

BOARD MINUTES

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M. November 3, 2015 and at 6:00 P.M. TODAY, November 17, 2015 CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 6:34 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

FLAG SALUTE

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

ROLL CALL

Scot Engler - Superintendent, Deb Scheckler – Board Secretary, Matt Sawarynski – Business Manager, Attorney Audi – Solicitor

OTHER ATTENDANCE

PRESENTATION:

Palmer/Parkside PTO presented a donation of \$3,564.48 in books to the SS Palmer and Parkside Libraries and teachers. \$1,453.65 was earned in the penny war. And will feed ten families for the holiday.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Suicide policy reading on the agenda.
- Bo Tkach will provide training.
- Day 139 without a state budget.
- LCCC agreement on the agenda is only a formality.
- Social Media Issue - thanked the Palmerton Police and State Police.
- Trooper Flynn present. Funds are allocated in the new budget for armed guards within the schools.
- Trooper Flynn explained the process with the social media. Search warrants and court orders are needed. In contact with the FBI. Went to Carbon County DA's office to get this put in motion. Contacted Twitter, faxed everything out to them. Twitter will notify the subject user of the investigation. Contacting legislators to help with this process. Prosecution will follow if we can find out who it is.
- The State police fully support armed security guards who are fully trained.
- The Board thanked the trooper for his hard work.
- Eric Reif asked if the Twitter's legal team was notified. Trooper Flynn said yes.
- There was no direct threat.
- Fred Nothstein asked if the FBI was notified. Trooper said yes.

STUDENT REPORT: Jacob Martinez

- Student council is working with the Am Heart Association on a fundraiser
- Junior class had a Subway fundraiser
- Book club held coffee House
- Art club collecting water bottles to make a chandelier
- 2015 Krispy Kreme donut sale
- Avenger edition is out
- Leo Club started a canned food drive
- PAC raised money through lollipop sales and pet dress up contest
- Candle fundraiser for Class of 2019
- FBLA regional contest
- NHS induction ceremony this week and blood drive completed.
- Marching band finished their season with games and parades.
- Scholastic Scrimmage preparing for spring events
- Mock Trial
- Academics Keystone scores increased 25%

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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Zach from PFM is here regarding the financing for our projects
- New Money Project – Bond Offering – “A” rating for the district.
- Refinancing Bonds – Bank loan through Zions Bank. Repayable at any time. 10% savings

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

Director Gildner 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 October 20, 2015 meeting.
(attachment on file)

**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

Approve the financial reports listed below:

- TREASURER'S REPORTS (attachment on file)
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (attachment on file)
- BUDGET TRANSFERS (attachment on file)
- GRANTS (attachment on file)

CONTRACTS

Approve the DJ contract with Dustin K. Kresge (DJK) for DJ services for school dances for the 2015-2016 school year.

Approve the Letter of Agreement Contract with Split Rock Resort for the FBLA Regional Competition to be held on December 15, 2015.

Approve the License agreement with the MT Pit LLC to use recording in live state performance of Guys & Dolls by the Palmerton HS Drama Club.

**RESIGNATIONS
AND
RETIREMENTS**

Accept the resignation of Christina Bravo as a Life Skills Paraprofessional at the High School, effective October 27, 2015.

Accept the retirement of the following, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

- John M. Hrebik, HS Teacher
- Bridgette Ann Gorman, Elementary School Teacher

Accept the resignation of the following, effective immediately:

- Heather Mostosky, Teacher Substitute
- Sarah Miller, Teacher Substitute
- Jo Sponsler, Teacher Substitute

**GUEST
TEACHERS**

Approve the following Guest Teachers, effective November 18, 2015:

- LeeAnn De Angelis
- Vicki Kistler
- Shaun Midas

**AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAM**

Approve the following Elementary Teachers for the Afterschool Program beginning approximately December 1, 2015 and end March 31, 2016 for approximately three hours per week for instruction in reading and or math for grades 3,4,5 & 6:

- Jodi Kocher
- Kelly Ruddick
- Stacey Olewine
- Kathryn McKeon
- Pam Andrews
- Michelle Davis
- Marcy Zelinsky
- Lynn Sutton

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**SPEECH
THERAPIST**

Approve Debra Hauser as an independent contractor Speech Therapist at the rate of \$70/hour, effective November 18, 2015, as needed, not to exceed 7 hours a week for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

**CAFÉ
WORKER**

Approve Kristin Anglemeyer as a café worker in the dish room at the High School for 4 hours a day at the rate of \$11.61/hour, effective November 4, 2015.

**EXTRA
CURRICULAR
POSITIONS**

Approve the following extra-curricular positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Adrienne Allen Volunteer Swimming Coach
- Dave Lavin Volunteer Wrestling Coach
- Tyrone Lewis Middle School Track Coach
- Scot Engler Volunteer Substitute Coach
- Paula Husar Volunteer Substitute Coach
- Richard DeSocio Volunteer Substitute Coach
- Christine Steigerwalt Volunteer Substitute Coach
- Dan Heaney Volunteer Substitute Coach
- Andrew Remsing Volunteer Substitute Coach
- Travis Fink Volunteer Basketball Coach
- Matt Kosciolek Volunteer Basketball Coach
- Paul McArdle Volunteer Basketball Coach
- Janine Mack Volunteer Marching Band
- Janine Mack Volunteer Jr. High National Honor Society

SUBSTITUTES

Approve Tina Rothenberger as a substitute teacher, effective November 18, 2015.

**FIRST READING
OF POLICY**

Accept the first reading of policy 819, Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response.

CONTRACT

Approve the contract with School Datebooks for the 2016-17 school year at a cost of \$1,644.72 pending the 2016-17 budget approval.

DONATION

Accept the donation of \$3,564.48 in books to the S.S. Palmer and Parkside Libraries from the PTO.

End of Consent Agenda

**ACT 1
RESOLUTION
APPROVED**

Director Yeakel moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adopt the 2016-2017 Act 1 Resolution stating that the Palmerton Area School District will not increase taxes by more than its index of 3.2%.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

**AGREEMENT
WITH LCCC
APPROVED**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of the Palmerton Area School District in accordance with Sec. 2.2 of the Rules, Regulations and Procedures for Lehigh Carbon Community College hereby approves in advance action to be taken by the Lehigh Carbon Community College to enter into an agreement for the purchase, construction, or improvement of land and/or a building upon which the College shall operate an alternative facility to the current facility located in downtown Allentown and/or Carbon County, as such facility is presently located, so long as the College, in proceeding in accordance herewith, complies strictly with the following conditions:

1. There shall be no additional capital contribution allocation requested by the College from its Sponsors for the specific alternative site to be acquired over and above that which is presently allocated to the facility to be replaced.
2. The alternative site for the existing downtown Allentown facility shall be within the City of Allentown with a preference to the center city area.

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3. The alternative Carbon County site will be within Carbon County.
4. Within a reasonable time of acquisition of the alternative site in the City of Allentown, the College will pursue actively the sale of the existing Allentown site.
5. Within a reasonable amount of time of acquisition of the alternate site in Carbon County, the College will terminate its occupancy in the current Carbon County site.
6. The College has and will continue to apply for and seek state and other grants to assist in subsidizing the costs of the acquisitions.
7. Within ten (10) business days of entering into an agreement for the acquisition of an alternative site, the College will notify the Sponsor School Districts.
8. With regard to each acquisition, the College shall perform reasonable due diligence to be satisfied that the alternative site will meet the requirements and needs of the College for the purposes intended.
9. The College will be satisfied that it can finance the acquisition and any construction or improvement costs required to allow for the site to be utilized fully for purposes of a College facility within the conditions set forth herein.
10. The approval in advance shall expire and be of no further effect as of 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2016.

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Gildner that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the agreement.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- Enrollment, October 30, 2015
- Avenger, Volume 19, Issue One
- LCCC Board Minutes, October 1, 2015
- LCCC President's Desk, November 2015
- Board Summary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. George Ashman

- Questions about the District's charter school and amount of students.

Mr. Richard DeSocio

- The District has 17 students in ours and they are pulled back into the District if they do well.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Yeakel that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Scheckler
Board Secretary