

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA.
September 9, 2019

BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on September 9th, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Baumgardt presided.

FLAG SALUTE

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

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

RESIGNATION APPROVED Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas, to accept the resignation of Ralph Andrews from his position as Junior High Math Teacher, effective September 20, 2019.

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

JR. HIGH MATH TEACHER APPROVED Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Scherer, to approve Sarah Sullivan as a Junior High Math Teacher, at the rate of bachelor's step 1, \$46,000.00 (prorated), effective September 23, 2019.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Doris Zellers – Questioned the status of the softball field, saw workers on-site. Director Baumgardt stated that she received a phone call saying crews would be available earlier than anticipated. Ms. Zellers questioned if the mud issue was resolved. Director Baumgardt explained the swales for the field were not optional according to the Township and conservation district. If there is mud after the field is done, we will have to deal with it after. Ms. Zellers questioned what the \$20,000 change order was regarding. Director Baumgardt explained it was for field remediation work. Director Paules stated it was work that he did so that the girls were able to play on the field as promised.

Audrey Larvey – Questioned who is liable for fixing the run off if it isn't working. Director Baumgardt stated that drawings would need to be examined to see who is responsible. Director Gildner stated if the contractor does it to plan, they would not be liable, whoever did the drawing would be. Ms. Larvey questioned if the \$20 million bond included windows. Mr. Kish responded that not all projects were to be included in the bond. The bonds are now gone and projects moving forward are coming out of the capital reserve fund.

Brenda McGrath – Spoke regarding her time dealing with the conservation district and DEP regarding her house. Questioned if golf spectators can view the team, was told it

was \$10 to be there. Mrs. Baumgardt directed Mr. McLaughlin to investigate. Ms. McGrath stated that the football numbers are low and was wondering why numbers are dropping.

Director Paules stated that the oil tank price of \$250k was too much, need to take a different route on that issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Scherer, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:23 P.M.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish
Business Manager/Board Secretary