

BOARD MINUTES

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

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 6:44 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

**OTHER
ATTENDANCE**

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Calendar and makeup days – Last day is currently June 8th.
- Joe, Matt & Scott met with Barry Isett concerning Café study

STUDENT REPORT: Kaitlyn Stevens

- Student Council – Dance
- Jr Class – Fundraiser
- Sr Class Outing
- PACC – Pet food drive extended
- FBLA – state test, teacher appreciation day
- NHS – tutoring and babysitting and help local soup kitchen
- Band- CC Band Festival
- Mock Trial Team did exceptionally well – Law Day Trial
- Girls BB Team – open district day
- Wrestling – playoffs
- 106 students at honors breakfast

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Work continues on the budget for 2015-2016
- Food Service for Next Year’s budget

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. George Ashman

- Question about pole vault coach pay
- Student Report
- Boys Basketball at Catty on Friday night

**APPROVED
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Smale 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 January 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)

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DONATION Accept the donation of \$250.00 from the PHS Class of 2015 Parents Club, from their craft fair proceeds, to the PHS Class of 2015 activity fund.

EXONERATE TAX COLLECTORS Exonerate the current tax collectors listed below from the collection of the 2014-2015 school year delinquent per capita taxes effective January 1, 2015:

Bowmanstown Borough	Maria Smith	\$ 2,210.00
Lower Towamensing Township	Connie Brown	\$ 7,470.00
Palmerton Borough	Lisa Nemeth	\$ 11,360.00
Towamensing Township	R. Bruce Reiner	\$ 5,470.00

PER CAPITA TAX EXONERATION LISTS Palmerton Area School District to approve the attached per capita tax exoneration lists.

APPOINT BERKHEIMER Palmerton Area School District to appoint Berkheimer Associates, Bangor, PA as the delinquent tax collector of the 2014-2015 school year per capita taxes effective January 1, 2015. (There is no fee assessed to the District for this service; the fees are assessed to the taxpayer.)

DONATION Accept the donation of \$795.76 from SS Palmer Elementary PTO for reimbursement of playground mats

BERKS COUNTY AGREEMENT Approve the Service Level Agreement for Tax Services from Berks County Intermediate Unit in accordance with their fee agreement. Effective April 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2017. (Tax years 2015 and 2016) Funding provided by the General Fund.

REMOVE SUB Remove Alexis Lloyd from the substitute teacher list as per her request.

GUEST TEACHERS Approve the following guest teachers, effective February 18, 2015:

- Christina Bradley
- Olga Blahy

SUB CUSTODIAN Approve the following substitute custodian, effective February 18, 2015:

- Norman Kern

EXTRA CURRICULAR POSITIONS Approve the following as Volunteer Baseball Coaches for the 2014-2015 school year.

- Tyler Svetik
- Ryan Martinez

Approve Tyrone Renwick Lewis as pole vault coach for the 2014-2015 school year at the salary of \$500. (\$100 taken from each of the paid coaches' salaries)

Approve the following extracurricular positions for the 2015-2016 school year.

- Alex Knoll-Head Golf Coach \$1,192.50 (1/2 Salary)
- Mike Brennan-Assistant Golf Coach \$1,192.50 (1/2 Salary)

TUITION RE - IMBURSEMENT Approve the attached tuition reimbursements.

APPROVE CLUB Approve the establishment of the following club "PLURAL" in the High School.

End of Consent Agenda

CLIU GENERAL BUDGET APPROVED Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Myers that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the General Operation Budget of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

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

DENY PAEA Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Debski that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District deny PAEA Grievance #2015-01.

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GRIEVANCE

#2015-01

APPROVED

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

**CONFERENCE
APPROVED**

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Harry that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Matt Sawarynski to attend the Annual PASBO Conference in Hershey on March 11-13, 2015, cost not to exceed \$750.00.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Linda Hartranft

- Expressed support of Ms. Smith

Michelle Frantz

- Expressed support of Ms. Smith

Kathy Anderson

- Expressed support of Ms. Smith
- Concerned that kindergarten students aren't learning enough.

**DISMISSAL
APPROVED**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Gildner that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the dismissal for cause of Lauren Smith from employment as a teacher in the Palmerton Area School District.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- Enrollment, January 30, 2015
- CLIU21 December 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- LCCC January 8, 2015 Board Minutes
- LCCC President's Desk, February 2015
- 2014 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes
- LCCC Aspire, Winter 2014
- Board Summary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. George Ashman

- Concerned about class time lost due to late starts

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

We have a swimmer going to Districts.

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Debski that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler
Board Secretary