

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA
January 7, 2020

BOARD MINUTES

An executive session was held January 7, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. concerning personnel and legal matters.

The special meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on January 7, 2020, at 8:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Fallow presided.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Haas, Larvey, Mazepa (Via Phone), Paules, Recker, Scherer, and Zellers
Absent: None.

OTHER ATTENDANCE

Al Lonoconus – Interim Superintendent, Ryan Kish - Business Manager/Board Secretary, Shawn Lochinger - Solicitor

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Talking to Carbon County Foundation and the United Way, looking at possible scholarships for the district and endowments
- Working on setting up a foundation for the district
- Invited to Chamber of Commerce to speak on February 11th, hoping to get community more involved with district
- January 22, point in time homeless count within district, possible funding through county based on district count
- Census coming up, important to do census as it directly results back to funding school districts. Not filling out the census hurts the district.
- January 20th, snow make up day, will encourage principals to talk with staff about incorporating Martin Luther King, Jr. teachings throughout day
- Encouraged community engagement with superintendent survey
- Reaching out to colleges and universities for additional student teachers to help with substitute shortage

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Director Baumgardt moved, seconded by Director Scherer, to approve the attached consent agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Approved accounts payable

IA RESIGNATION

Approved the resignation of Maizie Heiney, instructional assistant, effective December 6, 2019

SALARY

Approved Jacob Zurn-Salary movement from Bachelor’s+24 to Masters

MOVEMENT

Approved Donald Steigerwalt as a substitute custodian, effective January 8, 2020.

SUB CUSTODIAN

IA HIRED

Approved Heather Reabold as an instructional assistant, effective January 8, 2020, at the rate of \$15.35 /hour

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED

Director Baumgardt moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve the settlement agreement and release between Scot Engler and the Palmerton Area School District.

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

Director Mazepa left the meeting at this time and did not participate in the rest of the meeting.

ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY APPROVED FOR AUDIT

Director Larvey moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve McClure Company as the selected Energy Service Company to engage in an Investment Grade Audit (IGA) of the Palmerton Area School District facilities at no expense to the District. The purpose of the Investment Grade Audit is to develop final pricing and savings for the possibility of entering in to a Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement.

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

ARCHITECT APPROVED FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY

Director Baumgardt moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates to complete a feasibility study and determine the project scope for a fee of 6.5% of the board approved construction budget.

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

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED

Director Larvey moved, seconded by Director Zellers, to approve the general release and settlement agreement between Paula and Kenneth Husar and the Palmerton Area School District, et. Al.

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

GRANT APPROVED

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Larvey, to approve PPL Foundation Empowering Educators grant in the amount of \$1,000 for STEM project at Towamensing Elementary School.

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

PT CAFÉ EMPLOYEE APPROVED

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve Amanda Zellers as a part-time cafeteria worker, effective January 8, 2020, at the rate of \$13.06 /hour.

Aye Votes: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Haas, Larvey, Paules, Recker, and Scherer.
Nay Votes: None.
Abstentions: Director Zellers. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Scherer, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish

Business Manager/Board Secretary