

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA.
March 19, 2019

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 March 19th, 2019, at 6:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Baumgardt presided.

FLAG SALUTE

A moment of silence was observed for Mr. George Ashman.

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Carbon County Band at Weatherly – performance was phenomenal
- Gates at High School installed
- Draft program of studies for approval in April – staffing to be discussed at next workshop for next budget year
- Palmer and High School Band Room improvements from KCBA will be on agenda for April

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Review of budget timeline presented: May workshop – proposed budget presentation. May meeting – motion for adoption for the proposed budget. June workshop – final budget discussions, if necessary. June meeting – vote on final budget.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

CCTI Report – Director Fallow

- Activities and presentations were held for career and technical education month
- Safe2say instituted and staff trained

PSBA Report – Director Fallow

- Vaping use rising – PSBA webinar on vaping available for board members
- PSBA article on things standing in the way of reducing taxes.

CLIU IU 21 Report – Director Haas

- Life skills class at CCTI – grant received for talent show May 21
- Carbon Learning and achievement participated in yoga class at senior center
- Two IU alumni participated in special Olympics – Celebration to be held March

Library Report – Director Haas

- Shared list of events upcoming: April 6, Harrisburg War Museum Trip. April 28 Photography show. April 14, spring concert.
- Diane Danielson retiring

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Haas – Questioned if we received any updates on the TIF? Mr. Engler stated that it is up to them to bring the information to the district.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES Approved the minutes from February 19, 2019 meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Approved the financial reports: Treasurer’s Report, Accounts Payable

Approve the attached tuition reimbursement.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Approved the move of Steve Semmel from volunteer to paid Assistant Track Coach for the 2018-19 school year, at the stipend of \$2,636.

ASST. TRACK COACH

Approved the move of Austin Cseh from paid Assistant Football Coach to Volunteer Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Approved Mark Versuk as an Assistant Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year, at the stipend of \$4,036.

DRAMA TRIP CHAPERONES

Approved the following chaperones for the Drama Club trip to New York City:

Resa Hall	Gretchen Laviolette	Elise Binder
Krista Campbell	Jill Kuzo	Chrissy Rehatchek
Carly Heist	Angela Harris	Kim Wentz
Sheri Fallon	Tammy Finley	Kelly Beblavy
Laura Denithorne	Michele Heydt	Anna Catania
AnnMarie Ross	Katrina White	Marla Szena
Kelly Wilkins	Brooke Klotz	Lisa Shellhammer
Ed Shellhammer	Tracy Kester	Marcia Heinick
Ana Lamaprelli	Craig Borland.	

EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT

Approved the agreement with employee #7121, as submitted.

STUDENT TEACHER

Approved the following student teacher from Drexel University: Hillary Starinieri, working with Joyce Paulhino at Towmensing Elementary, for 30 hours during the spring semester.

CAFÉ RESIGNATION	Accepted the resignation of Victoria Gerard, cafeteria employee, effective February 28, 2019.
CAFÉ PT HIRE	Approved Jessica Suarez as a part-time cafeteria employee, effective March 20, 2019 at the rate of \$12.68/hour.
HEAD CROSS COUNTRY COACH	Approved Bill Zeky as Cross Country Head Coach for the 2019-2020 school year, at the stipend of \$4,054.
VOL. SOFTBALL COACH	Approved Samantha Curcio and Jennifer Denaro as volunteer softball coaches for the 2018-2019 school year.
VOL. TRACK COACH	Approved Kris Hoffner as a volunteer Track coach for the 2018-2019 school year.
ASST. BAORD SECRETARY RESIGNATION	Accepted the resignation of Kimberly Ottinger from the position of Assistant Board Secretary, effective March 1, 2019.
SUB NURSE	Approved Courtney Collins as a substitute nurse effective March 20, 2019, at the rate of \$90/day.
2018-19 REVISED CALEDNAR	Approved the revised 2018-2019 school calendar. (attachment)
2019-20 CALENDAR	Approved the 2019-2020 school calendar. (attachment)
INTERPRETING CONTACTS	Approved the Interpreting Contract with Jacqueline R. Funk, as submitted.
POLICY FIRST READINGS	Approved the Interpreting Contract with Kelly M. Deibert, as submitted. Approved the first reading of the following policies: Policy #705 Safety Policy #709 Security of Buildings and Grounds Policy #907 School Visitors
SAFEWAY DRIVING SCHOOL	Approved the contract with The Safeway Driving School Inc for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.
MOU DENTAL VAN	Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Star Wellness Center, Inc. and Palmerton School District for Mobile Dental Van Services.
PTO DONATION	Accepted the donation of \$100.00 from the Towamensing P.T.O., Inc. to the PHS National Honor Society Activity Club for babysitting services for meetings.
MUSEUM OF AMERICAN REV. CONTRACT	Approved the Group Sales Contract with the Museum of the American Revolution for the May 10, 2019 National Honor Society/Gifted Field Trip.
B-FLAT CONTRACT	Approved the Terms & Conditions Agreement with B-Flat Entertainment, DJ Brian N. Stephens for the March 29, 2019 JH school dance.
2019 GRAD DATE	Approved Monday June 10, 2019 as the graduation date for the Class of 2019.
SUB CUSTODIAN	Approved Francis Cross as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$10/hour.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVED CHANGE ORDER

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Gildner, to approve Change Order Number 001, Midline Mechanical. The contract sum will be decreased by this change order in the amount of \$107,680.58.

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

APPROVED BUDGET TRANSFERS

Director Recker moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve the enclosed budget transfers.

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

APPROVED CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TRANSFER

Director Recker moved, seconded by Director Gildner, to approve the transfer from the General Fund (10) of \$4,000,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund (32) per Municipal Code, Section 1431.

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

DENIED GRIEVANCE

Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Haas, to deny grievance #2019-2-8-19.(as submitted).

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

CLIU NOMINATION

Director Fallow moved, seconded by Director Recker, to nominate Director Haas to the CLIU Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Lori Nemeth – Inquired about the entrance procedures at the High School with the metal detectors. Wants all students to go through detectors. Disappointed there was no cheerleader representation at the district basketball game. Would like additional landscaping work to be done around the fields.

Chris Fredericks – Spoke about the condition of the throwing area for track and field. Was told that issues would be fixed. Mr. Engler stated that we are PIAA compliant but will have Mr. Sisock come in for an update – was under impression issues were addressed.

Brianna Carroll – PAEA Update: Junior High raised \$451 for Raising the House campaign, raised funds through basketball tournament and washable tattoos. Pilot STEM program included programmable robots donated by a student's family. Read Across America at Palmer. High School Pi Day in Math Class.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director Fallow – Program of studies received today, would like curriculum committee date moved so she can discuss questions that she has. Has questions regarding policies, would like them regular board agenda items.

Director Haas – Read Across America at Towamenssing – encouraged others to participate in rewarding experience.

Director Gildner – Inquired about the program of studies at the workshop. Mr. Engler stated that positions will have to be decided. Director Gildner wants all students to attend a CCTI visit or opt out. Sees the need for good apprentices in his field.

Director Baumgardt – Stated the upcoming hearing schedule March 20th, 25th, and 26th, at 6 P.M.

Director Baumgardt announced that the board would enter executive session at the conclusion of the regular meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

ADJOURNMENT Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Haas, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:19 P.M.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carries

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish
Business Manager/Board Secretary