

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PALMERTON, PA.  
April 18, 2017

**BOARD MINUTES**

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY, APRIL 18, 2017 AND ON APRIL 4, 2017 CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS AND ON APRIL 18, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M. CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS.

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the High School. President Myers presided.

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHER ATTENDANCE**

Scot Engler - Superintendent, Deb Scheckler – Board Secretary, Attorney John Audi – Solicitor, Ryan Kish – Business Manager

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Pleased to say that land development building permits are awaiting final approval
- Little Shop of Horrors play was fantastic
- Joe gave a construction update. Renovations still in progress with quite a few items complete. They will continue through 2018
- Dan showed a SHINE video created by first graders at Parkside

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Property tax elimination likely will not happen for this year
- Budget bill moving along
- Proposed Budget Presentation at May 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Debski 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 March 21, 2017 and April 7, 2017 meetings. (attachment on file)

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Approve the financial reports listed below: (attachments on file)

- TREASURER’S REPORTS
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
- BUDGET TRANSFERS
- GRANTS

**LEGAL SERVICES WITH SSK&W**

Approve the legal service consultation agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$7,500.00. regarding special education and student services.

**DONATION**

Accept the remaining funds from the Class of 2015 Activity Fund Account in the amount of \$105.58 as a donation to the General Fund.

**PER CAPITA TAX EXONERATION**

Approve the attached per capita tax exoneration list.

**TAX REFUND**

Refund taxpayer the overpayment of real estate tax in the amount of \$1,204.79 on bill #1394.

**SECRETARY HIRES**

Approve Angela L. Heiland for the Secretary to District Facilities/Curriculum and Instruction at a starting salary of \$31,528 (prorated) with a start date of May 22, 2017.

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Approve Lori Hawk for the Secretary to Special Education at a starting salary of \$31,528 (prorated) with a start date of May 8, 2017.

Approve the following guest teachers effective April 19, 2017:

**GUEST  
TEACHERS**

- Linda Andersen
- Andrea Anfuso
- Lisandra Collazo
- Sara Hernandez
- Carol Taylor
- Robert Winton

**SUBSTITUTES**

Approve the following substitute Teacher effective April 19, 2017:

- Carol Beidler

Approve the following substitute IA and substitute secretary effective April 19, 2017:

- Kelly Warner

**RETIREMENTS**

Accept the retirement of Salvador Rios, Jr., High School Custodian, effective October 2, 2017.

Accept the retirement of Kathy Englert, Jr High Math Teacher, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

**EXTRA  
CURRICULAR**

Approve the following extracurricular positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

- |                  |                   |                                   |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Steve Martinez | JV Scorekeeper    | Baseball Volunteer                |
| • Vicki McHugh   | ½ Aavidum Advisor | Stipend pending contract approval |
| • Dawn Burke     | ½ Aavidum Advisor | Stipend pending contract approval |

Approve the following extracurricular positions for the 2017-2018 school year:

- |                    |                              |                                   |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Linsey German    | Varsity Cheerleading Advisor | Stipend pending contract approval |
| • Christine Delong | JV Cheerleading Advisor      | Stipend pending contract approval |
| • Ken Termini      | Boys Basketball Head Coach   | Stipend pending contract approval |
| • Ralph Andrews    | Girls Basketball Head Coach  | Stipend pending contract approval |
| • Justin Petersen  | Wrestling Head Coach         | Stipend pending contract approval |

**TUITION RE-  
IMBURSEMENT**

Approve the attached tuition reimbursement.

**SUBSTITUTE**

Approve the following substitute Café Worker effective April 19, 2017:

- Amy Carelli

**GRADUATION  
DATE**

Approve June 19, 2017 as the graduation date for the Class of 2017.

**PSBA VOTING  
DELEGATE**

Appoint Darlene Yeakel as the voting delegate to the PSBA Delegate Assembly on October 20, 2017.

**AGREEMENT**

Approve the agreement with A&A Limousine Service for bus transportation for the NJHS Club's field trip to Hershey Park on May 26, 2017.

**DONATION**

Accept the donation of \$115.00 from the Drama Club Parents Club bake sale to the Drama Club Activity Account.

**ESTABLISH  
CLUB**

Recommendation to approve the establishment of an activity club in the Palmerton Area High School named Palmerton Area Chapter of Aavidum.

**End of Consent Agenda**

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**EXONERATED  
TAX COLLECTOR  
APPROVED**

Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School exonerate the current tax collector listed below from the collection of the 2016-2017 school year delinquent per capita taxes effective April 4, 2017:

- Lower Towamensing Township: Connie Brown \$8,200.00

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

**CLIU POOL  
LEGAL  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED**

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Yeakel that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School participate in the CLIU Technology Pool Legal Services Consultation Agreement.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

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

- Enrollment, March 31, 2017
- LCCC Board Meeting Minutes, March 2, 2017
- LCCC President's Desk Newsletter, April 2017
- Avenger, April 7, 2017 edition
- Board Summary

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Craig Borland

- Updates on what is happening in the schools
- 292 days without a contract

Michelle Muffley

- PAEA has Thursday night dinner and chose SHINE

Anne Cronk

- Thanked Joe for repairing the HS parking lot
- HS Café outlet concerns
- June 28<sup>th</sup> will be arbitration with Teachers
- Asking for negotiations to continue before then

Attorney John Audi

- Teachers Union's Attorney said June would work best

Michelle Muffley

- Union did not make the request to wait until after school year is over for negotiations

Brittney Hunsicker

- SHINE program at Towamensing, kids loved it
- Thanked everyone who helped in the program

George Ashman

- Dental van and SHINE program come out of the Partners for Progress program

Audrey Larvey

- All the districts love the SHINE program

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Yeakel that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler  
Board Secretary