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This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, March 19, 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board entered into executive session to discuss personnel.
- III. Mr. Sheehan stated that an executive session was held to discuss an incident involving a current Board member and the Board's options relating to it.
- IV. Approved a motion requesting the resignation of Board member, Anthony Dziabo, effective immediately.
- V. SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
Congratulations to the following wrestlers who placed at PIAA District VI Championships: 2nd - Trent Hoover, 3rd - Andrew Mardula, and 3rd - Nick Summerville.

Congratulations to Rocco Dzurko who placed 3rd in the 200-yard Swimming and Diving District VI Championships.

One of the two Penn Cambria Bocce Ball teams took 2nd place at districts. Members of the second-place team were Douglas Brown, Seth Conrad, Kayla Galovich, Thomas Jones, Kayden McMullen, Emme Myers, Marisa Rabatin, Eli Summerville, and Kirk Yahnert.

Congratulations to the following Band students who successfully auditioned:

District Jazz - Modern Band: Colin Berkheimer and Collin Borlie

Region Band: Camryn Ashworth, Hailey Farabaugh, Aliyah Golden, Emma Hazlett, Christina Myers, and Mya Weisinger

All-State Band: Emma Hazlett and Mya Weisinger

Congratulations to the Forensics Team who won both the District and Regional Championship Titles.

District medalists: ** Qualified to states

Extemporaneous: 1st - **Joseph Hite, 2nd - **Colin Berkheimer

Commentary: 2nd - **Haelyn Singer, 3rd - Caleb Piszczek

Informative: Auto-Qualified to states with a perfect win record over the regular season - **Jelana

Boldizar, 3rd -Hudson Farabaugh, 1st -** Brian Wu

Persuasive: 3rd - Lauren Riley, 1st -**Addyson Ehredt

Dramatic Interp: 1st - **Austin Gray

Humorous Interp: 1st - **Belle Eckenrode

Poetry: 3rd - Samantha Borlie

Program of Oral Interpretation: 1st - **Lachlan Lewis

Oratorical Declamation: 1st - Harlie Racz (not a state category)

Regional medalists: ** Qualified to nationals

Commentary: 3rd - Caleb Piszczek, 1st - **Haelyn Singer

Informative: 2nd -** Brian Wu, 1st - **Jelana Boldizar

Persuasive: 2nd - **Addyson Ehredt

Dramatic Interp: 2nd - ** Lachlan Lewis, 1st - ** Austin Gray

Humorous Interp: 1st - **Belle Eckenrode
Poetry: 3rd - Samantha Borlie
Oratorical Declamation: 2nd - **Chloe Rose, 1st - Harlie Racz

- VI. Approved the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:
- A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS
1. Accept Resignations
 - a. Nancy Cassisi, Lilly, Substitute Teacher, effective March 5, 2024
 - b. Catherine Duman, Hastings, IU08 Substitute Teacher, effective February 28, 2024
 - c. Makaela Stanek, Patton, High School English Teacher, Yearbook Co-Advisor, Junior-Senior Class Co-Advisor, Assistant Bocce Ball Coach, and Clay Target Club Advisor, effective at the close of the 2023-2024 school year
 - d. Christina Knott, Hollidaysburg, Pre-Primary Paraeducator, effective March 22, 2024
 2. Remove Volunteer Coaches, effective immediately
 - a. Kiersten Davis, State College, Volunteer Softball Coach
 - b. Andrew Jones, Lilly, Volunteer Baseball Coach
 - c. Ashley Urish, Gallitzin, Volunteer Cheer Coach
 3. Approve Substitute Teachers, effective pending documentation
 - a. Jennie Bastian, Cresson, IU08
 - b. James Miller, Ashville, IU08
 - c. Melissa Rajnish, Cresson
 - d. Jessica Secriskey, Cresson, IU08
 4. Approve Appointments
 - a. Jane Burkholder, Hollidaysburg, School Psychologist, 205-day Act 93 position at a salary of \$83,500.00 (prorated for days worked in 2023-24), effective on or about May 20, 2024
 - b. Leigh Casher, Cresson, Primary School Substitute Teacher, retroactive to March 8, 2024 through April 1, 2024
 - c. Thomas Creehan, Cresson, Junior High Co-Ed Soccer Coach, at a stipend of \$3,370.00, effective pending documentation
 - d. James Dunlap, Ebensburg, Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach, effective pending documentation
 - e. Katelyn Seese, Ashville, from Volunteer to Assistant Varsity Cheer Coach, at a stipend of \$1,931.20, effective with the start of the 2024-2025 season
 - f. Dave Urish, Gallitzin, Volunteer Junior High Softball Coach, effective pending documentation
 5. Approve McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Drivers, effective pending documentation
 - a. Timothy Seymore, Cresson
 - b. John Risban, Cresson
- B. CURRICULUM MAP
1. HS Psychology (1/2 credit elective)
- VII. Deemed Junior High Co-Ed Soccer as a Penn Cambria School District sport, with a district paid stipend of up to \$3,370.00 for the head coach position, all other costs incurred will be the responsibility of the team's booster club.
- VIII. Approved the purchase and installation of door controller systems from Empire Communications based on successful bid at a cost not to exceed \$38,972.00, with funding to be provided by the PCCD School Safety and Security grant and the 2023-2024 PCCD School District Meritorious Safety Grant.
- IX. Approved the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget for IU08 including a total contribution of \$173,000.00 from 35 participating school districts: Penn Cambria's share estimate at \$4,875.96.
- X. Approved participation in the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 E-rate Consortium for the procurement of Internet services.
- XI. Approved participation in the cooperative bidding program coordinated by Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for the purpose of purchasing paper supplies for 2024-25 and thereafter.

- XII. Adopted a resolution, as presented by Bond Counsel, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.00, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Unit Debt Act, for the purpose of providing funds for capital improvements to School District facilities.
- XIII. Authorized the opening of an account with The Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) for purposes of investing the proceeds of the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2024, in accordance with Policy 609 and Section 440.1 of the Public School Code of 1949 as amended and supplemented by Act 10 of 2016 and the Local Government Unit Debt Act.
- XIV. Approved the adoption of new textbook for High School Psychology - Psychology High School 3rd Edition by William J. Elmhorst and Mary Spilis c2023 Pearson at an approximate one-time cost of \$6,330.00.
- XV. Approved the adoption of MyView by Savvas c2025 textbook for grades 3-5 English Language Arts classes at an approximate cost of \$53,115.00. This includes teacher materials and a three-year consumable print and digital student subscription for each grade level.
- XVI. Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policy:
 - A. 810 - Transportation
- XVII. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - A. FIRST READING OF NEW, REVISED, OR BOARD POLICIES FOR REVIEW:
 - 1. 200 - Enrollment of Students
 - 2. 202 - Eligibility of Non-Resident Students
 - 3. 217 - Graduation
 - 4. 217 AR - Graduation Requirements
 - 5. 254 - Educational Opportunity for Military Children
 - B. FIRST READING OF THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR (proposed)