

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA.
September 5, 2017

SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES

The special meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 6:10 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. Vice President Recker presided. An Executive session was called at 5:30 for personnel and legal matters.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Gildner, Haas, Harry, Debski, Recker, Smale, Yeakel and Scherer.
Absent: none.

**OTHER
ATTENDANCE**

Scot Engler-Superintendent, Attorney David Conn – Solicitor, Deb Scheckler – Board Secretary

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Friday at 5:30 PM is the Ribbon Cutting for the stadium improvements
- Thanked Towamensing Township for working with us during the construction projects

**OPEN AGENDA
APPROVED**

Director Debski motioned, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District open the agenda.

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

**TEMPORARY
PRESIDENT
APPROVED**

Director Smale motioned, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District appoint Darlene Yeakel as temporary president.

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

**BOARD MEMBER
APPROVED**

Director Smale motioned, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District appoint Earl Paules as Palmerton School District Board Director to conclude the term left by Clarence Myers III’s resignation.

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

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE

**PRESIDENT
APPROVED**

Director Harry motioned, seconded by Director Yeakel that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District nominate Barry Scherer as President of the Board until December.

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

**ACCEPT NOTICE
OF CHARGES
APPROVED**

Director Gildner motioned, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District accept the Notice of Charges for employee #0061.

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

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Yeakel 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

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CONSENT AGENDA

- RESIGNATION** Approve the resignation of Suzanne Lynn as a MS Special Education Teacher, Teacher Mentor, Co-advisor of Jr High Student Council and MS Basketball Coach, effective August 16, 2017
- SPECIAL ED TEACHER** Approve Lauren Michalik as MS Special Education teacher, effective September 6, 2017, at a salary of \$43,982 (prorated).
- SUBSTITUTES** Approve the following Substitutes:
- Vanessa Bell as a K-6 substitute teacher
 - Patrick Crowley as a 7-12 substitute teacher
 - Laura Cressley as a K-12 Music substitute
 - Wendy Magner as a Café Substitute
- Remove Megan Wagner from substitute teacher list.
- MENTOR** Approve Zach Tofany as Mentor for Jennifer Denaro and Lauren Michalik for the 2017-18 school year, stipend pending contract approval.
- RESIGNATION** Approve the resignation of Paula Strohl, Cafeteria employee, effective August 23, 2017
- SUBSTITUTE** Approve Brianna Bush as a Long-Term substitute teacher, effective August 28, 2017, at S.S.Palmer, salary of ½ B, Step 1.
- CUSTODIAN** Approve Frank Rocco as a FT Custodian, effective October 3, 2017, at a salary of \$42,148 (prorated)
- CAFÉ EMPLOYEES** Approve Amy Carrelli as a four hour café worker at the High School at the rate of \$12.31/hour.
- Approve Shannon Ledo as four hour café worker at Parkside Education Center at the rate of \$12.31/hour.
- Approve the transfer of Kristen Anglemyer from dishwasher to Asst. Head Chef at the High School at the rate of \$14.60.
- Approve the transfer of Audrey Ravert from Asst. Head Chef to Head Chef at the High School at the rate of \$15.58.
- READING SPECIALIST** Approve Tanya Hess as a Reading Specialist, M, Step 4 \$48,278 (prorated), effective September 6, 2017.
- MENTOR** Approve Shanna Israel as a mentor for Tanya Hess for the 2017-2018 school year.
- INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT** Approve Christine King as an Instructional Assistant, effective September 6, 2017, at a rate of \$14.47.
- VOLUNTEERS** Approve Laura Cressley as a volunteer to assist with Jr. & Sr. High Music productions.
- Approve John Cronk as a volunteer girls volleyball coach, effective September 6, 2017.
- Approve Lauren Michalik as a volunteer field hockey coach, effective September 6, 2017.
- SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST** Approve to contract with Art Feinberg as an independent contractor, school psychologist, as needed, not to exceed 120 days, for the 2017-2018 school year, at the rate of \$400/day.
- BAND DIRECTOR** Approve Ken Mettam as the Junior High Band Director, effective September 6, 2017, stipend pending contract negotiations.
- CO-ADVISOR** Approve Kevin Young as the co-advisor of Jr. High Student Council effective immediately, stipend pending contract negotiations.

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MEMORANDUMS Accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Palmerton Area School District and the Pennsylvania State Police. (attachment on file)

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT Approval of Settlement Agreement with Student # 20058.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jeff Henry

- Football stadium looks good; tennis courts need work
- Questions about incidents and reporting

Kathy Fallow

- Congratulated the Board on implementing full-day kindergarten
- Questioned about the time and research put into the decision

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Director Recker met with Brandon Mazepa about the workshop and meetings and the purpose and times
- Director Harry thanked the Board for the support and plaque at the 7th Street Field in memory of Geno Roberts
- Anne Cronk reminded everyone of the first volleyball game at Northwestern School District
- Director Haas has lottery tickets to benefit the Palmerton Library

ADJOURNMENT Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler
Board Secretary