

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PALMERTON, PA.  
December 13, 2016

**BOARD MINUTES**

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016  
CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 6:35 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Myers presided.

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHER  
ATTENDANCE**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

- Reminded everyone to sign in when they attend the Board Meeting
- Thanked Mr. Ashman for all the years he volunteered with the blood drive
- Only two weather issues so far this year, both delays

**STUDENT REPORT:** Jacob Martinez

- Student council held winter Pep rally, had Winter Spirit week and are volunteering to work snack stand at games
- PAAC help shelters in need by holding a blanket drive
- Sophomore class had fundraiser
- Art Club mural in the art room
- Stem project competition
- Leo Club fundraisers, canned food drive
- Marching Band has a busy year. Parades, games, concerts
- Freshman Class fundraiser
- Junior class fundraiser
- NHS induction ceremony
- Scholastic Scrimmage lost match but are preparing for spring competitions
- FBLA regionals
- Avenger working on new paper
- Avedium send some students to Leighton for training

**BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:**

- PSERS certified their rate on December 7<sup>th</sup>
- Rate is 32.75%, higher than the 32.04% projected last year
- Investment returns were only 1.29% for the most recent year, far below the 7.25% projected initially
- Future rates are also projected higher, investment returns are now assumed at 7.25%
- The state \$1.75 billion deficit for 2017-2018 predicted by the IFO in mid-November has grown, as November revenues were down by nearly \$130 million, and some folks are saying that the deficit is likely much closer to \$3 billion
- Higher PSERS rate will make for increased costs for the Palmerton budget; not budgeting for an increase in state funding at this time

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Tom Nanovic

- His sister bought a home and closed on it in May. Tax bill was sent to previous owner

Mrs. Christine McGuire

- Asking for the repeal of the penalty

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

**APPROVED  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

## Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes from the November 15, 2016 meeting

**MINUTES**

Approve the financial reports listed below:

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

**RELEASE PAYMENTS FOR ACCOUNTS’ PAYABLE**

Authorize the Superintendent & Business Manager to make and release payments for the remaining December Accounts Payable.

**LICENSE AGREEMENT**

License Agreement with The MT Pit LLC to use recording in live stage performance of “Little Shop of Horrors” by the Palmerton HS Drama Club.

**SHORT TERM SUBS**

Approve Kristina Himmelwright as a short term sub anticipated from approximately January 16, 2017 for six weeks at the rate of pay of \$120/day.

Approve Tina Rothenberger as a short term sub anticipated from approximately January 3, 2017 for six weeks at the rate of pay of \$120/day.

**DISH ROOM WORKER**

Approve Kathryn Kunkle as the part time dishroom worker at Towamensing for 3 hours/day at the rate of \$11.95/hour effective December 14, 2016.

**RETIREMENT**

Accept the retirement of Cynthia Kester from her position as administrative secretary, effective June 30, 2017.

**LEAVE EXTENSION**

Approve the 40 day leave extension for Support Staff Employee #7724, effective December 13, 2016.

Approve the following extracurricular positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

**EXTRA CURRICULAR POSITIONS**

Dillon Masington	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	Volunteer
Rodney Strohl	½ Assistant Softball Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Nicole Boccia	½ Assistant Softball Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Melissa Hoffman	½ Assistant Softball Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Phil Acker	½ Assistant Softball Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Suzanne Lynn	Volunteer Softball Coach	Volunteer

Approve the following extracurricular positions for the 2017-2018 school year:

Chris Walkowiak	Head Football Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Austin Cseh	Assistant Football Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Mike Falcone	Assistant Football Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Zach Freed	½ Assistant Football Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Ryan Connell	½ Assistant Football Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Fred Leshner	Assistant Football Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Brian Recker	Volunteer Football Coach	Volunteer
Avery Weber	Volunteer Football Coach	Volunteer
Jiovanni Rodrigues	Volunteer Football Coach	Volunteer
Ryan Sharkazy	Head Boys’ Soccer Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Richard Roselli	½ Asst Boys’ Soccer Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Trevor Sherman	½ Asst Boys’ Soccer Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
James Bunting	Volunteer Boys’ Soccer Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Taryn Burke	Head Field Hockey Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Jessica Ferdinad	Asst. Field Hockey Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Kim Seiler	J. High Field Hockey Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Devon Smith	Volunteer Field Hockey Coach	Volunteer
Pat Frank	Volunteer Field Hockey Coach	Volunteer
Heather Long	Volunteer Field Hockey Coach	Volunteer
Tara Frantz	Volunteer Field Hockey Coach	Volunteer

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Steph Buck	Volunteer Field Hockey Coach	Volunteer
Alex Knoll	½ Golf Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Mike Brennan	½ Golf Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Craig Wrigglesworth	Head Girls' Soccer Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Kelsey Kralik	Volunteer Girls' Soccer Coach	Volunteer
Kerry Jahelka	Volunteer Strength and Conditioning Coach	Volunteer

**TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

Approve the attached tuition reimbursement.

**End of Consent Agenda**

**AMEND MOTION APPROVED**

Director Debski moved, seconded by Director Recker that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School amend the following motion to include "to be used for field trips."

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

**DONATION APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Gildner that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School to accept the donation of \$5,000 from the Bowmanstown Rod and Gun Club to be used for field trips.

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

**TAX APPEAL TABLED**

Director Recker moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School table the motion to approve/deny the Christine McGuire Tax Appeal Parcel ID 42A-48-Q103.01.

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

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

Enrollment, November 30, 2016

- Avenger, December 2, 2016
- LCCC Board Meeting Minutes , November 3, 2016
- LCCC President's Desk Newsletter, November 2016
- Board Member Listing
- Board Summary

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Ms. Amy Negley

- Updates on events at the schools
- 164 days working without a contract

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler  
Board Secretary