

**BOARD MINUTES**

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY, MAY 16, 2017 AND ON MAY 2, 2017 CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 6:36 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Myers presided.

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHER  
ATTENDANCE**

Scot Engler - Superintendent, Deb Scheckler – Board Secretary, Attorney David Conn – Solicitor, Ryan Kish – Business Manager

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

- Next phase of the project is underway – week ahead of schedule
- Thank you to Leighton, Jim Thorpe, and Whitehall for use of facilities
- American Legion Jim Thorpe Post 304 and Germantown Grove Association for holding the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual special needs fishing day last Thursday. Students from all Carbon County Districts participated and it was a wonderful event.

**BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:**

- Last week the state received its April revenue numbers which were \$500 million below expectations
- Current state deficient is \$1.2 Billion. This could make the state budgeting process much more difficult
- Pending approval tonight, our budget is ready to be advertised

**OLD BUSINESS:** Tax increase would put annual taxes up \$53.75 for the average homeowner

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Steven Trainer

- Thanked the Board for their service
- Concerned over tax increases
- Urged cost cutting by the District

Teresa Roselli

- Concerned about tax increases
- Urged no tax increase

**ITEM REMOVED  
FROM CONSENT  
AGENDA  
APPROVED**

Director Recker moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District remove the motion to approve the agreement with Around the Clock Nursing, Inc. for nursing services as needed by the District from the consent agenda and place on the regular agenda.

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

**CONSENT  
AGENDA  
APPROVED**

Director Smale 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 April 18, 2017 meeting.
- FINANCIAL REPORTS** Approve the financial reports listed below: (attachments on file)
- TREASURER’S REPORTS
  - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
  - BUDGET TRANSFERS
  - GRANTS
- RESIGNATION** Accept the resignation of Daniele Bowman from her position as Junior High Learning Support Teacher effective June 30, 2017.
- APPROVE SUBSTITUTES** Approve the following substitute Teachers effective immediately:
- Vanessa Calabro K-4 Substitute
  - Brianna Bush – Emergency Substitute- Elementary
- APPROVE CUSTODIANS** Approve the following custodial positions, effective July 1, 2017:
- Transfer of Diane Benner from Jr. High to Parkside/Palmer
  - Nicole Swartz to FT Custodian Palmer at the rate of \$40,920
  - Troy Rocco to FT Custodian Junior High at the rate of \$38,972
- ESY POSITIONS** Approve the following positions for the Summer ESY Program:
- Christine DeLong- Teacher (\$30.00/hour)
  - Ashley Hummer- Teacher (\$30.00/hour)
  - Tina Rothenberger-Teacher (\$30.00/hour)
  - Tammy Hoffman-Speech (\$30.00/hour)
  - Megan Zurn- Nurse (\$30.00/hour)
  - Marcia Heinick- Instructional Assistant (current rate of pay)
  - Eileen Long- Instructional Assistant (current rate of pay)
  - Ann Marie Ross- Instructional Assistant (current rate of pay)
- EXTRA CURRICULAR** Approve the following extracurricular positions for the 2017-2018 school year:
- |                   |                               |                                   |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Joshua Nenscel    | Head Cross Country Coach      | Stipend pending contract approval |
| Dr. Mike Martinez | Asst. Cross Country Coach     | Stipend pending contract approval |
| Mike Pasco        | Asst. Football Coach          | Stipend pending contract approval |
| Ashley Andrews    | Asst. Girls’ Basketball Coach | Stipend pending contract approval |
| Casey Rinfret     | Asst. Girls’ Basketball Coach | Stipend pending contract approval |
| Suzanne Lynn      | Asst. Girls’ Basketball Coach | Stipend pending contract approval |
- TUITION RE-IMBURSEMENT** Approve the attached tuition reimbursement.
- SUMMER EMPLOYEES** Approve the following summer employees at the rate of \$7.25/hour, 28 hours/week, effective Monday, June 26, 2017 and will end on Thursday, August 17, 2017:
- Jonathan Blichar
  - Kyle Kralik
  - Hailey Muniz
  - Jacob Taylor
  - Jacob Green
  - Sydney Geist
- SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT** Approval of Settlement Agreement with Student #19190.

- CLIU 21 STUDENT DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM** Approve the Student Driver Education Program Agreement with CLIU 21, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- AGREEMENTS** Approve the contract with Woodstone Country Club, Danielsville for the Class of 2018 prom to be held on May 4, 2018.
- Approve the Performance Agreement with Solution Action Sports, LLC for a BMX assembly for the JHS on June 13, 2017.
- Approve the agreement between CMS Medical Care Corporation and PASD for generator costs for the 2017-2018 school year.
- SCHOLARSHIP CHANGES** Accept the proposed change to the existing Harley V. Shupp IV Memorial Scholarship Fund; add a third recipient, therefore changing the recipients from two to three each year awarding \$500, \$300 and \$100, beginning with the 2017 award.
- CONTRACT** Approve the Therapy Services Contract with Pediatric Therapeutic Services for the 2017-2018 school year. (as submitted)
- SCHOLARSHIP** Approve the establishment of the Palmerton Area High School Class of 1966 Kindness Award scholarship fund.

### **End of Consent Agenda**

- NURSING CONTRACT APPROVED** Director Recker moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School approve the agreement with Around the Clock Nursing, Inc. for nursing services as needed by the District.
- Aye Votes: Directors Recker, Debski, Myers, Haas, Smale, Scherer and Yeakel  
Nay Votes: None. Abstained: Director Harry, Motion Carried
- PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET APPROVED** Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Debski that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School approve the Proposed Final 2017-2018 Budget with a 1.25 mill increase and expenditure total of \$32,379,011. The 2017-2018 Real Estate Tax mills will be set at 56.7793. The final budget adoption is set to be approved at the June 20, 2017 Board Meeting.
- Aye Votes: Directors Debski, Smale, Harry, Haas, and Recker  
Nay Votes: Directors Myers, Yeakel, and Scherer Motion Carried
- TERMINATION APPROVED** Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School approve the termination of Ryan Martinez from Assistant Baseball Coach, effectively May 1, 2017.

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

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)**

- Enrollment, April 30, 2017
- LCCC Board Meeting Minutes , April 6, 2017
- LCCC President's Desk Newsletter, May 2017
- Shrapnel, Spring 2017 Edition
- Baccalaureate Invitation
- Board Summary

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Anne Cronk

- Questioned when the final decision for the fields to be turf happened

Brittany Hunsicker & Holly Sell

- Updates on activities at our schools, including music, art and sports
- Field Trips
- PAEA recognized the PTOs
- 321 days without a contract

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Susan Debski went to a Mental Health Awareness conference. Shared her thoughts about Minding your mind. Was a very good conference.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Yeakel that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler  
Board Secretary