

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA
December 3, 2019

BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on December 3rd, 2019, at 6:05 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Fallow presided.

ROLL CALL Present: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Haas, Larvey, Mazepa, Paules, Scherer, and Zellers
Absent: Director Recker

OTHER ATTENDANCE Al Lonoconus – Interim Superintendent, Ryan Kish - Business Manager/Board Secretary,

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Honors breakfast to be held December 4th at 8 A.M.
- Times News article regarding test scores in the County. Palmerton did well, always room for improvement.

PRESENTATION – McClure Co – Procurement Program:

- A representative was on hand from McClure Co. to speak about guaranteed energy savings and how they relate to upcoming projects the district is considering. Director Fallow questioned why this company was brought in if we already have an engineer of record. Dr. Lonoconus responded that he received permission last meeting to bring in other options in case time is an issue for upcoming projects. Our engineer of record would be working with McClure and could bring in additional expertise and save money.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- LCCC budget received, districts share will decrease \$6,636 or 3.1% from previous budget year.
- CCTI budget expected to be received in January for review.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED Director Baumgardt moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve the attached consent agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES Approved the Board Minutes from November 19, 2019.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Approved the enclosed Accounts Payable Report.

AUTHORIZE DECEMBER Authorized the Interim Superintendent & Business Manager to make and release payments for the remaining December Accounts Payable.

ACTS PAYABLE Approved the 2020-2021 fee agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz, and Williams. The 2020-

LEGAL FEE AGREEMENT 2021 hourly rate for non-routine matters will remain at \$195 per hour and the hourly rate for routine or general advice will remain at \$160 per hour.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ACT 1 RESOLUTION APPROVED Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Baumgardt, to adopt the 2020-2021 Act 1 Resolution stating that the Palmerton Area School District will not increase taxes by more than its 2020-2021 adjusted index of 3.5%, as determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Aye Votes: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Haas, Larvey, Mazepa, Paules, and Zellers.
Nay Votes: Director Scherer. Motion Carried.

2ND READING OF POLICY 709.1 APPROVED Director Baumgardt moved, seconded by Director Scherer, to accept and approve the second reading of Policy 709.1, Use of Metal Detectors at School Facilities.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish
Business Manager/Board Secretary