

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PALMERTON, PA.  
January 3, 2017

**SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES**

The special meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 5:32 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHER  
ATTENDANCE**

Scot Engler-Superintendent, Deb Scheckler – Board Secretary

**DIRECTOR OF  
HUMAN  
RESOURCES  
APPROVED**

Director Scherer motioned, seconded by Director Yeakel that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Thomas McLaughlin as Palmerton Area School District Director of Human Resources; start date to be determined at the starting salary of \$85,000, prorated.

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

**SCHOOL  
PSYCHOLOGIST  
APPROVED**

Director Scherer motioned, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Mary Katherine Finn-Writer as school psychologist; start date to be determined at the starting salary of \$67,000, prorated. Ms. Finn is filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Palazzo.

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

**CO-CURRICULAR  
POSITION  
APPROVED**

Director Scherer motioned, seconded by Director Yeakel that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Art George as a volunteer boys' basketball coach for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

5:38 PM Director Harry arrived

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ann Cronk

- Questions on the District's proposal
- Felt the District's press release was disrespectful

Michele O'Neill

- Question on the duration of the strike

Attorney Conn

- Ten Days for the first strike.

Director Haas arrived at 5:40 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Yeakel that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 5:43 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler  
Board Secretary