

BOARD MINUTES

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY, May 19, 2015 CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

OTHER ATTENDANCE

Scot Engler - Superintendent, Deb Scheckler – Board Secretary, Matt Sawarynski – Business Manager, Attorney David Conn – Solicitor

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Recently the state police was in and audited our fingerprinting
- Federal programs audit was a clean audit

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Admin review next Tuesday and Thursday food service
- Working with the county with homestead/farmstead

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Maynard Silliman

- Concern about the football stadium replacement and cost
- Rather use the money for teaching and the schools than a stadium

Tammy addressed that this was only an initial presentation

Terry Roselli

- The increase in taxes is just for approval purposes

**APPROVED
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Director Smale 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 April 21, 2015 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)

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CONTRACT	Approve the Motor Transportation Co., Inc. Contract – retroactive to April 13, 2015 - bus transportation for the HS Chorus Activity Club field trip to Philadelphia on May 27, 2015.
MEDICAL INS INCREASE	Approve a 5% increase in medical insurance rates for the 2015-16 fiscal year. The increase will allow for sufficient funds from which to pay medical claims.
INS INCREASE	Approve a 4.3% increase in Stop Loss Coverage for the 2015-16 fiscal year through Great Midwest Insurance Company. The per employee per month charge will be \$130.53 with a maximum per employee deductible set at \$125,000 with Unlimited Policy Max including pharmacy.
FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT RENEWAL	Approve the food service contract renewal with Metz Culinary for the 2015-16 school year (attachment on file)
SUMMER EMPLOYEES	Approve the following summer employees at the rate of \$7.25/hour, 28 hours/week, effective June 15, 2015 through August 20, 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carl Klager• Alyssa Acker
SUBSTITUTE	Approve the following substitutes effective May 20, 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kara Kern – Substitute teacher
COACH	Approve Joe Spitale as an assistant football coach for the 2015-2016 season at the stipend of \$3,947.
TUITION RE - IMBURSEMENT	Approve the attached tuition reimbursements.
AGREEMENT	Approval of the following Agreement for Study Island Services (Archipelago) between the Palmerton Area School District and Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 for the next three years at the rate of \$15,855.45 per year. (attachment on file)
DR CONTRACT	Appoint Dr. Patrick Sowards as School Physician for the 2015-2016 school year at the cost of \$8,000 for services.
DENTIST CONTRACT	Appoint D. Scott Aldinger, D.D.S. as School Dentist for the 2015-2016 school year at the cost of \$750 for services.

End of Consent Agenda

PROPOSED FINAL 2015-2016 BUDGET APPROVED	Director Debski moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the Proposed Final 2015-2016 Budget with a 1.36 mill increase and expenditure total of \$30,387,081. The 2015-2016 real estate tax mills will be set at 53.8075. The final budget adoption is set to be approved at the June 16, 2015 board meeting. Aye Votes: Directors Smale, Harry, Haas, Yeakel, Recker, Debski, and Scherer. Nay Votes: Directors Myers and Gildner. None. Motion Carried
EMPLOYEE AGREEMENTS APPROVED	Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the agreement with employee number 167 as submitted. Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the agreement with employee #5741 as submitted. Aye Votes: All Directors Present Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

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**FIELD TRIP
APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the field trip request from Jose Elvir for the Palmerton Area High School International Travelers Club to visit China in the summer of 2017, expenses will be the responsibility of the club and students.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- Enrollment, April 30, 2015
- CLIU Board Minutes, March 16, 2015
- LCCC President's Desk, May 2015
- LCCC Minutes, April 9, 2015
- Avenger, Vol. 18, Issue 5
- Board Summary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Terri Roselli

- Questions on the difference between the District's general fund and capital reserve fund
- Inquired on the actual tax base of the District

Mr. George Ashman

- Questioned about the possibility of summer lunches during the Coal Bowl program
- Inquired how many people present voted today

ADJOURNMENT

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas 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