

BOARD MINUTES

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY, April 21, 2015 CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 6:30 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, Yeakel and Haas
Absent: None

**OTHER
ATTENDANCE**

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Sixth Sense Team Students Priya Baldassano, Dylan Bollinger, Gina Laviolette, Maddie Serio, Caitlyn Smith, and Cortlan Wood showed their first place trophy
- Received a thank you for supporting music in our schools. The 55th Annual County Band Concert was held at Lehighon Area High School and the music was wonderful
- Current HS “Shrapnel” has been printed

STUDENT REPORT: Kelly Westermann

- Student council field trip to Philadelphia
- Class of 2016 had candy sale
- Art club created life size figures and flowers
- Sophomore car wash
- Leo club is donating spare change in May
- Senior Class is selling prom tickets
- Lehigh Valley Zoo
- Avenger working on next paper
- Shrapnel has been printed
- NHS helped with the Charley Brown Nursery
- Concert Band – County Band Concert
- March 26th held concert involving all grade levels
- Scholastic Scrimmage
- PLURAL – silence at the high school day
- Spring Show is this week All Shook Up
- Lockdown drill held
- May 13,14,18,19 Keystones

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT: Matt – Budget Report

- The state is coming to review food service operations in May
- May 5th is the public presentation for the 2015-2016 budget at the High School

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Harry 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 17, 2015 meeting.
(attachments on file)
- FINANCIAL REPORTS** Approve the financial reports listed below: (attachments on file)
- TREASURER’S REPORTS
 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 - BUDGET TRANSFERS
 - GRANTS
- RETIREMENT** Accept the retirement of Karen Keck at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.
- COACH** Approve Austin Cseh as Varsity Football Assistant Coach at the rate of \$3,947 for the 2015-2016 school year.
- SUBSTITUTE AIDE** Approve Jennifer Figueroa as a Substitute Secretary and Substitute Instructional Aide effective April 22, 2015.
- SUMMER EMPLOYEES** Approve the following summer employees at the rate of \$7.25/hour, 28 hours/week, effective June 15, 2015 through August 20, 2015:
- Ben Winn
 - Lindsay Stasko
 - Kylee Tirado
 - Jenna Haydt
- TUITION RE - IMBURSEMENT** Approve the attached tuition reimbursements.
- DONATION** Approve the donation of the old High School Wrestling mats to the High School Parents’ Club
- FIELD TRIP** Approve the field trip for the High School Environmental Club, chaperoned by David Kellerman and parent, to Smithsonian Museum in Washington DC on April 29, 2015 at the cost to the district for a Substitute Teacher.
- CONTRACT** Contract of Agreement – Main Street Leasing – bus transportation for the Environmental Club field trip to Washington DC on April 29, 2015.
- COOLER/ FREEZER** Approve the purchase and installation of a new Remote Walk In Combination Cooler Freezer at the SS Palmer Elementary School at a cost of \$18,708.65 to be paid from the Cafeteria Fund. Installation will take place following students last day of lunches at the end of 2014-15 school year. (attachment on file)
- AUDIT SERVICES** Approve the 3 year contract with Gorman & Associates, P.C. for audit services at the following rates:
- | | <u>2014-2015</u> | <u>2015-2016</u> | <u>2016-2017</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Audit Fee | \$21,400 | \$21,400 | \$21,500 |
| Single Audit Fee (if required) | \$2,550 | \$2,550 | \$2,600 |
| AFR Fee | \$875 | \$875 | \$875 |
| Hourly Rate for additional services | \$75 | \$75 | \$75 |
- JANITORIAL BIDS** Award the Janitorial/Lighting Bids - \$45,005.99 (attachment on file)
- FALL SPORTS & ATHLETICAL BIDS** Approve the Fall Sports & Athletic Medical - \$21,642.67 (attachment on file)
- End of Consent Agenda**
- INSTRUCTIONAL** Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Myers that the Board of Directors of Palmerton Area School District approve Kathi Anderson as an Instructional Aide effective April 27, 2015

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**AIDE
APPROVED**

the rate of \$13.38/hour. (Mrs. Anderson is filling position vacated by the retirement of Susan Beers.)

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

**40 DAY MEDICAL
EXTENSION
APPROVED**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Yeakel that the Board of Directors of Palmerton Area School District approve the 40 day extension for employee #9762 for medical reasons.

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

**CLIU FACILITIES
PLAN
APPROVED**

Director Yeakel moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of Palmerton Area School District approve the 2015-2016 Facilities Plan Committee Report that was approved by the CLIU Facilities Plan Committee on March 11, 2015 and the CLIU 21 Board of Directors on March 16, 2015. In addition the Board reaffirms its commitment to the original construct of the Facilities Planning, approved November 1, 1989, which consists of a series of prioritized inquiries to be considered in determining future locations of the CLIU and school district special education classes.

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

**BUS CONTRACT
APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Yeakel that the Board of Directors of Palmerton Area School District approve the contract for transportation of school students with Leon A. George II School Buses Inc. for the 2015-2016 school year. (as submitted)

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

INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- Enrollment, March 31, 2015
- LCCC President's Desk, March 2015
- LCCC President's Desk, April 2015
- LCCC Minutes, March 12, 2015
- Board Summary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. George Ashman

- Questioned the percent of students who opted out of PSSAs (3 students)
- Inquired about students exempt from final exams
- Free summer meals through Second Harvest might be possible to students at the Coal Bowl summer program

ADJOURNMENT

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas 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,

Deborah A. Scheckler
Board Secretary