

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA.
March 20, 2018

BOARD MINUTES

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.M., ON MARCH 20, 2018 CONCERNING PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The regular meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Scherer presided.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Harry, Paules, Haas, Recker, Smale, and Scherer
Absent: Director Gildner

OTHER ATTENDANCE

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Graduation date is June 11th
- 18-19 School Calendar starting after Labor Day due to construction.
- County Band concert is April 3rd.
- Spring Update from LCCC.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Proposed Budget Presentation at May 1st Workshop.
- Motion for adoption of the proposed budget will be at the May 15th meeting.
- Last changes to the budget can be made at the June 5th workshop.
- Final board meeting to adopt the 2018-2019 Budget to ensure bills go out on time is June 19, 2018.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

- CCTI summary report – Kathy Fallow provided an update on the gathering and competitions.
- PSBA summary report - Kathy Fallow referenced articles on walkouts to protest gun violence in our schools, testimony on Safe School issues.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Baumgardt 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

MEETING MINUTES:

Approve the minutes from the February 20, 2018 and March 6, 2018 meetings.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR DISTRICT ACCOUNTS:

Approve the financial reports listed below:

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

TUITION RE-IMBURSEMENT

PERSONNEL:

Approve tuition reimbursement as submitted.

SUBSTITUTES

Approve Susan Banko as a substitute cafeteria worker at the rate of \$7.25/hour, effective March 21, 2018.

Approve Joshua Rake as a substitute K-12 Health & PE Teacher, effective March 21, 2018.

RESIGNATION

Accept the resignation of Tricia L. Wampole from her position as a Kindergarten teacher at the Parkside Education Center, effective June 30, 2018.

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- SUB REMOVAL** Accept the resignation of Cara Eckhart from her position of substitute school nurse, effective March 21, 2018.
- HORIZONTAL MOVEMENTS** Approve the following step movements effective the fall semester of the 2016/2017 School Year.
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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Kaitlyn Bartholomew | Bachelor's to Bachelor's +24 |
| Miranda Allen | Masters to Masters +15 |
| Ashley Hummer | Bachelor's to Bachelor's +24 |
| Vicki McHugh | Masters +15 to Masters +30 |
| Amber Kistler | Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 24 |
| Kelly Beblavy | Bachelor's +24 to Masters |
| Susan Warakomski | Masters to Masters +15 |
- Approve the following step movements, effective the spring semester of 2016/17 School Year:
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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Dawn Burke | Bachelor's to Bachelor's +24 |
| Ralph Andrews | Bachelor's to Masters |
| Kaitlyn Bartholomew | Bachelor's +24 to Masters |
- Approve the following step movements, effective the fall Semester of 2017/18 School Year
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| Randi Freed | Bachelor's +24 to Masters |
| Shana O'Gurek | Bachelor's to Bachelor's +24 |
| Jaclyn Kessel | Bachelor's to Bachelor's +24 |
| Rebecca Sabo | Masters to Masters +15 |
| Kyle Poremba | Bachelor's to Bachelor's +24 |
| Christine DeLong | Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 24 |
- Approve the following step movements, effective the Spring Semester of 2017/18 School Year
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| Miranda Allen | Masters +15 to Masters + 30 |
| Christine DeLong | Bachelor's +24 to Masters |
| Bronwyn Cseh | Bachelor's to Masters |
| Susan Warakomski | Masters +15 to Masters +30 |
- VOLUNTEERS** Approve the following Drama Volunteers:
- Resa Hall
 - Frank Hall
 - Chrissy Rehatchek
 - Elise Binder
 - Erin Snyder
 - Krista Campbell
 - Marla Szena
 - Sarah Salter
- OTHER:**
- POLICY READING** Accept the first reading of the following revised policies:
- #249 Bullying/Cyber Bullying
 - #808 Food Services
- GRANT ACCEPTANCE** Accept the grant from Lehigh Valley Road Runners for \$1,500 for middle school track uniforms.
- DONATION** Accept the donation of \$100.00 from the Towamensing PTO, Inc. to the PHS National Honor Society Activity Club for babysitting services for meetings.
- CONTRACTS** Approve DJ & Photo Booth Package with Lehigh Valley Events for the Class of 2018 prom.
- Approve the B-Flat Entertainment DJ contract for the JH March 23, 2018 dance.

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**REVISED
CALENDAR**

Approve the revised 2017-2018 school calendar. (attachment)

**CALENDAR
APPROVAL**

Approve the 2018-2019 school calendar. (attachment)

**GRADUATION
DATE**

Approve Monday June 11, 2018 as the graduation date for the Class of 2018 graduation.

End of Consent Agenda

INFORMATION ITEMS: (attachments on file)

- Enrollment, February 29, 2018
- LCCC Meeting Minutes, February 1, 2018
- LCCC President's Desk, March 2018
- Board Summary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Jeff Henry

- Questioned what the District is doing to prevent school shootings.

Mr. Engler

- Besides cameras we have other improvements but due to safety, cannot disclose.
- Including school resource officer

Mr. Jeff Henry

- Questions about procedures on bullying and awareness.

Mr. Engler

- Positive support

Mr. Chuck Laviolette

- Thanked the administration and staff for the March 14th gathering in the auditorium.
- Thanked the Administration for keeping the students indoors and safe.

Mrs. Audrey Larvey

- Maria Martinez from Palmerton recognized in Harrisburg in April. Two year scholarship.

Mrs. Jessyca Fredricks

- Questions about the threat rumor, and calling the police.

Mr. Engler

- Talked to both the state police and Palmerton police.

Mrs. Jessyca Fredricks

- Questions about the javelin area.

Ms. Terry Roselli

- Questions about signing in students and safety.

Doris Zellers

- Asked about the Principals hearing.

Barry Scherer

- Mr. Buffalino has filed an injunction.

Doris Zellers

- Made a statement that the School Board should be honest with the Public.

Attorney John Audi

- Thought Mr. Yurachek did say it, but stands corrected.

Mrs. Lori Nemeth

- Asked about student report at the Board Meetings.

Mr. Engler

- Environment was not appropriate for students and will be reinstated.

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Mr. Jeff Henry

- Thanked the band directors for the concert.

Mr. Don Heiney

- Questions about improvements to Palmer' entryway.

Mr. Travis Green

- Question about the 2018 school year start date.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director Scherer

- A modification on the printing of the Teachers contract. Language intact.

Director Baumgardt

- Building project updates

Mr. Engler

- Under budget. Contractors coming on April 3rd to give a report.

Director Baumgardt

- Wants an administrator report.
- Wants to set goals, survey sent to the Board Members.
- Thanked PTO for doing wonderful things.

Director Fallow

- Wants Administrator reports.
- Policy changes
- Note to Mr. Henry about a 360 evaluation

Director Haas

- Five home track meets this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Baumgardt that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Scheckler
Board Secretary