

BOARD MINUTES

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY, August 18, 2015 CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Recker presided.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

OTHER ATTENDANCE

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Today, we had our Welcome Back – excited about completed and pending projects
- Thank you to the summer workers
- Fall sports are in full swing

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Swift MD contract – telemedicine program- employees can phone a doctor, cost savings to the District.
- Barry Isett discussions continue regarding the financing for the projects.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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 June 21, 2015 meeting. (attachment on file)

Approve the financial reports listed below:

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- TREASURER’S REPORTS (attachment on file)
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (attachment on file)
- BUDGET TRANSFERS (attachment on file)
- GRANTS (attachment on file)

CONTRACTS

Approve the contract agreement with Mike Marsteller for a student assembly, with a deposit paid on 7/17/15 to hold the event date of August 25, 2015.

Approve the contract with SwiftMD. (attachment on file)

RESIGNATIONS

Accept the resignation of Janelle Scheckler as Instructional Assistant for Title I Reading at Parkside Education Center, effective August 15, 2015.

Accept the resignation of Mark Weiss as secondary teacher effective July 30, 2015.

Accept the resignation of Tricia McElmoyle as secondary Special Education Teacher, effective July 21, 2015.

Accept the resignation of Kathy Hughes as Instructional Assistant at S.S. Palmer Elementary School, effective immediately.

MENTORS

Approve the following mentors:

- Amy Negley for Shanna Matthews, 2015 fall semester
- Shanna Matthews for Tiffany Bachert, 2015 fall semester
- Zach Tofany for Erik Tracy for the 2015-2016 school year

**EXTRA
CURRICULAR
POSITIONS**

Approve the following extra-curricular positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

Name	Position
Josh Evans	Volunteer Wrestling Coach
Kim Seiler	JH Field Hockey Coach
Suzanne Lynn	Volunteer Softball Coach
James Bunting	Asst. Boys' Soccer Coach
Mike Svetik	Baseball Head Coach
Mike Sander	Asst. Baseball Coach
Justin Petersen	Asst. Baseball Coach
Ryan Martinez	Volunteer Baseball Coach
Tyler Svetik	Volunteer Baseball Coach
Bob Hock	Softball Head Coach
Rodney Strohl	Asst. Softball Coach
Nicole Boccia	Volunteer Softball Coach
Jeff Minnich	Track Head Coach
Bronwyn Green	Asst. Field Hockey Coach
Randi Freed	Asst. Girl's Soccer Coach
Jennie Rose Huber	Volunteer Girl's Soccer Coach
Chrissy Rehatchek	Band Front Advisor
Elise Binder	Band Volunteer
Marla Szena	Band Volunteer
Tom Hourt	Band Volunteer
Jodie Hourt	Band Volunteer
Kelli Costenbader	Band Volunteer
Chrissy Rehatchek	Band Volunteer
Krista Campbell	Band Volunteer
Teresa Hall	Band Volunteer
Anne Cronk	Band Volunteer
Amy Kline	Band Volunteer
Lynn Hager	Volunteer Field Hockey Coach

CAFÉ WORKERS

Approve Janine Snyder as Café Team Leader at Towamensing, effective August 19, 2015.

Approve Diana Silverstri as Café Cold Production at the High School, effective August 19, 2015.

Approve Denise Smale as Café Dishwasher at the High School, effective August 19, 2015.

REMOVE SUBS

Remove the following from the substitute list as per their requests.

- Michelle Hock
- Melissa Doucher
- Janelle Scheckler

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS**

Approve the following for the substitute teacher list:

- Angela Rose Eibach
- Gerald Kuna
- Ryan Stilwell
- Ashten Brinker
- Brittney Knauss
- Laura Kelshaw
- Jo Lynn Gazo
- Jo Leigh Sponsler
- Megan Norwood-Gogal
- Rebecca Hamm
- Elena Krupa
- Lyndsey Heinrich

- TUITION RE-IMBURSEMENT** Approve the attached tuition reimbursements. (attachment of file)
- TRANSFERS** Approve the transfer of Shanna Matthews from Special Education Teacher at Towamensing to Kindergarten Teacher at Towamensing Elementary effective August 18, 2015.
- Approve the transfer of Tiffany Bachert from Special Education Teacher at the High School to Special Education Teacher at Towamensing Elementary.
- Approve the transfer of Rebecca Sabo from HS Art Teacher to .8 Art Teacher at Towamensing Elementary School and .2 ESL Teacher District-wide.
- RESIGNATION** Accept the resignation of Jennifer Esposito, Towamensing Art Teacher, effective August 17, 2015.
- RESOLUTION** Approve the resolution in recognition of Lehigh Carbon Community College's 50th Anniversary. (attachment on file)
- AGREEMENTS** Approve the Agreement for CLIU Overdrive Consortium for the 2015-2016 school year at the cost of \$2,000.00.
- Approve the agreement with Clarity Service Group effective August 1, 2015.
- Approve the agreement with Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug and alcohol Commission for the 2015-2016 school year for the amount of \$14,000.
- CONTRACTS** Approve to contract with Art Feinberg as an independent contractor, school psychologist as needed, not to exceed 90 days, for the 2015-2016 school year, at the rate of \$350/day.
- Approve to contract with Gail Cramer as an independent contractor, school psychologist as needed, not to exceed 90 days, for the 2015-2016 school year, at the rate of \$350/day.
- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS** Accept the status that student #14193 and student #13050 have completed the graduation requirements set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Board of Education of the Palmerton Area School District.
- HANDBOOKS** Accept the following handbooks.
- Palmerton Area Junior High School 2015-2016 Handbooks
 - Towamensing 2015-2016 Elementary Student/Parent Handbook
 - Parkside Education Center 2015-2016 Parent/Student Handbook
 - SS Palmer Elementary School 2015-2016 Parent/Student Handbook

End of Consent Agenda

- BUILDING SURVEY APPROVED** Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Yeakel that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve the authorization for services from Barry Isett and Associates for building survey for HVAC project, as submitted, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.
- Aye Votes: All Directors Present
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried
- TEACHER APPROVED** Director Myers moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Erik Tracy as a High School Learning Support Teacher at Masters, Step 1 at the rate of \$46,157, effective August 18, 2015.
- Aye Votes: All Directors Present
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

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**INSTRUCTIONAL
ASSISTANTS
APPROVED**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Myers that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Ann Marie Ross as an Instructional Assistant in the Life Skills classroom at the High School, effective August 18, 2015 at the rate of \$13.71/hour for up to 29.5 hours per week.

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

Director Yeakel moved, seconded by Director Smale that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Lori Schaffer as an Instructional Assistant at S.S. Palmer Elementary School, effective August 18, 2015 at the rate of \$13.71/hour for up to 29.5 hours per week.

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

Director Yeakel moved, seconded by Director Haas that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District approve Valerie VanWhy as an Instructional Assistant at S.S. Palmer Elementary School, effective August 19, 2015 at the rate of \$13.71/hour for up to 29.5 hours per week.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- CLIU Board Minutes, June 15, 2015
- LCCC Board Minutes, July 9, 2015
- LCCC President's Desk, August 2015
- Board Summary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

George Ashman

- Question about amount of snow days built in the school calendar

Anne Cronk

- Question about school starting date

ADJOURNMENT

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Scherer that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Scheckler
Board Secretary