

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA.
October 21, 2014

BOARD MINUTES

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M. AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING, TODAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014 CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 6:42 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Debski, Gildner, Haas, Harry, Myers, Recker, Scherer, Smale and Yeakel
Absent: None

**OTHER
ATTENDANCE**

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Boys' soccer team received a nice email from another team's parents with positive remarks.
- Dan is doing a great job keeping up with the reporting to the state
- Mrs. Palumbo and Mrs. Danzeisen held FBLA at Palmerton
- Health Tab on the District website concerning health concerns as a resource for parents
- Custodial staff wiping down everything
- Friday 27 regional 21 Workshop
- Superintendents met to talk about cyber school concerns

STUDENT REPORT: Madison Mummey

- Student Council ready for Spirit Week
- Homecoming court introduced
- Band this year
- Book Club House of Horrors
- Family Promise – Leo Club contributed a food drive
- FBLA 80 members active this year with fundraisers
- NHS volunteering at the soup kitchen
- Band preparing for concert
- Drama Club preparing for Dec show

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

- On 10/7/14 PDE released the adjusted index for 2015-2016 Budget at 2.6 for PASD down from 2.8 in 2014-2015
- 1.3635 millage increase without approved exceptions
- Base Index is 1.9%
- House Bill 1590 – Tax collector Training; Local tax collectors are required to take basic training and pass an exam before taking Oath of Office. Passed in House and Senate; sent to Governor

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion was held on whether there was a need for a one year or five year plan for the District. This is something that can be discussed at the November Workshop

**APPROVED
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Scherer 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 16, 2014 meeting. (attachment on file)
- FINANCIAL REPORTS** Approve the financial reports listed below: (attachments on file)
- TREASURER’S REPORTS
 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 - BUDGET TRANSFERS
 - GRANTS
- EXTRA CURRICULAR POSITIONS** Approve the following extracurricular positions for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Kurt Eckhart as Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
 - Justin Petersen as Head Wrestling Coach
- Approve the following volunteers:
- Darrell Crook – Towamensing
 - Thomas Hourt – Band Volunteer
 - Jodie Hourt – Band Volunteer
- SALARY ADJUSTMENT** Approve salary adjustments for horizontal movement on the respective salary levels as per teachers’ contract.
- Michael Brennan B+24 to Masters
- TUITION RE - IMBURSEMENTS** Approve tuition reimbursements. (attachment on file)
- DJ CONTRACT** Approve the contract of Agreement with Dustin K. Kresge (DJK) for DJ services for school dances retroactive from the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.
- USED SOCCER UNIFORMS** Accept bid of \$50.00 from the PHS Girls Soccer Club for the lot of 60 used girls’ soccer uniforms.

End of Consent Agenda

- INSURANCE RENEWALS APPROVED** Director Debski moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the insurance renewal, effective November 12, 2014 as follows: (attachment on file)
- General Package, Boiler and Automobile- ACE Insurance \$ 80,818
 - School Board Legal Liability- SBI Insurance \$ 20,660
 - Excess Liability (with \$5,000,000 limit) Old Republic \$ 13,174
 - Cyber Risk Insurance-Travelers \$ 6,590
 - Terrorism coverage \$ 132
- Aye Votes: All Directors Present
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried
- BUSINESS MANAGER APPROVED** Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Matthew Sawarynski as Palmerton Area School District Business Manager; effective November 10, 2014 at the starting salary of \$87,500, prorated. Mr. Sawarynski is filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Diane Serfass.
- Aye Votes: All Directors Present
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

**HS SOCIAL
STUDIES
TEACHER
APPROVED**

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Matthew Kosciolk as HS Social Studies teacher, Masters, Step 1, \$40,362.00 prorated, effective October 27, 2014. Mr. Kosciolk is filling the vacancy created by the resignation of David Lavin.

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

**INSTRUCTIONAL
ASSISTANT
APPROVED**

Director Yeakel moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Mary Stahler as Title 1 Instructional Assistant at S.S. Palmer, effective November 1, 2014 at the rate of \$13.38/hour for up to 29.5/hours per week. This is a new position funded through Title 1 monies; if these funds are reduced or become unavailable, this position may be eliminated.

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

**RETIREMENT
APPROVED**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the retirement of Terry Kister, HS/JRHS custodian effective January 19, 2015.

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

**RESIGNATION
APPROVED**

Director Yeakel moved, seconded by Director Debski that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the resignation of Jessica Nissen from Jr. High cheerleading Advisor position effective October 17, 2014.

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

**SUBSTITUTE
CAFÉ EMPLOYEE
APPROVED**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Sandra Gombert as a Substitute Cafeteria Employee effective October 22, 2014.

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

**DENY
GRIEVANCE
APPROVED**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District deny PAEA Grievance #2014-01.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- Enrollment September 30, 2014
- LCCC September 4, 2014 Board Minutes
- LCCC President's Desk, October 2014
- CLIU21 August 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- CCTI News From the Director, September 26, 2014
- Charter School Paper
- Board Summary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Charles Laviolette:

- Accept \$400 for the library from the student council
- Thank the Board for continuing support
- Homework helpers going strong
- Handcrafted items auction coming up
- Charter HS for the Arts present an adaptation Dec 5th
- Still time to make tax deductible donations to library

George Ashman

- Miller Keystone is running a Blood drive Nov 3
- Questioned about Cyber/charter school interviews with the students

Audrey Larvey

- Our Cyber school students get our diploma

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Josann Harry

- Special Olympics are looking for snow boots

Susan Debski

- List of non profit services in a meet and greet. College Assistance. Career research, etc. Use a sliding scale.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler
Board Secretary