

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PALMERTON, PA.  
March 15, 2016  
**BOARD MINUTES**

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY, MARCH 15, 2015  
CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHER  
ATTENDANCE**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

- Day 258 of state budget not being passed
- Mr. Faenza and maintenance did work at the Seventh St Field
- Two CCTI female Palmerton students took second place in the automotive competition
- On March 3, the County Band Concert was held at Palmerton High School
- ACE Team took first place in the recent competition
- Jr. High Video Presentation Team won the outstanding education value award

**PRESENTATION:** Jr. High Video Presentation – Mr. Kevin Carroll, Mr. Brad Landis, Logan Kresge, Maggie Morgan, Brock Bollinger, and Emily Baumgardt

- Two minute video
- Took first prize in contest, presented at Steel Stacks

**STUDENT REPORT:**

- Student council attended the regional conference and are planning the Spring Fling
- Avenger is working on the Literary Magazine “Shrapnel”
- Palmerton against Animal Cruelty collected and delivered supplies to the shelters
- NHS sponsored the Blood Drive at the high school, which was a success with 37 units of blood donated
- NHS is going on their annual trip to Washington DC
- Marching Band held the annual Carbon County Band Concert
- Art Club is working on the recycled water bottle chandelier
- Scholastic Scrimmage
- In Academics, the Keystone scores are on an upward trend
- Aviedum Leadership conference about suicide prevention was held at Penn’s Peak
- Aviedum is all about pushing for a better school environment
- This group has started in Palmerton and is getting new members every week
- This is a movement trying to make the school a better place
- Another Aviedum gathering will be held in Lehigh in April and Palmerton will be sending 30 more students

**BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:**

- There is a state budget but Governor Wolf has threatened to veto it
- Ryan is making small tweets to our budget for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Budget Presentation

**CONSENT  
AGENDA  
APPROVED**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas 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 February 16, 2016 meeting.  
(attachments on file)

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 (attachment on file)

**RESOLUTIONS**

Approval of revised signature pages to the two Resolutions adopted by the School District on February 16, a signature page to the Lease, and an Incumbency Certificate in connection with the CCTI refunding project.

Approval of resolution authorizing the Business Manager to be the Liaison between Palmerton Area School District and Berkheimer Tax Administrators.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR POSITIONS**

Approve the following extracurricular positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Nikki Boccia                      Assistant Softball Coach                      \$2,603
- Rodney Strohl                      Volunteer Softball Coach
- Lorna Lewis                      Volunteer Track Coach
- Russell Derrick                      Volunteer Track Coach
- Joey Trimmel                      Volunteer Baseball Coach

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

- Kim Seiler                      Junior High Field Hockey Coach                      Pending Contract                      Negs
- Devon Smith                      Volunteer Field Hockey Coach
- Pat Frank                      Volunteer Field Hockey Coach
- Dr. Michael Martinez                      Volunteer Cross Country Coach
- Craig Wrigglesworth                      Girls’ Soccer Head Coach                      Pending Contract                      Negs

**SUBSTITUTES**

Approve the following substitutes, effective March 16, 2016:

- Karen Thomas                      Substitute Teacher
- Jessica Cohen                      Substitute Secretary & Substitute IA
- Jessica Ferdinand                      Substitute Teacher
- Daniel Costenbader                      Substitute Teacher

**TUITION RE - IMBURSEMENT**

Approve the attached tuition reimbursement.

**FIELD TRIP**

Approve the change of the date to May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the Environmental Club New Jersey Aquarium trip.

**PROGRAM OF STUDIES**

Approve the Palmerton Area Senior High School’s Program of Studies for the 2016-2017 school year.

**DONATION**

Accept the donation of the book “The Gruffalo” to the Parkside Library from Mrs. Teri Delich.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS**

Approve the bus transportation agreement with Perkiomen Tours & Travel for the JH National Honor Society Activity Club field trip to Baltimore, MD on April 28, 2016.

Approve the bus transportation agreement with Easton Coach Company for the HS National Honor Society Activity Club and Gifted Program field trip to Washington, D.C. on May 12, 2016.

**DONATION**

Accept the donation of \$100.00 from the Towamensing P.T.O., Inc. to the PHS National Honor Society Activity Club for babysitting services for meetings.

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**POLICIES**

Accept the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 113.1, Behavior Support
- Policy 304.1, Nepotism
- Policy 823, Administering Naloxone

**End of Consent Agenda**

**BUS CONTRACT  
APPROVED**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the contract with Leon A. George II School Buses, Inc. for the 2016-2017 school year, as submitted.

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

**GRADUATION  
DATE APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve May 25, 2016 as the graduation date for the class of 2016.

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

**2015-2016  
REVISED  
CALENDAR  
APPROVED**

Director Debski moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District to approve the Palmerton Area School District 2015-2016 revised school calendar.

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

**2016-2017  
CALENDAR  
APPROVED**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Debski that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District to approve the Palmerton Area School District 2016-2017 school calendar.

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

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

- Enrollment, February 29, 2016
- LCCC Spring 2016 Update
- LCCC February 4, 2016 Board Minutes
- LCCC President's Desk, March 2016
- Avenger, Volume 19 Issue Four
- Board Summary

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Charles Laviolette

- Palmerton Library events
- New class: Chair Yoga
- Adult Coloring Class on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month
- New group: Blue Mountain fiber guild
- Penn State Extension- nutrition class
- Celtic Group performing

Mr. George Ashman

- Pleased that the Palmerton band is building up
- Questions about flag being at half staff

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler  
Board Secretary