

BOARD MINUTES

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY, May 17, 2016 CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 17, 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, Smale and Yeakel
Absent: Director Scherer

**OTHER
ATTENDANCE**

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- KNEX team took first place at the regional stem design challenge and qualified for State competition. Mitchell Hourt, Ella Cronk, Dylan Gonyo, and Drew Frank
- Sixth Sense Team – first place and undefeated out of 7 districts, Members include Shae Finney, Maggie Himmelwright, Isabella Mujevic and Chris Walkowiak from Towamensing and Kyle Sebelin and Kayle Stewart from S.S. Palmer; Advisors are Mrs. Beckley Yeager and Ms. Andrews
- Brilliant Bald Eagles from S.S. Palmer took first place in the Envirothon competition. Team members are Eliana Brazil, Carly Ellis, Emily Houser, Justin Sebelin, Ryan Vanderweel and their advisor, Mrs. Sutton.
- Brittany Higgins from Palmerton in the Marketing Program at CCTI was named their valedictorian. Graduation on May 26th
- American Legion Jim Thorpe Post 304 and Germantown Grove Association for holding the 63rd annual special needs fishing day last Thursday and Friday. Students from all Carbon County districts participated and it was a wonderful event

STUDENT REPORT: Karianna Ruch

- Student Council elected officers and planned events for the 2016-2017 school year
- The Avenger is preparing the senior edition
- Class of 2019 hanging basket sale
- Palmerton Equestrian Club trying to qualify for the US Equestrian Federation recognition
- PAAC collecting used towels and blankets
- Art Club hosted a spring art show
- FBLA had 40 members attending the state competition and Hannah Pepper and Erika Beers finished third in e-Business and now qualify for Nationals
- NHS helped with the senior awards ceremony and graduation
- Mock Trial attended Law Day
- Mason Stahler, Garrett Dieter and Joe Bradberry completed their senior project and built a table for the meeting room in the High School
- Keystone tests taking place this week

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- The Budget is ready to be advertised

**REMOVE ITEM
FROM CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Debski that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve to remove item 5B (Sports Medicine Services proposal) from the consent agenda and add it to the regular agenda.

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

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

Director Debski moved, seconded by Director Smale 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 April 19, 2016 meeting.
(attachment 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)

**FOOD SERVICE
RENEWAL**

Approve the food service contract renewal with Metz Culinary for the 2016-2017 school year. (attachment on file)

**ESY PROGRAM
POSITIONS**

Approve the following staff for the ESY Program which will run from July 5 to July 28th, 2016, Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.:

- Tammy Hoffman, Speech Teacher - \$30.00/hour

**EXTRA
CURRICULAR
POSITIONS**

Approve the following extra-curricular 2016-2017 positions:

Trevor Sherman	Assistant Boys’ Soccer Coach	½ salary pending negotiations
Kelsey Kralik	Volunteer Girls’ Soccer Coach	Volunteer
Anthony Thomas	Assistant Boy’s Basketball Coach	Salary pending negotiations
Alex Knoll	Head Tennis Coach	Salary pending negotiations
Donald Szena	Volunteer Band Parent	Volunteer
Kathryn McKeon	Junior High Cheerleading Advisor	Salary pending negotiations

**INDEPENDENT
CONTRACTOR**

Approve to contract with Art Feinberg as an independent contractor, school psychologist, as needed, not to exceed 120 days, for the 2016-2017 school year, at the rate of \$400/day.

**TUITION RE -
IMBURSEMENT**

Approve the attached tuition reimbursement.

LEGAL SERVICES

Approve the Legal Services Consultation Agreement with Sweets, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP for \$7,500 as submitted.

DONATIONS

Accept the donation of golf equipment from John E. Hall to the PASD Golf Team. Golf Coach valued at \$100.00

Accept the donation in the amount of \$300.00 from Aetna Foundation.

**SCHOOL
DENTIST**

Appoint D. Scott Aldinger, D.D.S. as School Dentist for the 2016-2017 school year at the cost of \$850 for services.

2017 PROM

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the contract with Historic Hotel Bethlehem for the Class of 2017 prom to be held on May 5, 2017, with a deposit paid on May 11, 2016.

End of Consent Agenda

May 17, 2016

PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET APPROVED

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Debski that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the Proposed Final 2016-2017 Budget with a 1.72 mill increase and expenditure total of \$31,360,773. The 2016-17 Real Estate Tax mills will be set at 55.5293. The final budget adoption is set to be approved at the June 21, 2016 Board Meeting.

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITION APPROVED

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Gildner that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the following extra-curricular 2016-2017 position:

- Linsey German Head Cheerleading Advisor Salary pending negotiations

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

SPORTS MEDICINE PROPOSAL APPROVED

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Myers that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Sports Medicine Services proposal with St. Lukes University Health Network with the change of 1 licensed athletic trainer and supplemental support for the year 2019-2020 as submitted.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- Enrollment, April 30, 2016
- LCCC Board Minutes , April 7, 2016
- LCCC President's Desk, May 2016
- Avenger, April 22, 2016 edition
- Board Summary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Charles Laviolette

- The Palmerton Library has scheduled many events for over the summer.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

ADJOURNMENT

Director Yeakel moved, seconded by Director Debski that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler
Board Secretary