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# BOARD REPORT

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This report summarizes the actions taken by the Penn Cambria Board of Education at its regular meeting, May 21, 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. SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

Elementary Artwork - Adeline Bartley, Raelyn Bednarski, Juliana Bianconi, Jolene Burns, Owen Dickson, Kailyn Diehl, Arlo Eckenrode, Bradun Gides, Penelope Gmuca, Kyla Illig, Sophia Kittell, Lydia Kos, Maddox Lingenfelter, Aiden Martin, Rylan Shaffer, Greyson Toyne, and Adalyn Yahner

Middle School Artwork

SAMA - Mia Balzano, Bryn Conrad, Brady Diehl, Abigail Gongloff, Daniel Hanlon, Aubrey Karlheim, Jackson Lidwell, Katie Marana, Emma Parker, and Natalie Rossman

ART IN BLOOM - Kyla Adams, Gabriel Baugus, Ryan Dreese, Kyle Eger, Micheal Feathers, Laylah Getz, Landon Klatt, Makylie McMullen, Samara Piotti, Aubrey Strait, and Olivia Westrick

1<sup>st</sup> place winners: Abigail Gongloff, Zoey Link, Kendall McConnell, and Madilyn Olienyk

CRESSON LEGION 1<sup>st</sup> place winner - Ryan Dreese

High School Artwork - Camryn Ashworth, Korena Behe, Spencer Bukowski, Sara Capraun, Seth Conrad, Benjamin Detrick, Presley Koegler, Haylee Singer, and Jessie Skura

SAMA - Madison Farabaugh, Haley Lowery, Alainna Lynch, Ellianna Plewa, Sarah Porter, Lydia Riggleman, and Alaina Toth

ART IN BLOOM - Rhett Baker, Emily Ball, Eden Darity, Avery Glass, Lucy Mastri, Kaylee Raytay

II. SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - Congratulations to the following basketball athletes who were named to the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference All Conference Team for the 2024 sports season: Isabelle Andersen and Easton Semelsberger

III. HEARING OF VISITORS – There were no questions, concerns, comments, related to school business.

IV. Approved a two-year agreement effective July 1, 2024 with OneAmerica to provide Life insurance coverage for all eligible employees and Long Term Disability insurance coverage for three support staff members. These benefit plans will continue to be administered in compliance with all employment agreements.

V. Approved the re-enactment of Per Capita Tax under School Code of 1949 as well as Act 511 taxes (real estate transfer, earned income, gainfully employed, per capita and local services tax).

VI. Awarded the bids for gasoline, diesel, and heating oil to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:  
Gasoline – Friday Gas & Oil, Inc.  
Diesel – Petroleum Traders Corporation  
Heating Oil – Friday Gas & Oil, Inc.

VII. Approved the Superintendent's recommendations as follows:

A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

1. Accept Resignations, effective immediately

- a. Mark Mardula, Head 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade football coach
- b. Dominic Ricupero, Assistant 9<sup>th</sup> grade football coach
- c. Matthew Pyo, Volunteer football coach
2. Approve Appointments
  - a. John Yogus, Hollidaysburg, Middle School Science Teacher, M+30 Step TOP, \$76,378, effective at the start of the 2024-2025 school year
  - b. Amanda Decker, Cresson, Food Service Worker, Location to be determined, effective August 7, 2024
  - c. Kayla Imler, Altoona, Substitute Teacher, effective pending documentation
3. Approve Extended School Year Staff
  - a. Teachers:
    - i. Kristen Kargo
    - ii. Lauren Madonna
    - iii. Abby Mento
    - iv. Adrienne Rabatin
    - v. Kristin Talko
  - b. Speech Therapist
    - i. Alexandra Williams
  - c. Aides:
    - i. Susan Baum
    - ii. Nickole Bender
    - iii. Joo Hanlon
    - iv. Cherri Heiss
    - v. Robin Lappi
    - vi. Lynn Lassak
    - vii. Rhonda Macalus
    - viii. Debora Rabatin
    - ix. Stacey Russian
    - x. Kimberly Thomas
  - d. Nurse:
    - i. Christina Plouse
  - e. Subs:
    - i. Marie Cattoi
    - ii. Maura Smay
    - iii. Michele Smith
    - iv. Any additional teacher, aide, or nurse in our current staff
4. Approve McIlwain School Bus Lines, Inc. Driver
  - a. Nicole McCloskey, Cresson, effective pending documentation

- VIII. A Proposed Final Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, was adopted and will be advertised and made available for public review at least twenty (20) days prior to final adoption.
- IX. Set millage rate at 64.90 mills for School District property in Cambria County. Property in Blair County will be taxed at 9.08 mills. These mill rates are in compliance with Section 24 of the Public School Code 6-672.1 (re-balancing).
- X. Authorized the homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions for the school year beginning July 1, 2024.
- XI. Requested a Public-School Facility Improvement grant not to exceed \$5,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for replacement of domestic water piping, pneumatic control systems, fire alarm system, switchboard, panelboards and generator at the Penn Cambria High School.
- XII. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Penn Cambria School District and Community Action Partnership of Cambria County (CAPCC) Early Childhood Program as a Head Start provider for the purpose of coordinating mutually beneficial activities between the District and Head Start as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act.

XIII. Approved the following as Fitness Center Coordinators:

	NAME	DATE	STIPEND
a.	James Ronan	August 1, 2024 – November 1, 2024	\$1,500
b.	Andrew Tomaselli	November 1, 2024 – February 1, 2025	\$1,500
c.	Nicholas Felus	February 1, 2025 – May 1, 2025	\$1,500
d.	Nicholas Wanyo	May 1, 2025 – August 1, 2025	\$1,500

XIV. Approved a Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) contract with SitelogIQ for the completion of roofing work at the High School and Middle School. The total value of the GESA is \$3,987,724.

XV. Appointed *Jeffrey Stohon* as Treasurer of the Penn Cambria School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

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

- a. 609 - Investment of District Funds
- b. 815.2 - District Social Media

XVII. Matthew Kearney thanked Mr. Marshall for his years of service and congratulated him on a well-deserved retirement.