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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, August 20, 2024. Routine business, such as approval of agenda, minutes, treasurer's reports, and payment of bills was accomplished. The Board also took the following actions and approved the following resolutions:

I. SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following students who placed 2nd at the 2024 Cambria County Envirothon:
Cody Farabaugh, Austin Gray, Caleb Piszczek, Sophia Rabatin, and Brian Wu

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

III. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

FINAL STATEMENT WITH TAX COLLECTORS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors, pending the final audit, concur in the settlement with tax collectors for the 2023 school duplicate in accordance with the TAX COLLECTION SETTLEMENT FOR 2023-2024 DUPLICATE REPORTS, a copy of which shall be made a part of the school district's official files.

ACCEPTANCE OF TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL EXONERATION REPORTS

RESOLVED: That the annual exoneration reports of the tax collectors, submitted for the 2023-2024 school year, be accepted; settlement with the collectors pending review of records by the Business Office and school district auditor.

SET SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE FOR GRADE 5 FOR 2024-2025

RESOLVED: That the school lunch price for grade 5 be set at \$2.00 for the 2024-2025 school term.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BID AWARDS – HEATING OIL AND COAL

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors award the 2024-2025 Middle School bids for heating oil and coal to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

Heating Oil – Petroleum Traders Corporation

Coal – Penn Keystone Coal Co., LLC

BID AWARD - CAFETERIA EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors award the bid for the purchase of cafeteria equipment to Gerald Sherry & Associates, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$100,209.00. The purchase will be made by The Nutrition Group and payments will be made by the District in accordance with the Food Service Management Contract.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent's recommendations be approved as follows:

A. Personnel Actions

1. Accept Resignations

a. Marie Cattoi, Elmora, Special Education Teacher, effective June 26, 2024

b. Amanda Decker, Cresson, Food Service Worker, effective August 14, 2024

c. Joelle Hanlon, Gallitzin, Special Education Teacher, effective July 26, 2024

d. Brittany Mogollon, Assistant Marching Band Director, effective immediately

e. Tonya Niebauer, Cresson, School Nurse, effective July 30, 2024

f. James Ronan, Ashville, Head Varsity Baseball Coach, effective immediately

g. Stacey Russian, Lilly, Aide, effective July 30, 2024

h. Adam Smearman, Altoona, Dean of Students/Gifted Education Teacher, effective August 7, 2024

- i. Hanna Stoudnour, Lilly, Part Time Custodian, effective August 7, 2024
 - j. Natalie Watt, Ashville, Special Education Teacher, effective July 12, 2024
2. Approve Appointments
- a. Kiana Brink, Ashville, School Nurse under Emergency Permit Type 01 with an educational obligation to pursue certification as per CSPG #13, effective immediately, Bachelor Step 1 salary of \$41,638, pro-rated from effective date
 - b. Isabella Burkhart, Portage, High School Aide, effective pending documentation
 - c. Leigh Casher, Cresson, Intermediate School Aide, effective with the start of the 2024-2025 school year
 - d. Hannah Fitzsimmons, Cresson, Volunteer Junior High Volleyball Coach, effective pending documentation
 - e. Nancy Fochler, Altoona, Co-Bocce Ball Coach, at a stipend of \$500, effective immediately
 - f. Mackenzie Kearney, Cresson, from High School Floating Secretary to Primary School Aide, effective immediately
 - g. Morghan Krug, Loretto, Elementary Special Education Teacher, Bachelors Step 1, \$41,638, effective at the start of the 2024-2025 school year
 - h. Debbie Love, Gallitzin, High School Aide, effective pending documentation
 - i. Rhonda Myers, Ashville, High School Floating Secretary, retroactive to August 19, 2024
 - j. David Piszczek, Cresson, Head Varsity Softball Coach, at a stipend of \$3,958, effective pending documentation
 - k. Susan Plummer, Cresson, Elementary Special Education Teacher, Masters Step 18, \$71,838, effective pending release from current employment
 - l. Stephanie Rossman, Assistant Marching Band Director, at a stipend of \$1,794, effective immediately
 - m. Lois Smith, Lilly, Middle School Aide, effective with the start of the 2024-2025 school year
 - n. Nevaya Wilt, Gallitzin, Aide, location to be determined, effective pending documentation
3. Approve Substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year, pending documentation
- a. Nonpublic Title 1 Teachers
 - i. Deletions are as follows:
 - 1. Amy Dietrich, Loretto
 - 2. Amanda Zaliznock, Cresson
 - b. Substitute Teachers
 - i. Deletions are as follows:
 - 1. Hannah Ernest, Portage
 - 2. Morghan Krug, Loretto
 - ii. Additions are as follows:
 - 1. Brooke Litzinger, Johnstown
 - 2. Marissa Vinglish, Dysart
 - c. IU08 Substitute Teachers
 - i. Deletions are as follows:
 - 1. Leigh Casher, Cresson
 - d. Substitute Aide/Secretary
 - i. Additions are as follows:
 - 1. Margo Buck, Ashville
4. Approve School Bus Drivers for the 2024-2025 school year
- a. Deletions are as follows:
 - i. Sherry Adams, Gallitzin
 - ii. Adam Burick, Portage
 - iii. Roger Cavalet, Dysart
 - iv. Merle Conley, Lilly
 - v. Eileen Durbin, Cresson
 - vi. Lee Erickson, Ebensburg
 - vii. Joseph Gallagher, Loretto
 - viii. Deanna Gority, Dysart
 - ix. Robert Hobba, Mineral Point
 - x. Mary Kumpf, Cresson

- xi. Pat McConnell, Dysart
 - xii. Wesley Miller, Portage
 - xiii. Lloyed Rummel, Gallitzin
 - xiv. Thomas Schettig, Cresson
 - xv. Sandy Vinglas, Gallitzin
5. Award Tenure
- a. Abby Mento
6. Approve Mentors for the 2024-2025 school year, stipend per PCEA contract:
- | <u>Professional Staff</u> | <u>Mentor</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
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| John Yogus | Andrew Tomaselli | \$250 |
| Derrick Eckenrode | Heather Kerfonta | \$250 |
| Susan Plummer | Jessica Wyland | \$250 |
| Morghan Krug (Induction) | Bryan Marra | \$500/yr for 2 yrs |
- B. Approve Student Handbooks
- C. Approve the Athletic Code of Conduct

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TARGETED SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (TSI) PLAN

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the 2024-2025 Title 1 Targeted School Improvement (TSI) Schoolwide plan for Penn Cambria Intermediate School.

ELEMENTARY K-4 DIGITAL LITERACY COMPUTER UNIT MAPS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the Elementary K-4 Digital Literacy Computer Unit Maps.

PRE-K COUNTS FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the Pre-K Counts Flexible Instructional Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

SURVEY PARTICIPATION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve the participation in the following surveys in various grade levels/classrooms:

- A. Safe Touches (*if applicable*)
- B. Botvin Lifeskills Grades 6-8 for United Way

MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY SERVICES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with Alternative Community Resource Program to provide school-based student mental health counseling services for the 2024-2025 school year.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with Impact Counseling Services, LLC to provide school-based drug and alcohol services for the 2024-2025 school year.

SCHOOL-AGE EDUCATION PROGRAM AND SERVICES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for school-age education programs and services, effective August 1, 2024.

COMMUNITY GUIDANCE CENTER

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with Community Guidance Center to provide school-based student mental health counseling services for the 2024-2025 school year funded by 23-24 PCCD Meritorious Safety and School Mental Health grants.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve to hold a public hearing of the Board to consider the permanent closure and/or reconfiguration of the Intermediate School Building.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve to hold a public hearing of the Board to consider the permanent closure and/or reconfiguration of the Middle School Building.

ADMINISTRATIVE RE-ASSIGNMENTS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors approve the following administrative re-assignments effective with the start of the 2024-2025 school year:

- A. Dr. Joseph Smorto, Principal grades PreK-5
- B. Mr. Dane Harrold, Principal grades 6-8
- C. Mr. Justin Wheeler, Assistant Principal grades PK-8

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

RESOLVED: The Board of Directors approve a \$2,500 salary increase for Dr. Joseph Smorto, Elementary School Principal, effective for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER CONTRACT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approve revision of the School Police Officer contract with *Mr. Shawn Dishong*, Gallitzin, effective immediately.

E-SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors grant Jaime Hartline, Superintendent, electronic signatory power with the Pennsylvania Department of Education as per the attached resolution.

GESA CONTRACT AMENDMENT 2 – WATER DAMAGE REPAIRS AT HIGH SCHOOL

RESOLVED: The Board of Directors approve an Amendment to the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) contract with SitelogIQ for asbestos tile remediation and new flooring for select areas and a new unit ventilator for Room 209. These select areas were impacted by a November 2023 water leak initiated in Room 209 at the High School. The total value of the GESA Amendment is \$156,518.

VI. FIRST READING OF NEW, REVISED, OR BOARD POLICIES FOR REVIEW:

- A. 103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Student
- B. 103.1 – Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities
- C. 104 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff
- D. 234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students
- E. 247 – Hazing
- F. 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
- G. 252 – Dating Violence
- H. 317.1 – Educator Misconduct
- I. 336 – Personal Necessity Leave
- J. 339 – Uncompensated Leave
- K. 807 – Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays
- L. 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Revised Administrative Regulations:
 - 1. 122-AR – Academic Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities
 - 2. 123-AR-1 – Academic Eligibility for Interscholastic Activities
 - 3. 204-AR – Attendances and Absences
 - 4. 204-AR – Attachment-Educational Trips
- B. Retire Administrative Regulation
 - 1. 123-AR-2 – Athletic Coaches

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Lewis Hale, Director of Technology, informed the Board of Directors regarding technology updates that occurred over the past year such as: the intercom replacement at PC Intermediate School; digital hall passes at

the High School and Middle School; Windows 11 compatibility upgrades; Axis door controller installation including entry tag, video sensors, and audible alarm; movement of Federal ECF laptops to third grade classrooms; return of laptops from graduated seniors; and the realignment of laptop carts due to 5th and 6th grade location changes.