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This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, February 20, 2024. 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 who competed at the Skills USA Competition:
Gold Place Winners: Raielle Buck - Culinary Arts, Sara Capraun - Industrial Motor Control, Blaise Hutsky - Automotive Refinishing Technology, Blake Miller - Electrical Construction Wiring, Daniel Novotny - Job Skill Demonstration Open, Nathaniel Potter - Internetworking, Jolien Tuttle - Baking and Pastry Arts

Silver Place Winners: Marissa Lee - Nurse Assisting, Ayanna Port - Esthetics, Harley Shultz - Esthetics, Rylee Weakland - Job Interview, and Braden Wherry - Motorcycle Service Technology

Bronze Winners: Jennamae Daras - Health Knowledge Bowl, Tyree Padilla - Health Knowledge Bowl, and Cameron Strait - Medical Terminology

Straight to States: Troy Logan - Automotive Manufacturing Technology, Alex Walters - Automotive Manufacturing Technology, Grace Sheehan - CNC Turning Specialist, Makenzie Kline - Employment Application Process, and Gage Spielvogel - Welding Sculpture
- III. Accepted the Auditor's Reporting Package for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, as prepared and presented by *Mark C. Turnley, CPA*.
- IV. Accepted the Audit of Selected Real Estate Tax Collectors for the 2022 Tax Assessment Year, Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, as prepared by *Mark C. Turnley, CPA*.
- V. Approved the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:
 - A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS
 1. Accept Retirements
 - a. Constance McIntosh, Cresson, High School Aide, effective May 30, 2024, after 19+ years of service
 - b. Debora Rabatin, Lilly, Primary School Aide, effective July 31, 2024, after 31+ years of service
 2. Accept Resignations
 - a. Brandon Ickes, Portage, Junior High Baseball Volunteer, retroactive to January 6, 2024
 - b. Michael Noel, Dysart, High School 2nd Shift Custodian, retroactive to January 17, 2024
 - c. Jeramie Yeoman, Lilly, Head Varsity Golf Coach, retroactive to January 30, 2024
 3. Approve Appointments, effective pending documentation
 - a. Nicholas Brugh, Johnstown, Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach
 - b. Trista Wyland, Ashville, Volunteer Varsity Softball Coach
 4. Approve Appointments
 - a. IU08 Substitute Teachers
 - i. Catherine Duman, Hastings, effective pending documentation
 - ii. Morgan O'Neill, Duncansville, effective pending documentation
 - iii. Charles Terek, Cresson, effective July 20, 2024
 - b. Substitute Teacher
 - i. Morghan Krug, Loretto, effective pending documentation

- c. School Social Worker
 - i. Retain Kayla Galebach, Loretto, School Social Worker, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year
 - d. McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Driver, effective pending documentation
 - i. Deanna Gority, Dysart
- B. APPROVED ADMISSION for non-resident student #300031 and authorize the Business Administrator to invoice tuition as per Board Policy #607.
- VI. Authorized the Administration to work with PFM Financial Advisors LLC, as Financial Advisor, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel, and the local Solicitor in conjunction with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2024 in the approximate amount of \$9,995,000 for the purpose of funding the new money needs of the District via a competitive internet auction.
- VII. Approved the updated Penn Cambria School District Guidance Plan, per PA 339, for 2024 through 2027.
- VIII. Approved Katlin Little, Gallitzin, as Penn Cambria School District Athletic Director under a 5-year 220-day contract, effective July 1, 2024, at an annual salary of \$45,000.
- IX. Approved an agreement with SitelogIQ, Energy Services Company (ESCO), for Investment Grade Audit (IGA) Services to provide a guaranteed energy savings performance contract.
- X. Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policies:
 - A. 610 - Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
 - B. 611 - Purchases Budgeted
 - C. 626 Attachment - Procurement – Federal Programs
- XI. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - A. First Reading of New, Revised, or Board Policies for Review:
 - 1. 810 - Transportation
- XII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT - Scott Sherry, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance, reported to the Board of Directors on three major projects that took place throughout the district over the past year.

Windows at the high school were upgraded using ARP ESSER funding. Schneider Electric was the project manager of this Guaranteed Energy Savings project and awarded the competitive bid to Modern Art Plate and Glass, at a cost of \$565,050. This project began after the last day of school and finished before the return of students, without any disruption. These windows are a huge upgrade for ventilation, security, and provide more natural light into the classrooms. The total number of windows replaced during this project was eighty-two and there are still twelve additional windows that need upgraded.

An energy saving lighting project at the intermediate and middle schools that replaced fluorescent lights with LED bulbs took place over the summer of 2023. With a rebate provided, the district was able secure four-foot LED bulbs at price of twenty-five cents each, that usually cost anywhere from four to seven dollars per bulb. The District custodial staff replaced these bulbs so there were no additional installation costs. The new bulbs will save on electric costs and provide better light for students than the existing fluorescent bulbs. After completion of the LED upgrade, Scott Electric contacted the district and was able to provide one thousand additional LED bulbs at no cost. These additional bulbs will be used throughout the district as needed.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, there were mechanical malfunctions on three-unit ventilator air dampers at the middle and high school buildings, causing the heating coils to freeze. When the copper lines on the coils froze, they expanded, and caused the metal to split. Once the units thawed, water started to flow, causing major flooding damage to classrooms in both schools. As a result, the high school was closed for one day and the middle school relocated students to different classrooms. Servpro was onsite within a half hour to begin the mitigation work of removing water and salvaging contents. Servpro provided an inventory list for the insurance company of all classroom contents affected by water damage. All classrooms reopened except for two at the high school, due to the severity of the damage. Restoration is scheduled for the summer of 2024, so there will be no disruptions for students.