

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA.
AUGUST 7th, 2018

SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES

The special meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at 6:10 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Scherer presided.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL Present: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Haas, Paules, Recker, Smale, and Scherer
Absent: Directors Harry and Gildner

OTHER ATTENDANCE Scot Engler - Superintendent, Ryan Kish – Business Manager/Board Secretary, Shawn Lochinger - Solicitor

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Jeff Henry:

- Questioned having an employee's name on agenda for termination
- Expressed opinions on coaching staff for softball

SUPER. REPORT Mr. Engler:

- Passed out change order documentation, explained credits associated with change order
- Spoke about cell phone tower proposal location.
- Pre-K Counts program and receiving of grant
- SHINE starting in September
- Palmerton Carbon County Hall of Fame inductees
- September workshop – Tax increment Financing
- Class of 1961 Bench donation

FISCAL:

CHANGE ORDER Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve Change Order Number 002, Ace Electric, Project #1043615.003. The contract sum will be increased by this change order in the amount of \$132,524.29, and the new contract sum including this change order will be \$1,269,096.54.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None.

Motion Passed.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Baumgardt, to approve the attached consent agenda.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None.

Motion Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

PERSONNEL:

2018-19 ADVISORS Approve the following advisors for the 2018-2019 school year:

Lyndsey Heinrich

Art Club Co-Advisor

Miranda Allen	Art Club Co-Advisor
Vicki McHugh	Aevidum Advisor
Robert Falkenstein	Avenger Advisor
Thomas Heinick	Band Advisor Concert
Natalie Madeira	Chorus Advisor
Craig Borland	Class of 2019 – Senior Class Advisor
Dawn Burke	Class of 2020 – Junior Class Co-Advisor
Tammy Muniz	Class of 2020 – Junior Class Co-Advisor
Travis Fink	Class of 2021 – Sophomore Class Co-Advisor
Tammy Muniz	Class of 2021 – Sophomore Class Co-Advisor
Robert Falkenstein	Class of 2022 – Freshman Class Advisor
Chrissy Rehatchek	Color Guard
Brent Harris	Drama Club Advisor
Michael Gombert	Environmental Club Co-Advisor
Paul McArdle	Environmental Club Co-Advisor
Jennifer Danzeisen	FBLA Co-Advisor
Kerry Palumbo	FBLA Co-Advisor
Chris Walkowiak	Gridiron Club Advisor
Jose Elvir	International Travelers' Club Advisor
Tammy Muniz	LEO Club Co-Advisor
Travis Fink	LEO Club Co-Advisor
Whitney Kern	Library Book Club Advisor
Thomas Heinick	Marching Band Director
Marcia Heinick	Marching Band Assistant Director
Jennifer Danzeisen	Mock Trial Advisor
Alex Knoll	National Honor Society Advisor
Bonnie Tavella	Oratory Advisor
Miranda Allen	PAAC Advisor
Alex Knoll	Scholastic Scrimmage Advisor
Alex Knoll	Souled Out Club Advisor
Brent Harris	Stage Maintenance Advisor
Brandyn Miller	Asst. Stage Maintenance Advisor
Jeana Baumgardt	Student Council Co-Advisor
Joshua Nenscel	Student Council Co-Advisor
Robert Falkenstein	Video Club Advisor
Robert Falkenstein	Yearbook Advisor
Patricia Boyd	ACE Advisor
Kevin Young	Jr. High Council Co-Advisor
Christopher Kery	Jr. High Council Co-Advisor
Kevin Kolodziejski	Jr. High Yearbook Advisor
Brianna Carroll	National Jr. High Honor Society Advisor
Laura Cressley	Jr. High Chorus Director/ Jr. High Band Advisor
Holly Hausman Sell	CAC, Grades K & 1
Roberta Yeager	CAC, Grades 2 & 3
Meghan Barclay	CAC, Grade 4
Deanna Isles	CAC, Grade 5
Monique Hofford	CAC, Grade 6
Carole Burkhardt	Elementary Chorus
Lynn Sutton	Environmental Club
Monique Hofford	Sixth Sense
Pamela Andrews	Yearbook

2018-19**TEACHER
MENTORS**

Approve the following Mentors for new teachers for the 2018-2019 school year:

Katie Gilmartin for Tyler Svetik
 Amy Negley for Brianna Bush
 Jessica Silfies for Rachel Harry
 Trisha Green for Kristina Himmelwright
 Kathryn McKeon for Adrienne Pelo

**BAYADA
CONTRACT****RESIGNATION**

Approve Bayada Nursing contract for the 2018-2019 school year. (Enclosure)

**CAFETERIA
EMPLOYEES**

Approve resignation of Patricia Steigerwalt, HS cafe employee, effective June 30, 2018.

Approve the following cafeteria employees, effective August 28, 2018:

Gail Keglow- \$12.68/hour at Palmerton Junior High
 Becky Adams- \$12.68/hour at Towamensing Elementary
 Anna Catania- \$13.93/hour (Team Leader) at Palmerton Junior High
 Suzanne Schaffer- \$12.68/hour at Palmerton High School
 Lisa Steigerwalt- \$12.68/hour at Palmerton Jr. High

**SUBSTITUTE
REMOVAL**

Lisa Wentz- \$12.68/hour at Palmerton HS

Remove Heather Krey from our substitute teacher list

Approve the following extracurricular positions for the 2018-2019 school year:

Dan Frable	2/3 salary Asst. Football Coach	\$2,637.36
Jericho Burger	1/3 salary Asst. Football Coach	\$1,358.64
Bill Zeky	Asst. Cross Country Coach	\$2,636.00
Lauren Michalik	Asst. Field Hockey Coach	\$2,636.00
Tara Frantz	1/3 Salary MS Field Hockey Coach	\$896.24
Taryn Burke	Volunteer Field Hockey Coach	
Lydia Anthony	Volunteer Field Hockey Coach	

**CUSTODIAN
HIRED**

Approve Kevin Weaver as a Full-time custodian, at a salary of \$41,345 effective August 13, 2018.

RETIREMENT**ELEMENTARY
SUB**

Approve the retirement of Tracy Learn, cafeteria employee, effective July 16, 2018

Approve Tara Marques as an Elementary substitute teacher, substitute IA and substitute secretary, effective September 4, 2018

**GRIEVANCE
DENIED****OTHER:**

Deny grievance No 2018-06272018.

**ATHLETIC
HANDBOOK**Approve the 2018-2019 Athletic Handbook and Athletic Training Honor Code.
(Enclosure)**ATHLETIC
TICKETS**

Approve the Athletic Ticket prices for the 2018-2019 school year.

**GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS
MET**

Accept the status that student #18086 and student #18238 have completed the graduation requirements set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Board of Education of the Palmerton Area School District.

**CHEERING
CLUB
DONATIONS**

Accept the donation for the Cheering Parents' Club for \$4,679.65 for shoes and warm ups.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA**PERSONNEL:****EMPLOYEE
DISMISSAL**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Scherer, to approve the dismissal for cause of Chase Brown from employment as a custodian in the Palmerton Area School District, effective August 7, 2018.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None.

Motion Passed.

**SOFTBALL
COACHES**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Smale, to take the softball coach motions off the table.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None.

Motion Passed.

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve the following Coaches for the 2018-2019 school year:

Bob Hock	Head Coach Softball	\$4,014.00
Rodney Strohl	½ Asst. Softball Coach	\$1,318.00
Nikki Boccia	½ Asst. Softball Coach	\$1,318.00
Phil Acker	½ Asst. Softball Coach	\$1,318.00
Charlie Kistler	½ Asst. Softball Coach	\$1,318.00
Tori Gollie	Volunteer Softball Coach	

Aye Votes: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Haas, Recker, Smale, and Scherer

Nay Votes: Director Paules

Motion Passed.

**VOLUNTEER
SOFTBALL
COACH**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Baumgardt, to approve Brian Recker as a volunteer Softball coach for the 2018-2019 school year.

Aye Votes: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Haas, Paules, Smale, and Scherer

Nay Votes: None

Abstentions: Director Recker

Motion Passed.

**2/3 MS FIELD
HOCKEY
COACH**

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Recker, to approve Melissa Kohler as a 2/3 Salary MS Field Hockey Coach for the 2018-2019 school year at the stipend of \$1,739.76.

Aye Votes: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Haas, Paules, Recker, Smale

Nay Votes: None

Abstentions: Director Scherer

Motion Passed.

OTHER:

BUS DRIVERS

Director Baumgardt moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve 2018-19 Bus Drivers.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None.

Motion Passed.

EAP CONTRACT

Director Baumgardt moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve the EAP contract with Preferred EAP, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None.

Motion Passed.

**PSBA POLICY
MERGE**

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Baumgardt, to approve the 1st reading of PSBA policy merge (300) Employees.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None.

Motion Passed.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

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Patricia Woginrich:

- Questioned school security improvements and school resource officers in the District

Constance Banko:

- Thinks that the Junior High building design is unnecessary.
- Questioned who approved the vaulted ceilings and window placement.

Richard Banko:

- Asked the board to consider having teachers carry firearms.
- Observed gates open at construction site and high weeds.

Jeff Henry:

- Questioned when the public can use the track
- Disappointed in board for approving change order without reading documentation passed out during meeting

Audrey Larvey:

- Questioned the specific language in the change order

- Would like more language on agenda regarding change order

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director Haas:

- Spoke regarding upcoming library fundraising events

Director Paules:

- Asked about the van being painted and the price

Director Fallow:

- Will bring research and policy changes to board for remote participation in board meetings for Directors

Director Baumgardt:

- Spoke about board goal survey

Director Fallow:

- Questioned the elementary technology program curriculum
- Security training for teachers during in-service

ADJOURNMENT

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Baumgardt, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish
Board Secretary