

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PALMERTON, PA.  
October 20, 2015

**BOARD MINUTES**

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY, October 20, 2015  
CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 6:32 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHER  
ATTENDANCE**

Scot Engler - Superintendent, Deb Scheckler – Board Secretary, Matt Sawarynski – Business Manager, Attorney Evans – Solicitor

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

- Day 111 – State Budget still has not been passed
- Affecting the SHINE program, our District is still not being affected
- As per the Standard Speaker, PDE has not updated their plan in 6 years
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop cancelled

**STUDENT REPORT:** Tyra Wentz

- Student Council prepared for Spirit Week
- Junior class is having a Sub sale
- Book Club is having “Coffee House of Horrors”
- Class of 2008 is having a Krispy Kreme donut sale
- Food Drive
- Homecoming Dance was on October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Animal Costume photo contest
- Lollipop sale
- FBLA has 80 members competing this year
- NHS applications due on October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Marching band has been busy with pep rally and parades
- Drama Club and stage crew are preparing for next performance
- Scholastic 6 will compete against Bethlehem Catholic
- Blood Drive coming up

**BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:**

- No state budget
- We are working on the 2016-2017 District Budget
- Audit should be complete

**CONSENT  
AGENDA  
APPROVED**

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Myers that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the following consent agenda.

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

**Consent Agenda**

**MINUTES**

Approve the minutes from the September 15, 2015 meeting.  
(attachments on file)

**FINANCIAL  
REPORTS**

Approve the financial reports listed below:

- TREASURER’S REPORTS (attachment on file)
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (attachment on file)
- BUDGET TRANSFERS (attachment on file)
- GRANTS (attachment on file)

**RESIGNATIONS**

Accept the resignation of Matthew Sawarynski as Business Manager, effective November 25, 2015.

Accept the resignation of Rebecca Sabo as Art Club Advisor, effective immediately.

**REMOVE  
SUBSTITUTE**

Remove Jennifer Figueroa from all substitute lists effective immediately.

**EXTRA  
CURRICULAR  
POSITIONS**

Approve the following extra-curricular positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Miranda Allen            Co-Advisor Art Club
- Lyndsey Heinrich       Co-Advisor Art Club
- Ashley Hummer        Co-Advisor Environmental Club
- Katie McCarroll        Co-Advisor Environmental Club
- Zachary Christman     Volunteer Wrestling Coach
- Jacob Christman        Volunteer Wrestling Coach
- Bronwyn Cseh           Assistant Track Coach
- Austin Cseh             Assistant Track Coach
- Jim Hay                  Assistant Track Coach
- William Stoudt         Assistant Track Coach
- Frank Jacobs            Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
- Kerry Jahelka           Volunteer Conditioning Coach

**SUBSTITUTES**

Approve the following substitutes:

- Jodi Funk                Substitute Teacher

Approve Melissa Maupin as a long-term substitute, for Michael Lengle, at the rate of \$43,982, prorated, Bachelors, Step 1, through the end of the 2015-2016 school year, effective January 4, 2016.

**CONFERENCE**

Approve Suzanne Rentschler to attend the EPASEAC Conference at Hershey on October 22 and 23, 2015, at a cost to the District of \$292.00

**TUITION RE-  
IMBURSEMENTS**

Approve the attached tuition reimbursements. (attachment on file)

**CLUB TRIP  
CHANGE**

Approve the change of the 2017 International Travelers’ Club trip from China to Europe.

**CONTRACT**

Approve the Contract of Agreement – Clear Motion, Audio, & Design for DJ services for school dances sponsored by National Junior Honor Society Activity Club for 2015-2016 school year as indicated.

**End of Consent Agenda**

**BOND  
RESOLUTION  
APPROVED**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the resolution incurring nonelectoral debt to be evidenced by one or more series of general obligation bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of twenty-one million dollars (\$21,000,000), to currently refund the school district’s outstanding general obligation bonds, Series A of 2010, construction additions and improvements to the Junior High School and Senior High School buildings and, to the extent of any remaining funds, other capital projects, and pay related costs; accepting a proposal for purchase of the bonds; setting forth the parameters, substantial form of, and conditions to, issuing the bonds; pledging the full faith, credit and taxing power of this school district to secure the bonds; providing for redemption and retirement of the refunded bonds; appointing a paying agent and sinking fund depository; and approving related documents and actions. (attachment on file)

Aye Votes: Directors Recker, Gildner, Smale, Myers, Harry, Haas, and Yeakel  
Nay Votes: Director Scherer. Motion Carried

**INSURANCE  
RENEWAL  
APPROVED**

Director Yeakel moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the insurance renewal, effective November 12, 2015 as follows:

- General Liability including Boiler and Automobile - AIG Insurance \$101,243
- School Board Legal Liability - Old Republic Insurance \$17,171
- Excess Liability (\$7,000,000 limit) - AIG Insurance \$14,930
- Cyber Liability - Travelers \$6,900

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

**ENGINEERING  
PROPOSAL  
APPROVED**

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors approve the proposal from Barry Isett and Associates, Inc. for multi-discipline engineering for the junior high addition and interior renovations. (attachment on file)

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

**SECOND  
READING AND  
APPROVE  
POLICIES  
APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Myers that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District accept the second readings of and approve the following policies:

- Policy 222 Pupils Tobacco Use
- Policy 323 Administrative Employees Tobacco Use
- Policy 423 Professional Employees Tobacco Use
- Policy 523 Classified Employees Tobacco Use

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

**ACCEPT  
DONATION  
APPROVED**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District accept the donation from the Palmerton Youth Wrestling Association for Kwik Stick mats, installation, blocking primer, and white epoxy totaling \$10,232.47.

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

**INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)**

- Enrollment, September 30, 2015
- LCCC Board Minutes, September 3, 2015
- LCCC President's Desk, October 2015
- Board Summary

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Charles Laviolette

- Student Council made a much appreciated donation to the Palmerton Library
- At the Powder Puff game the band played the alma Mater and the football players high fived them
- Coloring for Adults being held at the Palmerton Library
- Handcrafted Items auction is coming up
- Charter school will put on a play
- Book signing by Bill Allison
- Christmas Sing-a-long will be held
- Art Show and luncheon coming up
- Bag Sale

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Mr. George Ashman

- Concerns about the Districts low PSSA scores

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Barry Scherer suggested that the District look to see if the backstop at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Field can have the top extended
- Tammy Recker expressed that the anonymous letters the Board has been receiving be signed in order to follow up with answers

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Gildner that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Scheckler  
Board Secretary