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BOARD REPORT

CAMBRIA

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This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, March 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** - Jennifer Dziabo, a Penn Cambria parent, addressed the Board of Directors with concerns of bullying and the lenient repercussions.

- II. ANNOUNCEMENT**
Congratulations to Penn Cambria's Mr. Fogel and Mr. Niebauer who were both inducted into the District VI Wrestling Association Coaches Hall of Fame.

- III. SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**
Congratulations to the following Penn Cambria students:
Wrestlers who placed at PIAA District VI Championships: Anthony Coukart (6th), Austin McCloskey (4th), Nathan Little (4th), Austin Wagner (4th), and Trent Hoover (1st).

Both Bocce Ball teams played in the championship game held on February 24th. Team 1 took 1st place and qualified for states. Team 2 took 2nd place.

The rosters were as follows:

Team 1: Tanner Clawson, Sadie Davison, Haley Gray, Sydney Greene, Kaylee Mento, Wyatt Moreland, Elle Myers, and Kamryn Wheeler.

Team 2: Douglas Brown, Peter Crusciel, Cole Eberhart, Kayla Galovich, Anna Lill, Kayden McMullen, Nathan Norris, and Eli Summerville.

Varsity Boys Basketball Team won the PIAA District VI Championship game on March 1, 2022. Individual players were Alexander Cherico, Vincent Chiridon, Zachary Eckenrode, Zachary Grove, Garrett Harrold, Gavin Harrold, Eric Hooper, Isaac Kuntz, Camron Latterner, Kayden Logan, Andre Marinak, Mason McCarthy, Carter McDermott, Trenten Murphy, Kyle Reese, Easton Semelsberger, Luke Shuagis, and Adyn Tremmel.

Forensics Team placed 1st at Districts. Out of 16 competitors, 7 were District Champs and 11 qualified for States*! District place winners were the following: Extemporaneous - Magnus Lewis (3rd) and Joseph Hite (1st)*, Commentary - Caleb Pisczek (3rd) and Andre Marinak (1st)*, Informative - Caleb Hunt (2nd)* and Jelana Boldizar (1st)*, Persuasive Camilla Wu (3rd)* (competing in Impromptu at States) and Julia Gil (1st)*, Poetry - Sadie Davison (3rd) and Anna Lill (1st)*, Prose - Marlana Krug (2nd)* and Sydney Greene (1st)*, Dramatic Interp. - Haley Gray (1st)*, and Humorous Interp. Sydney Lee (2nd)*.

- IV. Approved the Superintendent’s recommendations as follows:**
 - A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS**
 - Accept Resignations
 - Benjamin Watt, Ashville, Assistant 7th and 8th Grade Football Coach, effective February 16, 2022
 - Adrienne Rabatin, Lilly, Volunteer Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, effective February 15, 2022
 - Joshua Himmer, Cresson, Fitness Center Coordinator (November 1st – January 31st), effective February 1, 2022

Approve Appointments

Gabriel Hutsky, Ashville, Middle School 3rd Shift Custodian, retroactive to February 14, 2022

Lauren Douglas, Hollidaysburg, Elementary Health Room Assistant, effective March 15, 2022

April Rose, Loretto, Substitute Nurse, effective pending documentation

Amanda Gonzalez, Summerhill, IU08 Substitute Teacher, effective pending documentation

Andrew Jones, Lilly, Volunteer Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, effective pending documentation

Approve Leaves

Employee #005827, Teacher, effective on/or about May 12, 2022 through October 24, 2022

Employee #015822, Teacher, effective on/or about the start of the 2022-2023 school year through November 14, 2022

B. APPROVE THE 2021-2022 REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR

V. Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

011: Board Governance Standards/Codes of Conduct

808: Food Services

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. First Reading of the following new or revised board policies:

111: Lesson Plans

218.1: Weapons

903: Public Participation in Board Meetings

B. First reading of the 2022-2023 School Calendar (proposed)

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Courtney Kuncelman, School Psychologist, reported to the Board of Directors on the importance of good mental health, stating that it is critical to children's success in school and life. Mrs. Kuncelman noted that students who receive social-emotional, mental, and behavioral health support achieve better academically. If these needs are left unmet, mental health problems are linked to costly negative outcomes.

Mrs. Kuncelman cited research that shows students are more likely to seek counseling when services are available in schools. She described in detail all of the mental health services that are provided throughout Penn Cambria and discussed partnerships that expand the possibilities for meeting the imperative needs of our students and families.

Mrs. Kuncelman thanked the Board of Directors for supporting the implementation of such important initiatives so that mental health needs of our students can be addressed, including the short-term needs within our district, which equip them with long-term benefits after they leave PCSD.