keefe, Altoona

IU08 Substitute Teacher

Meara McCarty, Bedford

McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Driver

Katie Czapp, Portage

- VI.** Approved the 36-month BASIS renewal with United Energy Trading for Natural Gas at NYMEX Settlement plus \$0.128/Dth, which is a reduction of \$0.227/Dth from the current contract.
- VII.** Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Penn Cambria School District and the Penn Cambria Act 93 Administrators, to name Mr. Benjamin Watt, Assistant Middle School Principal, effective February 16, 2022.
- VIII.** Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Penn Cambria School District and the Penn Cambria Educational Support Professionals Association, to modify the entry rate for Health Room Assistants to \$20.00 per hour, effective February 16, 2022.
- IX.** Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policies:
- 006.1: Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications
 - 246: Student Wellness
 - 247: Hazing
 - 249: Bullying/Cyber Bullying
 - 610: Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
 - 611: Purchases Budgeted
 - 626 Attachment: Procurement – Federal Programs

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

First reading of new or revised board policies:

011: Board Governance Standards/Codes of Conduct

808: Food Services

XI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent, presented and summarized an informational power point regarding the planned use of ESSER funding allocated to the District as a result of COVID-19. The presentation will be available on the District website at pcam.org on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.