

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA
August 2, 2016

BOARD MINUTES

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M., JULY 26, 2016 and AUGUST 2, 2016 CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The special meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

OTHER ATTENDANCE

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- The construction project is progressing on schedule.
- Thanks to the football team and Chris Walkowiak for helping with the moving wall. Set up and dismantling

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Tax bills were sent out.
- Sept 6th workshop Zach will be at meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

Barry had concerns on HVAC project cost increase. Two million dollar increase. Sprinklers are required but were not budgeted for .
KCBA will be at the next meeting to discussed why sprinklers are now needed.
Barry was concerned as to where the water will be supplied from.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Scherer that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District to approve the following consent agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the June 21, 2016 meeting.
(attachments 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)

FISCAL:

CONTRACT

Approve the contract with The Safeway Driving School Inc for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

BID

Approve Office Basics copy paper quote for the 2016-17 school year @ 22.80/carton.

EXTRA CURRICULAR POSITIONS

PERSONNEL:
Approve the following extra-curricular positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

Richard Roselli ½ salary Asst Boys’ Soccer Coach Stipend pending contract
Richard Roselli Volunteer Girls’ Soccer Coach

- Amy Negley for Kayla Creed for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Meghan Barclay for Shana O’Gurek for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Dave Kellerman for Justin Petersen for the 2016-2017 school year.

RESIGNATION

TUITION RE-IMBURSEMENTS

Accept the resignation of Diane Andrews from a part-time cashier-cafeteria position, effectively immediately.

Approve the attached tuition reimbursement

AGREEMENT

OTHER:

Approve the Discovery Streaming Agreement with CLIU 21 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Accept the status that student #14173 and student #16113 have completed the graduation requirements set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Board of Education of the Palmerton Area School District.

HANDBOOKS

Accept the following handbooks.

- Palmerton Area Junior High School 2016-2017 Handbooks
- Palmerton Area High School 2016-2017 Handbooks
- Towamensing 2016-2017 Elementary Student/Parent Handbook
- Parkside Education Center 2016-2017 Parent/Student Handbook
- SS Palmer Elementary School 2016-2017 Parent/Student Handbook

ATHLETIC TICKET PRICES

Approve the 2016-17 Athletic Ticket Prices & Season Pass Prices as listed on the attached schedule (attachment on file)

End of Consent Agenda

ACCEPT RESIGNATION

PERSONNEL:

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Smale for the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District to accept the resignation of Maureen Porter, effective June 17, 2016

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

APPROVE SCHOOL NURSE

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Scherer for the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District to approve Laura Cebrosky Thomas as a School Nurse, effective August 29, 2016 at Bachelor’s Step 1, prorated salary pending contract negotiations.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- LCCC Board Minutes, June 2, 2016
- LCCC President’s Desk, July 2016
- Board Summary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tammy Recker

- Spoke for the Board. Met on July 26th to hear what was going on to hear from the superintendent.
- Mrs. Husar was not on leave, not on an improvement plan and not terminate
- The Board had never seen Mrs. Husar’s evaluation.
- The Board is aware that there in an issue in March.
- A mediator was brought in to evaluate the situation.

- An HR person will be hired. The budget was reopened to add this position.
- The comments tonight need to be respectful.

Mr. Charles Laviolette

- From Palmerton area Library.
- Appreciate the funds from the school.
- Went over the library's programs.
- Summer Reading program continues
- Computer classes start up in fall.
- Student Art show is this Saturday.

Mr. David Swartz

- Questions for the Board regarding Mrs. Husar and the Superintendent.
- Presented two petitions. One to keep Mrs. Husar and one to not reapprove Mr. Engler

Mrs. Audrey Larvey

- Asked what the Board wanted Palmerton High School to Be.
- Supports High School to retain Mrs. Husar

Mr. Jeff Henry

- Supports Mrs. Husar

Jacob Taylor

- Read a letter from a graduated student.
- Supports Mrs. Husar

Linda Periea

- Addressed the Board to look into the Paula Husar situation.
- Check the evaluation and vote against Scot Engler's contract

Stephanie Brinker

- Supports Mrs. Husar
- Tells of her support to the students.

Lori Smith

- Believes in this community
- Commend the Board for hearing Mary Brumbach about her issue.
- Dedicated personnel in this District.
- Supports Mrs. Husar

Ken Palmer

- Thanked the Board for listening.
- Supports Mrs. Husar

Theresa Hall

- In support of Paula Husar
- Questioned the scoring of Paula's evaluation.
- Asks for a reevaluation of Paula Husar

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Koons

- In support of Paula Husar.

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Smale, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Scheckler
Board Secretary