

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PALMERTON, PA.  
August 1, 2017

**SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES**

The special meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 5:58 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Myers presided. An Executive session was called at 5:30 for personnel matters and another was held after the meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Directors Haas, Harry, Debski, Recker, Myers, Smale, Yeakel and Scherer  
Director Gildner was present on speakerphone  
Absent: None

**OTHER  
ATTENDANCE**

Scot Engler-Superintendent, Attorney John Audi – Solicitor, Deb Scheckler – Board Secretary

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Thanked Alex Knoll for all his work on the revision of the National Honor Society application process

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kathy Fallow

- Would not vote in favor of renewing Superintendent’s contract (attachment on file)

Jeff Henry

- Would not recommend renewing the Superintendent’s contract

Brandon Mazepa

- Expressed his disappointment with the Board and Superintendent
- Recommends the Superintendent’s contract not be renewed
- Requests a citizen advisory board

Kenneth Sutton

- Disagrees with a five year contract for the Superintendent

Susan Debski

- Apologized to the Superintendent for the antagonism and disrespect of the Public
- Many projects completed in the District

**TRANSPORTATION  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED**

Director Smale motioned, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the transportation agreement with Leon A. George II School Buses, Inc. for the 2017-18 through 2020-21 school terms. (attachment on file)

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

**SUPERINTENDENT  
CONTRACT  
APPROVED**

Director Debski motioned, seconded by Director Gildner that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the 5 year contract with Scot Engler, Superintendent, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022. (attachment on file)

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

**CUSTODIAN  
APPROVED**

Director Smale motioned, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Josh Gibbs as Part-time Flex Custodian, effective August 2, 2017 at the hourly rate of \$13.03.

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

**ADVISORS  
APPROVED**

Director Haas motioned, seconded by Director Gildner that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the following advisors for the 2017-2018 school year:

Thomas Heinick	Marching Band Advisor	Stipend pending contract approval
Marcia Heinick	Asst Marching Band Director	Stipend pending contract approval
Chrissy Rehatchek	Color Guard Advisor	Stipend pending contract approval

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

**SECRETARY  
APPROVED**

Director Haas motioned, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Mary Jo King as Full-Time Secretary to the Special Education Director at a salary of \$32,474 (prorated), effective August 14, 2017.

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

**RESIGNATION  
APPROVED**

Director Smale motioned, seconded by Director Scherer that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District accept the resignation of Marie Vessels, effective immediately.

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

**NHS REVISION  
APPROVED**

Director Smale motioned, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the revised National Honor Society application process (attachment on file).

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

**CONSTRUCTION  
PAYMENTS  
APPROVED**

Director Scherer motioned, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve:

- Partial payment to Penn Builders in the amount of \$702,667.11 for Jr./Sr. High School Campus Improvements
- Partial payments to Ace Electric in the amount of \$26,212.50, \$37,125, and \$110,560.50 for Jr./Sr. High School Campus Improvements
- Partial payment to Midline Mechanical in the amount of \$205,570.50 for HVAC Improvements
- Partial payments to Ace Electric in the amount of \$58,301.71 and \$80,845.32 for HVAC Improvements

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Kathy Fallow

- Asked about executive session and HR

Kenneth Sutton

- Asked about the five year contract
- Asked about the actions of the Board as an establishment
- Asked about the denial of negotiations with the Board and the Teachers

Attorney Audi

- Offered several times to meet with the whole team

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director Gildner

- Respects the vote of all the Board Members

Director Scherer

- Asked Mr. Faenza about the pond overflowing

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler  
Board Secretary