

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA.
July 16, 2019

BOARD MINUTES

An executive session was held tonight at 6:00 P.M. concerning personnel and legal matters and July 11th, 2019 for personnel.

The regular meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on July 16, 2019, at 6:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Baumgardt presided.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL Present: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Gildner, Haas, Harry, Paules, Recker, Scherer, and Smale
Absent: None

OTHER ATTENDANCE Thomas McLaughlin – Interim Superintendent, Ryan Kish - Business Manager/Board Secretary, Shawn Lochinger – Solicitor

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Congratulated Bobbi Yeager on retirement - over 35 years with district.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Engineer of Record RFP was distributed to 12 engineering firms. Advertisements also put in two newspapers. Board will have opportunity to interview firms and select best proposal at September Board meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

CCTI Report – Director Fallow

- Nontraditional camp hosted 75 participants. CCTI seeking funding to launch nontraditional summer camp for the future.

PSBA Report – Director Fallow

- PSBA single day program available for new directors. More information is useful first year on the board, will be useful for new board members. Free – Wednesday September 11th.
- CCTI budget was approved by the majority of participating schools

CLIU IU 21 Report – Director Haas

- IU had a student presentation from a Palmerton graduate. Very heart wrenching, discussed graduation.

Library Report – Director Haas

- Student art and photo show August 24th, ages 6-18. Creation Station Monday nights August 5th through 29th. Adopt a shelf – helping keep the library straightened out, basket auction and tote sale in August, Golf Tournament August 23rd, looking for ideas from teens on activities, events, clubs.

Director Baumgardt announced that there was an executive session on July 11th to talk about the Superintendent search. If the board waits until November, as opposed to now, the district would see a 3-fold increase in the number of applicants and hopefully offer will be made by March.

OLD BUSINESS:

FBLA Video Presentation – FBLA advisor Kerry Palumbo and student Mikayla Wilkins presented a video from their recent trip to Nationals.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA 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 the June 18th 2019 Board meeting, July 2nd, 2019 CPCT Committee Meeting, July 2nd 2019 Policy Committee Meeting, and July 2nd, 2019 Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Approved the Treasurer’s Report and Accounts Payable.

SUB REMOVAL Approved the removal of Kianna Marlatt from our substitute teacher list.

2019-2020 CAC POSITIONS Approved the following CAC positions for the 2019-2020 school year:

Miranda Allen	Art/Music/Tech Ed. Co-Advisor	\$860.50
Whitney Kern	Art/Music/Tech Ed. Co-Advisor	\$860.50

2019-2020 ADVISORS Approved the following Advisors for the 2019-2020 school year:

Kristin Heller	Environmental Club – Towamensing	\$1,173
Natalie Madeira	Chorus – Towamensing	\$1,523
Krystle Meglio	Yearbook – Towamensing	\$772
Jodi Kocher	Co-adviser Student Council – Towamensing	\$386
Stacey Olewine	Co-adviser Student Council – Towamensing	\$386

2019-2020 EXTRA-CURRIC. POSITIONS Approved the following extracurricular positions for the 2019-2020 school year:

Bob Hock	Softball Head Coach	\$4,054
Rodney Strohl	½ Asst. Softball Coach	\$1,331
Jen Denaro	½ Asst. Softball Coach	\$1,331
Phil Acker	½ Asst. Softball Coach	\$1,331
Sam Curcio	½ Asst. Softball Coach	\$1,331
Tori Gollie	Volunteer Softball Coach	
Nikki Boccia	Volunteer Softball Coach	
Mike Gombert	Track Head Coach	\$4,054
Fran Gough	Asst. Track Coach	\$2,662
Wynn Cseh	Asst. Track Coach	\$2,662
Jim Hay	Asst. Track Coach	\$2,662
Steve Semmel	Asst. Track Coach	\$2,662
Tyrone Lewis	½ Asst. Track Coach	\$1,331
Matt Kosciolek	MS Track Coach	\$2,662
Randi Freed	Volunteer Track Coach	

Michael Martinez	Volunteer Track Coach	
Austin Cseh	Volunteer Track Coach	
Melissa Martinez	Volunteer Track Coach	
Kerri Jahelka	Volunteer Track Coach	
Jen Danzeisen	Tennis Head Coach	\$2,438
Christopher Frace	½ Asst. MS Football Coach	\$2,018
Austin Cseh	½ Varsity Asst. Football Coach	\$2,018
Tara Frantz	MS Field Hockey Coach	\$2,662
Heather Long	MS Field Hockey Volunteer	

- HS LIFE SKILLS IA** Approved Rhianna Rivera as an Instructional Assistant for the High School Life Skills classroom at the rate of \$15.35/hour, effective August 20, 2019.
- SHORT TERM MUSIC SUB** Approved Carol Taylor as a short-term Music Sub at Towamensing, effective August 26, 2019.
- ASST. HEAD-CHEF** Approved Amy Carrelli as an Assistant Head Chef (5.5 hours/day) at the High School starting the 2019-2020 school year.
- GUIDANCE** Approved Maria Lear as High School Guidance Counselor effective July 17th, 2019, Masters, Step 2, \$47,750.
- HS SPEC. ED. TEACHER** Approved Kristen Perdew as a High School Special Education Teacher, effective August 20th, 2019, at Masters, Step 5, \$50,250.
- SPEC. ED POSTING** Approved to advertise for two Special Education Instructional Aide positions.
- COACHES HANDBOOK** Approved the 2019-2020 Coaches' Handbook/Athletic Code of Conduct.
- 2019-2020 ATHLETIC PRICES** Approved the 2019-2020 Athletic Ticket Prices & Season Pass Prices as listed on the attached schedule (attachment on file)
- MEADOWS AGREEMENT** Approved the agreement with The Meadows School for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years at the rate of \$67 per day as needed.
- DONATION** Accepted the donation of \$200.00 from Terri Trotter for the SS Palmer Gifted Program.
- DRAMA AGREEMENT** Approved the agreement with Theatre World for the backdrop rental for the Drama Club.
- LCCC DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT** Approved the Dual Enrollment Agreement for the 2019-2020 school year with LCCC.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

- POLICY #006 SECOND READING APPROVED** Director Gildner moved, seconded by Director Recker, to accept the second reading of and approve Policy #006 – Meetings
- Aye Votes: All Directors Present.
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

MOU PA STATE POLICE APPROVED Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Harry, to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Palmerton Area School District and the Pennsylvania State Police.

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

MOU PALMERTON POLICE APPROVED Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Hass, to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Palmerton Area School District and the Palmerton Police.
Aye Votes: All Directors Present.
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried

PAULA HUSAR ADJUDICATION APPROVED Director Fallow moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve the adjudication in the Paula Husar Palmerton Area School District Board Dismissal Hearing as presented by Robert T. Yurchak, Esquire, Independent Hearing Officer.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Director Gildner – Concerned about the length of time waiting for hire a superintendent. Would like to find a new acting Superintendent to allow us to have an independent HR Director. Director Fallow commented that PSBA will help with interim Superintendent. PSBA stated it is an incredible workload for HR Director and Superintendent for modest salary increase. Director Scherer commented that he was concerned staff will go through three changes in a matter of months. Director Baumgardt will contact PSBA to investigate the issue.

Doris Zellers – Commented that she was told Instructional Aides are being hired at a higher rate than Aides that have been here for 10 years. Mr. McLaughlin commented that this was untrue, and rates are part of the support staff contract. Ms. Zellers stated she agreed with Director Gildner regarding an Administrator holding more than one position.

ADJOURNMENT Director Smale moved, seconded by Director Gildner, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish
Business Manager/Board Secretary