

BOARD MINUTES

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

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

**OTHER
ATTENDANCE**

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- The District received a thank you letter from the Palmerton Library for the donation.
- Thanked the Library for all of their programs and support to the District.
- District informed by PDE of a one year waiver regarding School Performance numbers but it is confusing what this actually means.

STUDENT REPORT: Erika Beers

- Student Council plans T-shirt design contest for Homecoming.
- Class of 2016 plans Hollywood theme for the Homecoming dance.
- Leo Club helped at the festival.
- 2015 yearbooks have arrived
- NHS will welcome new members in November
- FBLA had 50 members attend first meeting
- Marching Band had band camp and presented during their preview night.
- State crew designing set for the Fall performance.
- 55-34 football win for the first game and also won the second game.
- August 25th there was a guest speaker for the student body.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- No movement on the state budget but our district is still in good shape.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

Director Gildner 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 August 18, 2015 and September 1, 2015 meetings. (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)

AGREEMENTS

Recommendation to approve the License Performance Agreement with Samuel French for the stage performance “Absolutely Murder” by the Drama Club in December 2015.

Recommendation to approve the License Performance and Production Contract with Music Theatre International for the stage performance “Guys & Dolls” by the Drama Club in April 2016.

MENTORS

Approve Anna Corby and Bonnie Tavella as mentors for David O’Brien, at ½ stipend each, for the 2015-2016 school year.

Approve Zach Tofany as mentor for Joshua Nenscel for the 2015-2016 school year.

Approve Miranda Allen and Kevin Young as mentors for Lyndsey Heinrich, at ½ stipend each, for the 2015-2016 school year.

EXTRA CURRICULAR POSITIONS

Approve the following extra-curricular positions:

- Alex Knoll Head Coach Tennis
- Kelsey Kralik Volunteer Asst. Girls’ Soccer Coach
- Miranda Allen Volunteer Equestrian Advisor
- Pam Wuest Volunteer Equestrian Advisor
- Devon Smith Volunteer Field Hockey Coach
- Brian Stevko Middle School Boys’ Basketball Coach
- Frank Hall Band Volunteer
- Gretchen Laviolette Band Volunteer
- Jamie Drake Band Volunteer
- Denise Strohl Volunteer Ski Club Advisor
- Brad Landis Volunteer Ski Club Advisor
- Mike Johnson Volunteer Ski Club Advisor

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

Approve the salary adjustments for horizontal movement on the respective salary levels per the teachers’ negotiated contract effective for the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year.

- Suzanne Lynn – BS to Bachelor’s +24
- Amy Negley – Masters to Masters + 15

SUBSTITUTES

Approve the following substitutes:

- Angela Swartz Substitute Teacher
- Chrissha Kuehner-Litts Substitute Nurse
- Ariella Mease Substitute Teacher

REMOVE SUBSTITUTE

Remove the following substitutes from the substitute list, effective immediately.

- Rebecca Hamm

TUITION RE-IMBURSEMENTS

Approve the attached tuition reimbursements.(attachment)

STATE POLICE MOU

Accept the Memoranda of Understanding between the Palmerton Area School District and the Pennsylvania State Police. (attachment on file)

End of Consent Agenda

**APPROVE HIRE
OF TEACHER**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Lyndsey Heinrich as a High School Art Teacher at Bachelors, Step 1 at the rate of \$43, 982 (prorated), effective September 16, 2015.

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

**APPROVE HVAC
PROPOSAL**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the proposal from Barry Isett and Associates for professional engineering services for the HVAC upgrades for the High School, S.S. Palmer Elementary and Towamensing Elementary, as submitted. The costs for these services are not to exceed \$85,500 for mechanical and electrical engineering and \$142,500 for construction documents and specifications.

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

**ACCEPT FIRST
READING OF
POLICIES**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District accept the first readings of the following policies

- Policy 222 Pupils Tobacco Use
- Policy 323 Administrative Employees Tobacco Use
- Policy 423 Professional Employees Tobacco Use
- Policy 523 Classified Employees Tobacco Use

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

INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- Enrollment, August 31, 2015
- LCCC Board Minutes, August 6, 2015
- LCCC President's Desk, September 2015
- Board Summary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

George Ashman

- Question on time frame on installation of air conditioning at the schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Scheckler
Board Secretary