

BOARD MINUTES

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M., ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Scherer presided.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Recker, Paules, Gildner, Haas, Harry, Smale, Scherer and Yeakel
Absent: Director Debski

**OTHER
ATTENDANCE**

Scot Engler - Superintendent, Deb Scheckler – Board Secretary, Attorney John Audi – Solicitor, Ryan Kish – Business Manager

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Thanked Leon George for the opening night football game transportation
- Delayed state budget causes issues with our SHINE budget
- Will try and work this into our funds. Would like to increase our participation at the middle school program.
- Hosting Rep. Heffley’s drug and alcohol program this year
- Received a request from Towamensing Township for a salt shed near our property

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- No State Budget
- August subsidy payments received, September’s slightly delayed, and future payments still uncertain
- The Act 1 base index released by PDE for the 2018-19 school year is 2.4%
Adjusted index will be released by September 30th

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Joe Faenza

- Explained the change orders that are on the agenda and what projects they are for

Dan Heaney

- Saved \$20,000 with this change order

Audrey Larvey

- Questioned the change orders and whether the project is within our budget
- Questioned the approval of Therapeutic services

**APPROVED
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Gildner that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the following consent agenda with the exception of the baseball coaches, which are being tabled.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the August 15, 2017 and the September 5, 2017 meetings.

**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

Approve the financial reports listed below: (attachments on file)

- TREASURER’S REPORTS
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
- BUDGET TRANSFERS

THEATRICAL

Approve the R&H Theatricals License Agreement for the performance of The Sound of

LICENSE AGREEMENT

Music scheduled for April 2018.

WAIVE REPAYMENT

Waive repayment of June food service payroll and accruals to the General Fund that occurred in the 2016-17 school year as a result of the deficit created by participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program.

SERVICES CONTRACT

Palmerton Area School District to approve the Therapy Services Contract with Pediatric Therapeutic Services for the 2017-2018 school year. (attachment on file)

TUITION RE-IMBURSEMENT

Approve the attached tuition reimbursement.

RESIGNATION

Accept the resignation of Zach Christman from the position of 1/2 Assistant Wrestling Coach, effectively immediately.

CO-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

Approve the following Co-curricular positions for the 2017-2018 school year:

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| • Dan Beck | Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach | Volunteer |
| • Zach Christman | Volunteer Wrestling Coach | Volunteer |
| • Zach Svetik | Volunteer Cross Country Coach | Volunteer |
| • Jonathan Smith | Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach | Volunteer |
| • Justin Petersen | Assistant Baseball Coach | TABLED |
| • Kelly Bollinger | Assistant Baseball Coach | TABLED |
| • Brian Taschler | Head Baseball Coach | TABLED |

End of Consent Agenda

CHANGE ORDERS APPROVED

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Harry for the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District to approve Change Order Number 001, George J. Hayden Electric, and Project #1043615.004. The contract sum will be increased by this change order in the amount of \$48,834.00, and the new contract sum including this change order will be \$1,042,434.00.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Smale for the Board of Directors of Palmerton Area School District to approve Change Order Number 002, George J. Hayden Electric, Project #1043615.004. The contract sum will be increased by this change order in the amount of \$11,452.00, and the new contract sum including this change order will be \$1,053,886.00.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Haas for the Board of Directors of Palmerton Area School District to approve Change Order Number 003, George J. Hayden Electric, Project #1043615.004. The contract sum will be increased by this change order in the amount of \$26,296.00, and the new contract sum including this change order will be \$1,080,182.00.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- Enrollment, August 31, 2017
- LCCC Board Meeting Minutes , August 3, 2017
- LCCC President's Desk Newsletter, September 2017
- 2017 Yearbook
- Board Summary

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Brenda McGrath

- Expressed the concern as to the condemnation of the students' walk out
- Spoke in support of Mrs. Husar

Sharon Westerman

- Reported some of the great things happening in our school district
- Teachers have gone 436 days without a contract

Jessyca Fredericks

- Questions about the Javelin area being finished and the parking on the area

Jeff Henry

- Questioned the path forward from the suspension of Mrs. Husar; Attorney John Audi explained the process
- Questions on resetting the negotiation board

Kathy Fallow

- Questions on the Special Ed Teacher advertisement
- Question about the District staying compliant

Pat Hillenbrandt

- Question on the parking lot drainage issue
- Question on the area between the fence and the bleacher and water puddles
- Frustrated with the Husar suspension handling, should have been told who was in charge
- Expressed concern on the early start times of the sports

George Ashman

- Questioned on the progress of the students once they graduated

Audrey Larvey

- Questioned on the long term sub for the Special Ed position
- Question on negotiation dates

Danielle Paules

- Questions about the student drop-off times
- Protest questions and wasn't all peaceful

Ken Sutton

- Had a problem with the Superintendent and the Solicitor not attending the special last minute meeting
- Questioned the cost of the arbitrator and the fee for the solicitor to write up the letter \$3,750 dollars for the arbitration

John Audi

- Negotiator wanted the district and the union to work through it

Lori Nemeth

- Questions about the tabling of the baseball coaches

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director Scherer thanked the teachers at Parkside for their extra concern with their students

ADJOURNMENT

Director Yeakel moved, seconded by Director Gildner that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler
Board Secretary