

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PALMERTON, PA.  
December 8, 2015

**BOARD MINUTES**

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY, December 8, 2015  
CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHER  
ATTENDANCE**

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Presented Certificates from PSBA to reappointed Board Members
- Day 160 of no State Budget
- HS Play was outstanding
- Avedium at Penns Peak – promote Positive environments in schools

STUDENT REPORT: Madison Martinez

- Student Council held winter pep rally & is planning a spring event
- Talent Show is December 23, 2015
- Winter Dance coming up
- Freshman class Blue Mt candle sale
- NHS 16 new members
- Sr Class planning senior trip
- Marching band and chorus has upcoming performances for public and elementary schools
- Scholastic Scrimmage Team competition
- Fall performance was amazing
- World Geography class will be giving presentations
- November 24<sup>th</sup> Breakfast held for students that scored Proficient and advanced on Keystone tests

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Auditors found no findings in Title one audit
- Currently working on 2016-2017 Budget
- Tim Sisock gave an update on the construction project

**CONSENT  
AGENDA  
APPROVED**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Myers 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 November 17, 2015 and December 1, 2015 meetings. (attachments 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)
- RELEASE PAYMENTS** Authorize the Superintendent & Business Manager to make and release payments for the remaining December Accounts Payable.
- AFTERSCHOOL 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:
- Brittany Hunsicker
  - Kathy Englert
- INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR** Approve Matt Sawarynski as an independent contractor to provide business manager services for the District at the rate of \$72/hour, as needed, for the 2015-2016 school year, effective December 6, 2015.
- REMOVE SUBSTITUTE** Accept the resignation of Karen Jetty from the Instructional Assistant Substitute and Secretary Substitute Lists, effective December 1, 2015.
- APPROVE SUBSTITUTE** Approve Kathryn Edgar as a Substitute Instructional Aide, effective December 9, 2015.
- TUITION RE-IMBURSEMENTS** Approve the attached tuition reimbursement
- POLICY 819 APPROVAL** Accept the second reading of and approve Policy 819, Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response.
- DONATION** Accept the donation of \$1,700 from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, from their Community Festival profits, to the Band Activity Fund.

**End of Consent Agenda**

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**DISTRICT  
BUSINESS  
MANAGER  
APPROVED**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Ryan Kish as Palmerton Area School District Business Manager; effective January 4, 2016 at the starting salary of \$86,500, prorated. Mr. Kish is filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Matthew Sawarynski.

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

**DONATION  
APPROVED**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Scherer that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District Accept a donation of approximately \$450 to \$500 from the JH Student Council Activity Fund Account to the General Fund to be earmarked for the purchase of a display case.

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

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

- Enrollment, November 30, 2015
- Board Summary

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. George Ashman

- Concerns of the placement of the Junior High Building addition
- Questions about the SHINE program

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Barry made positive comments about the new vans and the detailing

Tammy wished everyone a Merry Christmas

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Myers that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Scheckler  
Board Secretary