

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PALMERTON, PA.  
November 28th, 2018

**BOARD MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on November 28, 2018, at 6:00 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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Jeff Henry - Concerned about proofreading problem. Problems with handbooks in the past.

Doris Zellers – Comprehensive plan states it's available in public library, stated it is not. Questioned the author of plan, stakeholders involved, if minutes available. Mr. Engler stated that no minutes are available but meetings are with various stakeholders such as Curriculum meetings, STEM meetings, etc.

**COMP PLAN APPROVED** Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Harry, to approve to submit the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education prior to November 30, 2018.

Director Fallow and Director Baumgardt questioned Mr. Engler on specifics regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Engler explained that this is a similar process as has been done in the past and that the process can change at the board's direction.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Audrey Larvey – Thinks that Mr. Engler should be more open and transparent about process. People that worked hard on plan should be given credit. Board always has something to do with comprehensive plan.

Jeff Henry – Not scared to voice opinion. Process never explained. Not a good process.

Doris Zellers – Doesn't want to change process, wants it done correctly. Questioned where the current comprehensive plan is on website. Would like more info on website and minutes.

Fran Carazo – Questioned when the next comprehensive plan will take place and if adjustments can be made.

Lori Nemeth – Would like to be involved and to know how the board will notify district members to be more involved.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Director Scherer – Termination hearing tomorrow, 11/29 – 6 P.M. Reorganization Meeting, 12/4 – 5:45 P.M. to be followed by regular voting meeting, Termination hearing 12/5 – 6 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT** Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Gildner, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish  
Business Manager/Board Secretary