

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA
October 15, 2019

BOARD MINUTES

An executive session was held tonight at 6:00 P.M. and October 1st, 2019 concerning personnel and legal matters.

The regular meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on October 15th, 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, Haas, Harry, Paules, Recker, Scherer, and Smale
Absent: Director Gildner

**OTHER
ATTENDANCE**

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Presented the Board with a summary from Lehigh Carbon Community College
- Staff participated in “Stop the Bleed” program

STUDENT REPORT – Emily Baumgardt and Abby Reis:

- Provided a summary of happenings and events from around the district, including: golf team championship, homecoming, NHS packets distributed, scholastic scrimmage event, travel club visiting Poland and Germany, Science class guest speakers, CPR training at High School, Financial Aid night at HS, successful powderpuff and bonfire, and thanking PAEA for covering snack stand.

PAEA REPORT – Lori Bonner:

- Provided a summary of happenings and events from around the district, including: Junior High “Skype a Scientist” session, Palmer/Parkside Bomber fun run which goes towards funding activities such as field trips.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Palmerton budget process is underway
- Adjusted index set at 3.5%. Explained what the index was and will go more in depth at future budget meetings on how it would affect district revenue.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

CCTI Report – Director Fallow

- Upcoming events at CCTI include Bag Bingo and Walk/Run event.

PSBA Report – Director Fallow

- Suicide awareness training – On the rise in PA, second leading cause of death 10-19. Wants policy committee to look at districts policy soon.
- Attending leadership conference, will bring back information to share with board.

Library Report – Director Haas

- Shared several events happening at the library including: preschool story time, music time, STEAM classes/labs, make and take story time, ornament making, handcrafted items auction, garden medley concert.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Brenda McGrath – Questioned who the JV Baseball coach was because it was not specified on the agenda. Mr. McLaughlin stated it was Matt Solt. Ms. McGrath asked if the school ever had the Bo Tkach Foundation come into speak. Director Harry stated they have come in the past and she would encourage a yearly visit from the foundation to speak with the students.

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

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES Approved the Board Minutes from September 9, 2019 and September 17, 2019.

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

TUITION Approved the attached tuition reimbursement.

**AST. TRACK
RESIGNATION** Accepted the resignation of Tyrone Lewis from the Assistant Track Coach position.
Approved Tara Marques as a Substitute IA, effective October 16, 2019.

**SUB IA
STEM ADVISORS** Approved Randi Freed and Miranda Allen as volunteer advisors for the STEM Club for the 2019-2020 school year.

Approved the following extracurricular positions for the 2019-2020 school year:

BASEBALL COACHES	Justin Petersen	Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach	\$ 2,662
	Matt Solt	JV Assistant Baseball Coach	\$ 2,662
	Tyler Svetik	Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach	

**CUSTODIAN
HIRED** Approved Mark Benner as a full-time Custodian, effective October 16, 2019, at the starting salary of \$44,714 (prorated).

IA HIRED Approved Lindsay Dillman as a Jr. High Life Skills IA at the rate of \$15.35/hour, effective October 16, 2019.

LIFE SKILLS IA Approved Valerie VanWhy to the Elementary Life Skills IA position, effective October 16, 2019.

**AFTER SCHOOL
TEACHERS** Approved the following teachers to teach in the After-School program, at a rate of \$33/hour as per the PAEA contract.

Erin Brown
Brianna Bush

Jennifer Ramaly
Amanda Sechrist

Amanda Capella
Jodi Kocher
Krystle Meglio
Kim Nenscel
Stacey Olewine

Jessica Silfies
Lori Smith
Lynn Sutton
Marcy Zelinsky
Katheryn Zurn

**GUEST
TEACHERS**

Approved the following Guest Teachers, effective October 16, 2019:

Gerard Donati
Chloe Flecha
Wendy Wright

DJ CONTRACTS

Approved Nnaemeka Sam-Otuh a/k/a DJ Space Rudy Entertainment Agreement retroactive to the Homecoming Dance held on October 12, 2019.

Approved B-Flat Entertainment's DJ Agreement for the Halloween Dance on November 1st, 2019.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

**INSURANCE
RENEWALS
APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Smale, to approve the District's insurance renewals, effective November 12, 2019, as follows:

Property – CM Regent Insurance Company - \$56,700
General Liability and Crime – CM Regent Insurance Company - \$29,360
Automobile – CM Regent Insurance Company - \$6,044
Equipment Breakdown – CM Regent Insurance Company - \$5,286
Umbrella – CM Regent Insurance Company - \$12,890
Cyber Liability – Lloyds of London - \$7,005.36
School Leaders' Liability – CM Regent Insurance Company - \$18,656
The total above premium represents a \$3,209 increase over the previous year.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

**INTERIM SUPER.
APPROVED**

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve Dr. Al Lonoconus as Interim Superintendent for the Palmerton Area School District, at a daily rate of \$525, start date to be determined.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

**BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED**

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

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

**KRE SECURITY
APPROVED**

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Fallow, to approve the two-year KRE Security proposal at a cost to the district of \$155,280 per year.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

AGENDA

Director Harry moved, seconded by Director Recker, to open the agenda.

OPENED

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

SUB RATES APPROVED Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Harry, to increase the daily sub teacher rate to \$110 per day and short-term sub rate to \$140 per day after 20 days.

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

POLICY #333 APPROVED Director Fallow moved, seconded by Director Haas, to accept the second reading of and approve Policy #333 – Professional Development.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Doris Zellers – Questioned the amount of the budget transfer and asked for more information on Dr. Lonoconus. Dr. Lonoconus introduced himself and provided a brief background of his experience.

Director Baumgardt thanked Mr. McLaughlin for serving as Interim.

Doris Zellers – Asked when the district will get a new superintendent. Director Baumgardt provided an estimated timeline which has the ad for superintendent being placed in November, reviews in January, and estimated to be completed between March and May.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director Fallow – Spoke regarding the allocation of funding with regards to assistant coaches or assistants in the band and drama. Director Baumgardt responded that they are a part of the teacher’s contract. Director Harry stated no problems have been brought to the board’s attention.

Director Haas – Saturday PAMPA Coach purse bingo and Towamensing craft fair.

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Harry, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:12 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish
Business Manager/Board Secretary