

**BOARD MINUTES**

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M., AUGUST 16, 2016  
CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Directors Debski, Harry, Gildner, Myers, Recker, Scherer, Smale, Yeakel and Haas  
Absent: None

**OTHER  
ATTENDANCE**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- SHINE program will start in September at Parkside
- Tim Sisock project update
- HVAC and addition projects going on. Construction is on time and will be complete for school
- Will be ready for the teachers
- Two chillers for HVAC at the high school
- Will need a service contract after the warranty
- Barry asked about sprinklers
- Sprinklers would be required and was budgeted
- Barry asked about the water issue for the sprinklers

**BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT**

- Business Office closing out the end of the year and ordering supplies
- PFM at next workshop

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Brenda McGraff

- Talked about Ms. Husar’s evaluation
- Disagrees with this evaluation, in according with the state rating system
- Challenged the Board to make sure her evaluation is fair
- Hold the Superintendent accountable and do not renew his contract

Jeff Henry

- Asked which Board Members are up for reelection next year
- Terminate his contract

Lisa Anthony

- Read a letter from Mr. Schwartz, in favor of Mrs. Husar and against renewing Mr. Engler’s contract

Linda Pereira

- Thanked the Board for the job they do
- In favor of not renewing the Superintendent’s contract

Mrs. Audrey Larvey

- Asked about the renewal of the superintendent’s contract; Attorney Audi -No action will result in automatic renewal; Director Myers-Board has until August 21
- Asked why one year, is it because of not being satisfied with the Superintendent’s appointment

Nicole Andress

- Talked in support of Mrs. Husar
- Supports not renewing Mr. Engler’s contract

Keri Henry

- Thanked the Board for all they do
- In favor of not renewing Mr. Engler’s contract
- In favor of Mrs. Husar

Mr. Rich DeSocio

- With the other Administrators letting the Board know they support Mr. Engler

Ms. Susan Debski

- Asked the Board to vote only on fact, not misinformation and rumors
- Supports the Superintendent

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Myers that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District to approve the following consent agenda.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MINUTES**

Approve the minutes from the August 2, 2016 meeting. (attachment on file)

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

- TREASURER’S REPORTS
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
- GRANTS

**ADVISOR POSITIONS**

Approve the following advisor positions at Towamensing Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year:

Natalie Maderia	Chorus Advisor	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Jodi Kocher	Student Council Co-Advisor	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Stacey Olewine	Student Council Co-Advisor	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Krystle Meglio	Yearbook Co-Advisor	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Joyce Paulinho	Yearbook Co-Advisor	Stipend pending contract negotiations

**SUBSTITUTES**

Approve the following Substitutes:

Dylan Hofmann	Substitute Teacher
Jena Smith	Substitute Teacher
Megan Gower	Substitute Teacher
Sydney Schafer	Substitute Teacher
Lynn Hager	Substitute Teacher

**TEACHER TRANSFERS**

Approve the following Teacher transfers:

TEACHER	FROM	TO
Amber Kistler	Grade 4 S.S. Palmer	Grade 2 S.S. Palmer
Amy Negley	Kindergarten Parkside	Grade 1 Parkside
Jennifer Ramaly	Grades 3 & 5	Grades 3 & 4 Reading Specialist S.S. Palmer
Sara Samok	Grade 2 Towamensing	Grade 1 Parkside
Jessica Silfies	Grades 4 & 6	Grades 5 & 6 Reading Specialist S.S. Palmer
Jacob Zurn	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Towamensing	4 <sup>th</sup> grade Towamensing
Lisa Ward	6 <sup>th</sup> grade Towamensing	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Towamensing

**EXTRA CURRICULAR POSITIONS**

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

Janine Mack	Volunteer Band Parent	
Frank Hall	Volunteer Band Parent	
Theresa Hall	Volunteer Band Parent	
Elizabeth Reif	Volunteer Band Parent	
Charles Laviolette	Volunteer Band Parent	
Zach Freed	½ salary Asst. Football Coach	Stipend pending contract negotiations
Joevannie Rodrigues	Volunteer Football Coach	
Dan Howard	Volunteer Videographer	
Kaeyln Englert	Volunteer Middle School Field Hockey Coach	

**TUITION RE-  
IMBURSEMENTS** Approve the attached tuition reimbursement

**AGREEMENT** Approve the agreement with Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug and alcohol Commission for the 2016-2017 school year for the amount of \$14,000. (attachment on file)

**End of Consent Agenda**

**CONTRACT  
APPROVED** Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Debski that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District to approve the Therapy Services Contract with Pediatric Therapeutic Services for the 2016-2017 school year. (attachment on file)

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

**EXTEND SUPER-  
INTENDENT'S  
CONTRACT  
APPROVED** Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Debski that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District extends the Superintendent's contract for one additional year with terms and conditions of employment to be set and announced prior to beginning of extension. The contract will be set to expire on January 21, 2018.

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

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

- LCCC Board Minutes, July 7, 2016
- LCCC President's Desk, July 2016
- Board Summary

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Ashman

- Asked if district is buying textbooks or using laptops; Dan Heaney - online materials and textbooks together

Marcy Zelinsky

- Learning Support Teacher
- On behalf of the Palmerton Education Association welcome backs the employees
- Shared Facebook page on things that are being completed

**ADJOURNMENT** Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Scheckler  
Board Secretary