

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA.
October 16th, 2018

BOARD MINUTES

An executive session was held at 6:00 P.M. concerning personnel and legal matters.

The regular meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Scherer presided.

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

Present: Directors Fallow, Gildner (arrived at 6:55 P.M.), Haas, Paules, Recker, Scherer, and Smale

**OTHER
ATTENDANCE**

Absent: Directors Baumgardt and Harry

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Palmerton High School award first team safe sports for trainers
- National STEM Day on May 8th
- New Science Teacher starting in High School – thanked Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Kern for helping find the teacher
- Fall update from LCCC

STUDENT REPORT – MIA FANTASIA:

- Homecoming and spirit week a success, thanks to Chantilly Goods for donations of bikes to use
- Winter sports/spirit week, winter/spring formals
- Thon dance fundraiser in winter, first annual movie night

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

- PDE released adjusted index for Palmerton at 3.1% compared to 3.2% last year
- Preliminary department budgets will be introduced at the November workshop

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

PSBA Report – Director Fallow

- Will be attending the PSBA leadership conference starting October 17th and is excited to attend several different sessions
- Fair and flexible High School graduation requirements one step closer to becoming law

CCTI Report – Director Fallow

- CCTI hosted SkillsUSA 5k run/walk on October 13th, results on website. Skylar Graver 2nd among females 15-19. In 15-19 age males, Alex Whiteney placed 4th and Nicholas Teichert placed 6th
- CCTI will host bag bingo October 25th from 7-9 P.M. Check CCTI for more details

Library Report – Director Haas

- November 5th – December 7th – Handcraft items auction at Library, October 27th – Gerald Geiger memorial concert
- Amazon smile for library – will contribute a percentage of purchase

AGENDA OPENED APPROVED Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Recker, to open the consent agenda to add Britni Mikulanecz as Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach and Eric Stroup as Volunteer Wrestling Coach.

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

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve the attached consent agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES Approved the minutes from the September 18th, 2018 meeting

FINANCIAL REPORTS Approved the financial reports listed below:

- TREASURER'S REPORT
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
- BUDGET TRANSFERS

INSURANCE RENEWALS Approved the Districts insurance renewal, effective November 12, 2018 as follows:

- Property – CM Regent Insurance Company - \$55,859
- Automobile - CM Regent Insurance Company - \$6,044
- Equipment Breakdown – CM Regent Insurance Company - \$5,292
- General Liability including Crime and Automobile – CM Regent Insurance Company \$28,701
- School Board Legal Liability – CM Regent Insurance Company - \$17,520
- Excess Liability – CM Regent Insurance Company- \$12,311
- Cyber Liability – Lloyd's of London - \$7,005.36

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT Approved the attached tuition reimbursement.

SUB REMOVED Removed Tarik Haddad from our substitute list, effective September 18, 2018

MENTOR Approved Ryan Sharkazy as mentor to Josh Rake

COLUMN MOVEMENTS Approved the following column movements:

- Erin Brown from Bachelors to Bachelors +24
- Chris Kimmel from Bachelors to Bachelors +24

SUB RESIGNATION Approved the resignation of Amanda Burger, substitute IA and substitute Secretary, effective September 18, 2018.

SUB HIRED Approved Megan Wentz as a short-term substitute at S.S Palmer Elementary, effective October 1, 2018, at the rate of \$120.00 day

AFTER-SCHOOL TEACHERS Approved the following After-School Program Teachers at the rate of \$32.00/hour:

- Erin Brown
- Jodi Kocher
- Kathryn McKeon
- Krystle Meglio
- Stacey Olewine
- Jennifer Ramaly
- Ann Marie Ross
- Sara Samok
- Lynn Sutton
- Lisa Ward
- Marcy Zelinsky

½ MS GIRLS BBALL COACHES	Approved Jeff Bennett as a 1/2 MS Girls Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$1,998.00 for the 2018-19 school year
	Approved Peter Beblavy as a 1/2 MS Girls Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$1,998.00 for the 2018-19 school year
HS SCIENCE TEACHER APPROVED	Approved Richard Stanley as a High School Science Teacher, effective October 17, 2018, at Bachelors Step 1 \$45,250 (prorated)
MENTOR APPROVED	Approved Kyle Poremba as mentor for Richard Stanley (this is a transfer from mentor to the HS Sub)
CAFÉ RESIGNATION	Accepted the resignation of Aimee Mink from her position as High School Cafeteria Worker, effective October 3, 2018
ELEM READING SPECIALIST	Approved Jean Chukoskie as an Elementary Reading Specialist at Masters, Step 5, \$50,000 prorated, effective December 7, 2018
SADD ADVISOR	Approved Vicki McHugh as SADD Advisor for 2018-2019 school year at the stipend of \$778
EXTRACURRI- CULAR	It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the following extracurricular positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ralph Andrews – Junior High Math Advisor • Kevin Kolodziejski – Junior High ELA Co-Advisor • Patti Jo Boyd – Junior High ELA Co-Advisor • Kim Seiler – Junior High Social Studies Advisor • Brad Landis – Junior High Science Advisor
BUSINESS MGR CONTRACT	Approved the contract for Ryan Kish, Business Manager; effective July 1, 2019, as submitted
GUEST TEACHERS	Approved the follow Guest Teachers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Cooper • Elizabeth Esrang • Nia Fratrik • Kelly Guedes • Sara Moore • Kenneth Reiter • Steven Semmel • Bernadette Sukley
LAND LEASE AGREEMENT	Approved the execution of a Land Lease Agreement as presented with SMSA Limited Partnership, doing business as Verizon Wireless, for the installation and maintenance of cell phone equipment on District property, with an annual rent of \$18,000
VOLUNTEER GIRLS BBALL COACH	Approved Britni Mikulanecz as Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach for the 2018-19 school year
VOLUNTEER WRESTLING COACH	Approved and Eric Stroup as Volunteer Wrestling Coach for the 2018-19 school year

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

DUGOUT DONATIONS APPROVED	Director Fallow moved, seconded by Director Haas, to accept the following Softball Dugout donations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earl Paules – General Contractor • Fred Leshner - site work for the concrete & assembly of the dugout • Pete Sikorsky – concrete • Big Creek Concrete – put up forms and pour concrete • Palmerton Lumber – material to build the two dugouts • Shea’s Hardware – supply miscellaneous hardware • Neil Balliet Trucking – stone
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Aye Votes: All Directors Present.
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

**POLICY #317
FIRST READING
APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Fallow, to accept the first reading of new policy #317- Educator Misconduct

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Kristen Heller

- Gave an update to the board on behalf of PAEA on the events and happenings in and around the school district

Jessica Fredricks

- Sought clarification regarding a variance for a javelin runway. Director Scherer asked Mr. Engler to seek information regarding applying for an additional variance

Mike Snyder

- 339 Plan done at Palmerton, other schools haven't even started
- Palmerton ahead of curve, most progressive district
- Thankful for Mr. Engler, Teachers, and Board of Directors.

Patricia Woginrich

- Discussed school safety grant opportunities for the district
- Wants school resource officers to be part of budget discussions

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director Fallow

- Asked why the Jr. High Gym was not available; Mr. Engler - it would open soon due to an air handler problem.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Gildner, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 8:03 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish
Board Secretary