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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, September 19, 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. **ANNOUNCEMENT** - The Penn Cambria School District Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for October 10, 2023 has been moved to the High School Library.
- II. **HEARING OF VISITORS** - There were no questions, concerns, comments, related to school business.
- III. Approved budget transfers under the 2022-2023 general fund budget and that a copy be filed with the official records of the school district.
- IV. Approved a transfer of \$650,000 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance to the committed fund balance for future capital improvements/renovations retroactive to June 30, 2023.
- V. Accepted the Audit of Selected Real Estate Tax Collectors for the 2021 Tax Assessment Year, Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, as prepared by Mark C. Turnley, CPA.

VI. Approved the Superintendent’s recommendations as follows:

A. **PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**Accept Resignations**

- Kasey Bradley, Cresson, Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach, effective August 15, 2023
- Andrew Crusciel, Loretto, Middle School Custodian, effective August 23, 2023
- Alicia Goppman, Ligonier, Speech Teacher, effective October 23, 2023
- Lucas Rosemas, Portage, Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach, effective immediately
- Michael Simone, Indiana, Volunteer Cross Country Coach, effective immediately
- Michael Summerville, Cresson, Volunteer Football Coach, effective immediately
- Joan Sumner, Loretto, Pre-Primary School Aide, effective August 23, 2023
- Christine Trexler, Cresson, High School Floating Secretary, effective September 30, 2023
- Tim Trusik, Portage, Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach, effective immediately

**Approve Appointments**

Leigh Casher, Cresson, Primary School Substitute Special Education Teacher, retroactive to August 24, 2023 through September 15, 2023

James Eckenrode, Martinsburg, Head Junior High Softball Coach, at a stipend of \$3,370, effective pending documentation

Austin Farabaugh, Loretto, from Assistant to Volunteer Junior High Wrestling Coach, retroactive to August 22, 2023

Eric Gaida, Cresson, Volunteer Varsity Football Coach, effective pending documentation

Alyssa Martinazzi, Cresson, Pre-Primary School Substitute Teacher, effective on or about October 6, 2023 through December 21, 2023

Dontae Lilly, Lilly, Volunteer Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately

Jessica Secriskey, Cresson, Aide, location and effective date to be determined

Nicholas Wanyo, Ebensburg, Junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach, at a stipend of \$2,158, effective immediately

Alexandra Williams, Lilly, Speech Teacher, Masters Step 1, \$41,199, effective date to be determined

**Approve Substitute Teachers**

Brian Gibson, Ebensburg, effective pending documentation

**Approve IU08 Substitute Teachers**

Kassandra Ferdinand, Cresson, effective pending documentation

Alyssa Martinazzi, Cresson, effective immediately

Christine Trexler, Cresson, effective pending documentation

**Approve Substitute Secretary**

Christine Trexler, Cresson, effective October 1, 2023

**Approve McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Drivers, pending documentation**

Chasity Moyer, Cresson

Ronald Stolarski, Cresson

Joni Woodley, Patton

Brian Woodley, Patton

- VII. Approved contracts with FIT Optimized Solutions of Windber, PA. as follows:  
Energy Management System Service Contract for Direct Digital Control Preventative Maintenance for the Intermediate School (PCI) (Boiler Room) for a one-year term starting on September 1, 2023.  
  
Preventative Maintenance Contract for the Intermediate School (PCI) pneumatic automatic temperature control systems for a one-year term starting on September 1, 2023.  
  
Total cost \$3,800.00.
- VIII. Approved the revised Adara Health Care Staffing Contract, to provide additional substitute nursing coverage on an as needed basis.
- IX. Approved the final draft of the Penn Cambria School District Future Ready Comprehensive Plan Required Components for the 2023 through 2026 school years.
- X. Approved an Interdistrict Agreement to provide Title 1 Nonpublic Services at St. Michael School in Loretto for the Cambria Heights School District for the 2023-24 school year.
- XI. Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policy:  
305-AR Compensation of Substitute Teachers
- XII. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**  
First reading of new, revised, or Board Policies for review:  
204-AR Attendance
- XIII. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**  
Justine Hrzic-Smith, Food Service Director, shared information regarding cost control, increasing participation, promotional and positive programs that the Food Service Department is focusing on this school year. A staff training was held on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Altoona Grand Hotel covering topics such as civil rights, offer versus serve (ovs), HACCP, and allergy management. Positive promotions will be running throughout the year including wellness Wednesdays, taste testing, nutrition for life, holiday meals, tasty bites, and the farm to fork program which teaches students where their food comes from. Ms. Hrzic-Smith recognized the great team working in the kitchens and stated that the District is almost fully staffed. Finally, she commended the exceptional students from Admiral Peary Area Vocational Technical School that assisted in the kitchen during the 2022-2023 school year. These students were awarded grants from The Nutrition Group (TNG) Charities program.