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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, October 17, 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. Approved the Superintendent’s recommendations as follows:
  - A. **PERSONNEL ACTIONS**
    - Accept Letter of Intent to Retire**  
William Marshall, Patton, Superintendent, effective July 1, 2024, after 17 years of service
  
    - Accept Retirements**  
Christina Dorsch, Lilly, Administrative Assistant, after 18+ years of service, effective January 5, 2024  
Charles Terek, Cresson, Athletic Director, effective July 19, 2024, after 14+ years of service
  
    - Accept Resignation**  
Debbie Love, Gallitzin, High School Cafeteria Worker, effective October 11, 2023
  
    - Approve Appointments**  
Christina Dorsch, Lilly, Substitute Aide and Secretary, effective January 6, 2024  
Kimberly Gobert, Gallitzin, High School Cafeteria Worker, at 4.75 hours per day, retroactive to October 12, 2023  
Mackenzie Kearney, Cresson, High School Floating Secretary, retroactive to October 5, 2023  
Brennon Shall, Loretto, Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, effective pending documentation
  
    - Approve IU08 Substitute Teachers**  
Brandon Nicodemus, Altoona, effective immediately  
Angelica Shoemaker, Loretto, effective pending documentation
  
    - Approve McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Driver**  
Christopher Polenik, Johnstown, effective pending documentation
  
  - B. **APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION**  
Central Office/Business Office Administrative Support
  
- III. Approved a Junior High Co-Ed Soccer program beginning with the 2024-2025 season.
  
- IV. Entered into an agreement with R.E.A.C.H. Inc. in conjunction with the RISE Project of Cambria County to provide mental health counseling services at Penn Cambria High School. These services are being provided through county opioid settlement funding.
  
- V. Entered into a Settlement Agreement, as of this 26th day of July 2023 (the “Execution Date”), made by and between Altria Group, Inc., Philip Morris USA, Inc., Altria Client Services LLC, Altria Enterprises LLC, and Altria Group Distribution Company (collectively “Altria”); and Plaintiffs’ Leadership in MDL No. 2913 and JCCP No. 5052, on behalf of all Settling Government Entity Plaintiffs (together with Altria, the “Parties”). This Settlement Agreement establishes a program to resolve the Released Claims and Liabilities (defined in complete resolution).

- VI. Approved the Pre-K Counts Flexible Instructional Plan for the 2023-2024 school year.
- VII. Approved participation in the 2024 Sea, Air, Land Challenge sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and Penn State University, at a cost of \$100 per high school team plus the cost of transportation.
- VIII. Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policy:
  - 204 AR - Attendance
- IX. Approved the retirement of the following board policy:
  - 255 - Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care
- X. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
  - A. Acknowledge donation of Glowforge laser engraver (Pro 45W), printer, and laser engravable items to PC Middle School by Mrs. Lori Heldibridle and Loricky Enterprises, LLC of Lilly, PA
  - B. First reading of new, revised, or Board Policies for review:
    - 251 - Students Experiencing Homeless, Foster Care, and Other Educational Instability
    - 810 - Transportation

XI. **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

*Dane Harrold*, Middle School Principal, shared with the Board of Directors, highlights from the Middle School for the 2023-24 year, including: a twenty minute activity period after morning announcements that provides math interventions, homework assistance for special education students, AR testing, and physical education exercise and competitions; a new social, emotional, and academic behavioral screener called SAEBR completed by teachers and all students in grade five through eight that is used to help identify students who may need counseling or other types of support; participation by students in grade six and eight in the PA Youth Survey, a voluntary survey on behavior, violence, mental health, and drug abuse; and the Panther Closet that supplies clothes, shoes, school supplies, and hygiene products to students anonymously. Mr. Harrold commended Robin Lappi’s hard work and dedication to this project.

*Robin Lappi* thanked the principals, nurses, and all those who have made contributions to the Panther Closet.