

BOARD MINUTES

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 5:30 P.M. TODAY, MARCH 21, 2017 CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS AND ON MARCH 7, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M. CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS.

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 6:39 p.m. in the Auditorium of the High School. President Myers presided.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Recker, Haas, Myers, Gildner, 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:

- Mail service was delayed 9 days
- Carbon County Band held March 9th at Panther Valley. Wonderful event

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Proposed Budget Presentation at May 2nd Workshop
- Motion for adoption of the proposed budget will be at the May 16th meeting
- Last changes can be made at the June 6th workshop
- Final board meeting to adopt the 2017-2018 Budget to ensure bills go out on time is June 20, 2017

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Yeakel 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 21, 2017 meeting. (attachment on file)

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

- TREASURER’S REPORTS
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
- BUDGET TRANSFERS
- GRANTS

CLIU 21 SPECIAL ED SERVICES

Approve the agreement with CLIU21 for special education services and Notice of the Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds for the 2017-2018 school year. (attachment on file)

PEN TELE DATA AGREEMENT

Approve the service agreement with PenTeleData. (attachment on file)

SUBSTITUTES

Approve the following substitutes:

- Alexander Emert Substitute Teacher
- Jennifer Lichtenwalner Substitute Teacher
- Lauren Michalik Substitute Teacher
- Trevor Sherman Substitute Teacher
- Kurtisha Berger Cafeteria substitute

RETIREMENT

Accept the retirement of Linda Holland, Special Education Secretary effective April 7, 2017.

**COACHES
SUPPLEMENTAL
STIPEND**

Approve the supplemental stipend for the following coaches:

- Eric Kresge \$500.00
- Zach Christman \$250.00
- Jake Christman \$250.00
- Kenneth Termini \$1,300.00

**REMOVE
SUBSTITUTE**

Please take the following off the substitute list as per their request:

- Alyssa Keiser Substitute Teacher

RESIGNATION

Accept the resignation of Briel Rhoades from HS Counselor effective March 21, 2017.

**CHANGE OF
STATUS**

Approve change of status of Bryna Witkowski from LTS to a School Counselor at the High School at Masters, Step 1, effective March 22, 2017.

**APPROVE ESL
TEACHER**

Approve Jill Ann Figner as a .5 ESL teacher at B +24, salary \$22,331 prorated, effective April 12, 2016.

CONTRACTS

Approve the contract agreement with School Datebooks – 2017 Steamboat 5.5 x 8.5 Contract – to purchase School Datebooks for the 2017-2018 school year.

Approve the Service Level Agreement for Tax Services from Berks County Intermediate Unit in accordance with their fee agreement effective April 1, 2017 and expiring on June 30, 2019 for tax year 2017 and 2018. Funding provided by the General Fund.

Approve the Performance Contract for DJ Services – Dustin K. Kresge (DJK) – providing DJ services for the 2016-2017 school year.

**2017-2018
SCHOOL
CALENDAR**

Approve the 2017-2018 Palmerton Area School District school calendar.

End of Consent Agenda

**REVISED 2016-
2017 SCHOOL
CALENDAR
APPROVED**

Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School approve the revised 2016-2017 Palmerton Area School District school calendar.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- Enrollment, February 28, 2017
- LCCC Board Meeting Minutes , February 2, 2017
- LCCC President's Desk Newsletter, March 2017
- Board Summary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Anna Leigh Conway

- Association President at CCTI
- Palmerton sends the most students to CCTI out of all of the schools
- Only 26 freshmen sent this year

Anne Cronk

- SS Palmer PTO will have basket raffle
- Complaint about potholes in the HS parking lot
- Question about HS cleaning this year
- Question about renovations at the HS concerning HVAC
- Questioned about readiness of gym for volleyball
- Teacher contract concerns

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Roberta Haas

- Question about graduation date
- Urged Board to consider an Early Buyout

Holly Sell

- Updates on events in the schools
- 264 days without a contract

George Ashman

- Later closing date of schools will affect the Palmerton Pool attendance
- Palmerton not in the top 100 in the state only 384

Josann Harry

- Many students and teachers in the District are successful

Kathy Fallow

- Questions about the failure of the Board and the Education Association to achieve a resolution

Charles Gildner

- Negotiations not open to public, so the Board cannot say anything
- Board in favor, but both sides need to agree for it to be open to the public

Kenneth Sutton Sr.

- Questions about a turf field vs. a grass field
- Cost effectiveness of a new field at the next Board Meeting
- Questioned the hiring of a lawyer to negotiate a contract

Brenda McGrath

- Two sides to negotiations
- Both sides need to work together or the students will pay for this

Audrey Larvey

- Couldn't find John Audi's contract renewal in the board minutes since 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Gildner that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler
Board Secretary