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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 22, 2023. 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. SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following Penn Cambria students:

Wrestlers who placed at PIAA District VI Championships: 4th place - Austin McCloskey and Braedan Oravec, 2nd place - Mason Raymond, and 1st place - Trent Hoover, who also placed 1st at the Southwest Regionals.

Penn Cambria Bocce Ball teams took 1st and 2nd place at district championships held on February 28, 2023. The rosters were as follows: 1st place winners and qualified for regionals: Douglas Brown, Kyle Conrad, Kayla Galovich, Kayden McMullen, Kaylee Mento, Wyatt Moreland, Emme Myers, and Sophia Rabatin. 2nd place winners: Seth Conrad, Haley Gray, Anna Lill, Clare Lill, Elle Myers, Nathan Norris, Eli Summerville, and Kamryn Wheeler.

The Varsity Boys Basketball Team placed 1st at the PIAA District VI Championship game on March 3, 2023. Individual players were Alexander Cherico, Vincent Chiridon, Preston Farabaugh, Caden Gibbons, Zachary Grove, Garrett Harrold, Gavin Harrold, Derek Hite, Eric Hooper, Carter McDermott, Thomas Plunkett, Brandon Rabish, Easton Semelsberger, Landon Semelsberger, Luke Shuagis, Isaac Strittmatter, and Adyn Tremmel.

The Varsity Girls Basketball Team placed 1st at the PIAA District VI Championship game on February 28, 2023. Individual players were Isabelle Andersen, Meghan Andersen, Kaydynce Baney, Teddi Beck, Abigail Crossman, Kathryn Della, Ashley Galovich, Kaylee Harpster, Addison Hite, Emily Hite, Tagen McConnell, Madison McCoy, Makenna McCoy, Aliya O’Donnell, Reagan Ronan, Ava Saleme, Isabella Spahr, Kyra Vinglish, and Alyssa Zupon.

Penn Cambria Chorus students that represented Penn Cambria at the PMEA District VI Chorus Festival and PMEA Region II Chorus*: Gianna Caputo*, Emma Hazlett, Anna Lill, Jada Nagle, Gina Pettenati*, and Mya Weisinger*.

The Forensics Team competed at the district tournament on Friday, February 10, 2023. Individual winners and students who qualified for States* were as follows: Extemporaneous: 2nd place - Joseph Hite*, 1st place - Ethan Kunowsky*, Commentary: Andre Marinak*, 1st place - Gwendalyn Bretz*, Informative: Jelana Boldizar*, 1st place - Madison Cavalet*, Persuasive: 1st place - Julia Gil*, Poetry: 1st place - Anna Lill*, Dramatic Interpretation: 2nd place - Haley Gray*, Humorous Drama: 3rd place - Austin Gray, Duo Drama: 1st place - Jordyn Farabaugh* and Jessie Skura*, and Public Forum Debate: 2nd place - Lauren Farabaugh* and Cody Farabaugh*.

III. Approved the Superintendent’s recommendations as follows:

A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Accept Retirement

Regina Bem, Gallitzin, High School Aide, after 28+ years of service, effective June 30, 2023

Accept Resignations

Leah Montgomery, Lilly, Intermediate School Nurse, effective March 10, 2023

Kimberly Eckenrode, Gallitzin, High School Aide, effective February 27, 2023

Samantha Spacht, Summerhill, Substitute Aide, effective March 1, 2023

Approve Appointments

Emily Costlow, extend leave coverage at Middle School through on or about May 10, 2023

Makaela Stanek, Patton, Junior/Senior Class Co-Advisor, effective for the 2023-2024 school year

Kamryn Stoy, Loretto, Volunteer Track Coach, effective pending documents

Amy Walters, Cresson, Junior High Assistant Volleyball Coach, at a stipend of \$1510.60, effective immediately

Lori Heldibridle, Lilly, Intermediate School Health Room Assistant, effective on or before April 12, 2023

B. APPROVE THE 2022-2023 REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR

C. CURRICULUM MAP

European History

D. APPROVE UPDATED NOVEL LIST

IV. Approved the Government Entity Settlement Agreement with JUUL Labs, Inc. (JLI). Penn Cambria School District is eligible to receive a gross offer of \$9,790.00 (nine thousand seven hundred ninety dollars) to resolve its Government Entity claims against JLI. From this amount, attorney's fees, case costs, and the court-ordered Common Benefits Expense assessment will be deducted. In addition, any liens that may exist on the Settlement Funds must be satisfied and discharged before any Settlement Funds are released to Penn Cambria School District.

V. Approved the 2023-2024 IU08 General Fund Budget, including a total contribution of \$173,000 from 35 participating school districts; Penn Cambria's share estimate at \$4,910.25.

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

200 - Enrollment in District

204 - Attendance

220 - Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials

221 - Dress and Grooming

227 - Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

VII. Approved a contract with *Kayla M. Mantini*, Hollidaysburg, for School Psychologist services, at a rate of six hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$655.00) per record review (no additional data required/no on-site time commitment required) or eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) (if additional data/on-site time commitment is required), effective March 21, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. First reading of the following new, revised, or board policies for review:

202 - Eligibility of Nonresident Students

218 - Student Discipline

233 - Suspension and Expulsion

247 - Hazing

249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying

913 - Non-school Organization/Groups/Individuals

B. First reading of the 2023-2024 School Calendar (proposed)