

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, November 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

- a. Beth Farabaugh, a Penn Cambria parent, addressed the Board of Directors with extracurricular activity concerns regarding a specific student.

Attorney Repak informed Ms. Farabaugh that the board cannot formally address this issue at a public meeting, due to confidentiality. However, the Board shall meet with her during executive session to further discuss her concerns.

- b. Andre Marinak, a Penn Cambria student, requested that the Board of Directors establish board policies and guidance for members of the community and public on both permissible and prohibited activities, regarding the use of drones.

II. SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Joshua Stolarski who placed 8th at District VI Cross Country meet and qualified for State Championships held on November 5, 2022.

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully auditioned into the group and will be representing Penn Cambria at the Cambria County Honor Band Festival on December 1st and 2nd at Forest Hills:

Junior High: Kayleigh Adams (Timpani), Isabella Askins (Trumpet), Kaylee Biel (Clarinet), Rachel Fisher (Snare Drum), Charlie Golden (Trombone), Jaeda Hurst (Clarinet), Haylie Keith (Trumpet), Madelyn Kittell (Alto Saxophone), Adyson Lloyd (Clarinet), Lauren New (Flute), and Cain Trexler (Alto Saxophone).

Senior High: Kassidy Adams (Alto Saxophone), Camryn Ashworth (Trumpet), Jacob Bossler (Alto Saxophone), Ariane Eckenrode (Piccolo), Hailey Farabaugh (Flute), Peyton Farabaugh (Clarinet), Aliyah Golden (Trumpet), Emma Hazlett (French Horn), and Angel Yahner-Golby (Baritone).

III. Approved the Superintendent’s recommendations as follows:

A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Accept Retirement

Terri Bartoletti, Nanty Glo, Fiscal Assistant, effective January 31, 2023, after 11+ years of service

Accept Resignations

Ashley Lingenfelter, Lilly, Middle School Aide, effective October 16, 2022

James Poldiak, Summerhill, Middle School 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher, effective date to be determined

James Poldiak, Summerhill, Head Varsity Baseball Coach, effective immediately

Michele Taddei, Gallitzin, High School Health Room Assistant, effective October 21, 2022

Nicholas Wanyo, Ebensburg, Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach, effective October 25, 2022

Approve Appointments

Daniel Ehrenfeld, Lilly, Pre-Primary School 2nd Shift Custodian, 185-day, 4 hours per day, retroactive to October 31, 2022

Austin Farabaugh, Loretto, Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach, at a stipend of \$1510.60, effective pending documentation

Nancy Fochler, Altoona, National Honor Society Advisor, at a stipend of \$1,517, retroactive to October 17, 2022

Misty Hanlon, Ashville, Middle School Food Service Worker, at 4 hours per day, retroactive to November 7, 2022

Amy Hazlett, Lilly, High School Food Service Worker, at 4.75 hours per day, retroactive November 8, 2022

Cherri Heiss, Lilly, Intermediate School Aide, effective pending documentation

Anthony Hurst, Cresson, High School 2nd Shift Custodian, retroactive to October 31, 2022

Heather Myers, Cresson, High School Food Service Worker, at 4.75 hours per day, retroactive to October 25, 2022

Katelyn Myers, Ashville, Primary School First Grade Teacher, Bachelors Step 1 \$38,822, retroactive to November 14, 2022

James Ronan, Ashville, Head Varsity Baseball Coach, at a stipend of \$3,958, effective immediately

April Rose, Loretto, Pre-Primary Health Room Assistant, effective upon release from current employment

Bernadette Tomlinson, Gallitzin, Middle School Food Service Worker, at 4.75 hours per day, retroactive to October 18, 2022

Approve Mentor for the 2022-2023 school year, stipend per the PCEA contract, prorated from employee start date: Kirstie Barto as mentor for Katelyn Myers

Approve Leave

Employee #013307, Pre-Primary, Primary, and Intermediate School Teacher, effective on or about March 17, 2023 through on or about May 12, 2023

Approve Substitute Teacher

Nancy Cassisi, Lilly, effective pending documentation

Approve IU08 Substitute Teachers

Alyssa Martinazzi, Cresson, retroactive to November 2, 2022

Patricia Wood, Ebensburg, effective pending documentation

Approve Driver

John Corcelle, daily transportation for student #220110, effective date to be determined

B. CURRICULUM MAP

Personal Finance

- IV.** Approved an Energy Services Contract with Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc. for the repair/replacement of a subset of the High School’s windows to improve indoor air quality, at a cost not to exceed \$570,000.
- V.** Awarded the proposal to provide a comprehensive District Wide Facilities Feasibility Study to CORE Architects, Pittsburgh, PA, at a cost not to exceed \$27,000.
- VI.** Authorized Penn Cambria School District membership in the Pennsylvania Public Entity Energy Consortium (“PPEEC”), and participation in its consortium energy services.
- VII.** Authorized the Pennsylvania Public Entity Energy Consortium to Act by itself or by its energy advisors to purchase electricity on behalf of Penn Cambria School District.
- VIII.** Approved the sale of a Gehl SL5635 2 Skid Loader to be sold as is for parts, at the price of \$4,000, in compliance with PA State Code.
- IX.** Approved Pursuit Sports Apparel as the official sponsor of the Penn Cambria Wrestling Boosters’ Tournament to be held December 16 and 17 at Mount Aloysius College, per Policy #915. The official name of the tournament will be known as the Panther Holiday Classic Tournament, presented by Pursuit Sports Apparel.
- X.** Approved the National Honor Society to attend an out of state field trip to Washington, D.C. on April 15, 2023.
- XI.** Appointed Michael Sheehan as representative to the Admiral Peary Area Vocational Technical School Joint Operating Committee, for a three-year term expiring December 1, 2025.
- XII.** Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policies:
- 122 - Extracurricular Activities
 - 203 - Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
 - 209 - Health Examinations/Screenings
 - 832 - Educational Equity
 - 904 - Public Attendance at School Events
 - 907 - School Visitors
- XIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- REORGANIZATION MEETING** of the Board of School Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School for the following purposes:
- Elect a President
 - Elect a Vice-President
 - Select a Solicitor
 - Designate time and place for committee and regular monthly meetings for 2023
 - Conduct any business to come before the Board as this is the only meeting in December
- FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING NEW OR REVISED BOARD POLICIES:**
- 123.2 - Sudden Cardiac Arrest
 - 252 - Dating Violence
 - 318 - Attendance and Tardiness
 - 805.4 - Police Use of Force
 - 916 - School Volunteers

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

The Penn Cambria School District Future Ready Comprehensive Plan was posted on October 20, 2022, for a twenty-eight-day public review.

XIV. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Jeanette Black, Assistant to the Superintendent, provided a summary to the Board of Directors of the Penn Cambria School District Future Ready Comprehensive Plan. The Plan consists of four goals: safe and supportive schools which includes new Act 55 training that involves not only professional staff, but support staff as well; addressing chronic absences or students that miss 10% or more days of school, by concentrating more on good attendance; implementing relevant and rigorous curriculum, including a focus on career skills; and improving student achievement by helping students learn more effectively and efficiently.

Dane Harrold, Middle School Principal, reported to the Board of Directors on changes that were made at the Middle School, including: the bell schedule, which allows student to have an activity period at the beginning of the day to help with assignments and homework, benefiting students who are tardy are now not missing classes; math teachers having less students in homeroom enabling them to assist students who need extra support; physical education organizing intramurals; altering staggered lunches to two lunch periods; utilizing SignUpGenius for parent teacher conferences; and using the ESSER grant funding to provide afterschool assistance to students for homework, assignments, and math.

XV. The Board of Directors entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel.