

BOARD MINUTES

An executive session was held at 6:00 P.M. concerning personnel and legal matters.

The regular meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 18, 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, Gildner, Haas, Harry, Paules, Recker, Scherer, and Smale

Absent: None

**OTHER
ATTENDANCE**

Scot Engler - Superintendent, Ryan Kish - Business Manager/Board Secretary, Shawn Lochinger - Solicitor

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- PSBA recognition of manufacturing video
- Class of 1961 bench
- Thanks to student employees that helped out in summer

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

- PDE calculated base index at 2.3% for fiscal year 2019-2020
- Adjusted index expected September 30th
- The adjusted index and how it effects potential revenue will be discussed during budget workshops

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

CCTI Report – Director Fallow

- “News from Director” recaps CCTI’s success in skills competitions, certifications, awards

Library Report – Director Haas

- Highlighted future events such as water painting, tutors, teen advisor group, adopted from the heart.

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Baumgardt:

- Questioned the direction of the board after the TIF presentation

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jeff Henry:

- Board review of change orders
- Would like more information on the change orders, specific to the schools

Doris Zellers:

- Contractors sharing responsibility for mistakes
- Sought clarification on change order regarding heat

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Smale, to approve the attached consent agenda.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES	Approved the minutes from August 21, 2018 and September 4, 2018 meetings.
FINANCIAL REPORTS	Approve the financial reports listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TREASURER'S REPORT• ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION AGREEMENT	Approved the agreement with James R. Schwab for behavioral intervention and counseling for the 2018-2019 school year, at the rate of \$100/hour as needed.
DJ CONTRACT	Approved the DJ contract with Lehigh Valley Events for the September 29, 2018 homecoming dance.
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	Approved the attached tuition reimbursement.
POLICY SERIES #300	Approved 2nd reading of policy series #300 (Employees)
RESIGNATION	Approved the resignation of Jennifer Lichtenwalner as a substitute teacher, effective September 22, 2018.
COLUMN MOVEMENT	Approved the following column movement: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michelle Davis- Bachelors to Bachelors+24• Miranda Allen- Masters+30 to Masters+45
PT FLEX CUSTODIAN	Approved Keith Smith as a PT Flex Custodian at the rate of \$13.42/hour, effective October 3, 2018.
REMOVE FROM SUB LIST	Removed Tara Marques from our substitute list.
CAFÉ RESIGNATION	Approved the resignation of Becky Adams, cafeteria employee, effective September 4, 2018.
ADD TO SUB LIST	Approved Matthew Trapp as an Elementary teacher substitute, effective September 19, 2018.
EXTRA CURRICULAR	Approved the following extra-curricular positions for the 2018-2019 school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jason Gehman-Volunteer Boys Basketball• Don Heiney-Volunteer Umpire (Baseball/Softball)
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED	Accepted the status that student #17006 has completed the graduation requirements set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Board of Education of the Palmerton Area School District.
CLASS OF 1961 DONATION	Accepted the donation of \$598.24 for a bench from the PASD Class of 1961.
GRIEVANCE DENIED	Deny grievance #2018-8-23-18

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CHANGE ORDER FAILED Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Gildner, to approve Change Order Number 005 from Penn Builders, Inc. The contract sum will be increased by this change order in the amount of \$11,733.33 and the new contract sum including this change order will be \$8,838,242.36.

Aye Votes: None.

Nay Votes: All Directors Present. Motion Failed.

CHANGE ORDER APPROVED Director Fallow moved, seconded by Director Baumgardt, to approve Change Order Number 006 from Penn Builders, Inc. The contract sum will be increased by this change order in the amount of \$10,082 and the new contract sum including this change order will be \$8,848,324.36.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

CHANGE ORDER APPROVED Director Fallow moved, seconded by Director Gildner, to approve Change Order Number 007 from Penn Builders, Inc. The contract sum will be increased by this change order in the amount of \$11,056 and the new contract sum including this change order will be \$8,859,380.36.

Aye Votes: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Haas, Harry, Paules, Recker, Scherer, and Smale.
Nay Votes: Director Gildner. Motion Carried.

CHANGE ORDER FAILED Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Gildner, to approve Change Order Number 008 from Penn Builders, Inc. The contract sum will be increased by this change order in the amount of \$80,935.64 and the new contract sum including this change order will be \$8,940,316.00.

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

CHANGE ORDERS APPROVED Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Baumgardt, to approve Change Order Number 006 from George J. Hayden Electric. The contract sum will be increased by this change order in the amount of \$33,755 and the new contract sum including this change order will be \$1,266,179.

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

Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve Change Order Number 002 from Myco Mechanical. The contract sum will be increased by this change order in the amount of \$12,498.21 and the new contract sum including this change order will be \$997,828.90.

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

POLICY #249 REMOVED FROM TABLE Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Gildner, to remove the motion to approve the 2nd reading of policy #249-Bullying/Cyberbullying from the table

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

POLICY #249 APPROVED Director Baumgardt moved, seconded by Director Gildner, to approve the 2nd reading of policy #249-Bullying/Cyberbullying.

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

RESIGNATION APPROVED Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Fallow, to approve the resignation of Jaelyn Kessel, Health/PE teacher, effective September 18, 2018.

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

HEALTH/PE TEACHER APPROVED Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve Josh Rake as a Health/PE teacher at Bachelors Step 1 (\$45,250 prorated), effective September 19, 2018.

Aye Votes: Directors Baumgardt, Gildner, Haas, Harry, Paules, Recker, Scherer, and Smale.
Nay Votes: Director Fallow. Motion Carried.

BOARD GOALS ADOPTION APPROVED Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Smale, to adopt the four vision sample goals, as published by the National School boards Association, as the 2018-2019 goals of the nine member voting board of the Palmerton Area School District.

Aye Votes: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Gildner, Haas, Paules, Scherer, and Smale.
Nay Votes: Directors Harry and Recker. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

April Mujevic

- Safety concerns at High School
- Encouraged security guard to be hired

Isa Mujevic

- Limited information from Principal regarding incident at High School
- Would also encourage security guard to be hired

Doris Zellers

- Would like more information on board agenda and in meeting minutes

Jean Papay

- Issues with son's enrollment with LCCC
- Process wasn't managed correctly

Patricia Woginrich

- Would like armed security in the school

MaryJo King

- Meet the teacher at high school was refreshing, students excited
- New SAT course appreciated
- Required agendas on website from teachers is nice

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director Scherer

- Attended meet the teacher night – staff is enthusiastic

Director Recker

- Would like to speak about increased security soon

Director Fallow

- In-service training for security
- Possible security subcommittee
- Putting meetings on Facebook Live

Mr. Engler

- Explained school safety and security grant program

Director Paules

- Sees lots of positives at board meetings

ADJOURNMENT

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Gildner, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish
Board Secretary