

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA.
September 16, 2014

BOARD MINUTES

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 5:30 P.M. TODAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014
CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 6:33 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

**OTHER
ATTENDANCE**

Scot Engler - Superintendent, Deb Scheckler – Board Secretary, Diane Serfass – Business Manager, Attorney John Audi – Solicitor

STUDENT REPORT: Jenna Haydt

- Football team is 3-0
- Bonfire scheduled for Oct 2nd.
- Class of 2016 is selling subway sandwiches for their fundraiser
- Homecoming dance on October 4th
- Final pages were submitted for the yearbook.
- FBLA seeking new memberships for the new year. Selling Bomber Pride Yard Signs
- NHS tutor at the library and babysit at Towamensing.
- Scholastic Scrimmage
- Sept 11th Mr. McArdle read a wonderful speech.

PRESENTATION:

- American Heart Association – Kim Gear presented a plaque to Ryan Heller for top school out of 139 schools for Jump Rope For Heart fundraiser. \$12,550.00
- George Ashman was presented with a plaque from the District for his continuing support over the years.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Custodian did a wonderful job
- Increase of only 20 students over last year.
- Bob Sispistowski – Veteran's Day Programs in schools. USS Independence his ship that he is trying to save.
- Metz Catering put up a new service station. We appreciate them.
- Comprehensive Plan – Working with principals and Bob Daily to work on the action plan.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Palmer & Parkside have had their Board of Health Inspections and passed with a score of 100 in each building.
- PDE released the preliminary index.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Myers 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 19, 2014 meeting. (attachment on file)
- FINANCIAL REPORTS** Approve the financial reports listed below:
- TREASURER’S REPORTS. (attachment on file)
 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. (attachment on file)
 - GRANTS. (attachment on file)
- PT CUSTODIAN** Approve Nicole Swartz as part-time custodian at Towamensing for 5 hours/day at the rate of \$11.98 /hour, effective September 17, 2014.
- REMOVE FROM SUB LIST** Remove the following from the Substitute List as per their requests:
- Tina Martin – substitute teacher
 - Megan Groh – substitute teacher
- SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS** Approve the following substitutes effective September 17, 2014.
- Ashley Andrews – substitute teacher
 - Linda Vella – substitute teacher
 - Kacey Galasso – substitute teacher
 - Alexis Lloyd – substitute teacher
 - Kasi Reborchick – substitute teacher
 - Brian Stevko – substitute teacher
 - Heather Mostosky – substitute teacher
 - Melissa Dowches – substitute teacher
 - Michelle Lawrence – substitute teacher
- EXTRA CURRICULAR POSITIONS** Approve the following changes in extracurricular positions:
- Jeff Minnich to 75% Head Cross Country Coaching Salary
 - Kurt Eckhart to 25% Head Cross Country Coaching Salary
 - James Bunting to Volunteer Assistant Boys’ Soccer Coach
 - David Lavin to Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach
- TUITION RE - IMBURSEMENTS** Approve tuition reimbursements. (attachment on file)
- FIELD TRIP** Approval for FBLA Officers, chaperoned by Jen Danzeisen to attend the Penn State Leadership Workshop on November 2 & 3, 2014 at State College at the cost to the District of a Substitute for 2 days.
- DJ CONTRACT** Approve Contract of Agreement – Disk Jockey Kings (Joshua Solarczyk or David Semmel) for DJ services for school dances sponsored by National Junior Honor Society Activity Club for 2014-2015 school year as indicated.

End of Consent Agenda

**BUSINESS
MANAGER
RESIGNATION
APPROVED**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District accept the resignation of Diane Serfass, Business Manager, effective on or before December 8, 2014.

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

**TEACHER
RESIGNATION
APPROVED**

Director Yeakel moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District accept the resignation of David Lavin as High School Social Studies Teacher, effective on or before November 7, 2014.

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

**SUBSTITUTE
CUSTODIAN
APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Scherer that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Frank Rocco as a Substitute Custodian, effective September 17, 2014.

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

**VOLUNTEER
COACH
APPROVED**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Brian Recker as Volunteer Middle School Football Coach for the 2014-2015 school year.

Aye Votes: Directors Yeakel, Gildner, Smale, Myers, Haas, Scherer, Harry
Nay Votes: None.
Abstentions: Director Recker. Motion Carried

**VOTE FOR PSBA
PRESIDENT
APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Gildner that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District cast their vote for Charles Ballard for PSBA President.

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

**VOTE FOR PSBA
VICE PRESIDENT
APPROVED**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District to cast their vote for Mark Miller for PSBA Vice President.

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

**VOTE FOR PSBA
TREASURER
APPROVED**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District cast their vote for Otto W. Voit III for PSBA Treasurer.

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

**VOTE FOR PSBA
AT-LARGE REP
APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Myers that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District cast their vote for Robert Swartz for PSBA At – Large Representative.

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

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INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- Enrollment August 31, 2014
- LCCC August 7, 2014 Board Minutes
- LCCC President's Desk, September 2014
- CLIU21 July 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- Palmerton Sports Schedules
- PA Basic Education Funding Campaign
- 2014 Palmerton High School Year book
- Board Summary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. George Ashman

- Start school later for the better of the students performance in schools
- Also would like to have school begin after Labor Day

Mr. Maynard Silliman

- Questioned need for Turf Field

ADJOURNMENT Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler
Board Secretary