

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PALMERTON, PA.  
March 17, 2020

**BOARD MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on March 17, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office. President Fallow presided.

FLAG SALUTE

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

**OTHER ATTENDANCE** Al Lonoconus – Interim Superintendent

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS** Approved the Treasurer’s Reports and Accounts Payable reports

**RETIREMENT** Accepted the retirement of Karen Bernaski, Teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year.

**SUB IA HIRED** Approved Chantal Emerus as a substitute IA, effective March 18, 2020.

**PT CAFÉ HIRED** Approved Gina Provaznik as a part time cafeteria worker at the Junior High at the rate of \$13.06, effective March 18, 2020.

**SUB CAFÉ HIRED** Approved Charlotte Wagner as a substitute cafeteria worker and a substitute secretary, effective March 18, 2020.

**SHORT TERM SUB** Approved Michele O’Neil as a short-term substitute, effective date tentatively the end of April.

**CONFERENCE** Approved Dan Heaney & Angela Heiland to attend the PAFPC Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa. May 3-6, 2020 at a cost of approximately \$2,600 to be paid from the Curriculum budget and grant funds.

**PAMPA CHAPERONE** Approved Beth Ritter-Guth as a PAMPA chaperone.

**SPECIAL ED TEACHER HIRED** Approved Ashley Williams as a Special Education Teacher, at Master’s Step 6, \$51,000 (prorated), effective upon release from current employer.

- VOL BASEBALL COACH** Approved Cody Krupa as a Volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2019-2020 season.
- CAFÉ RESIGNATION** Approved the resignation of Lisa Steigerwalt as a cafeteria worker, effective March 20, 2020.
- TUITION** Approved the attached tuition reimbursement.
- IU21 DRIVER AGREEMENT** Approved the Student Driver Education Program Agreement with CLIU 21, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- SCHOOL CALENDARS** Approved the revised 2019-2020 school calendar.  
Approved the 2020-2021 school calendar.
- CHARTER SCHOOL REFORM RESOLUTION** Approved the Resolution Calling for Charter School Funding Reform.
- DONATION** Accepted the donation of \$405.00 from the Palmerton Drama Club Parents Association to the PHS Drama Activity Club for students working at events and fundraisers for the Parents Association. These funds are earmarked to be used for the Drama Club NY field trip costs.

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED** Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Zellers, to approve the Budget transfers.  
Aye Votes: All Directors Present  
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.
- AUTHORIZE BUSINESS MANAGER AND SUPER TO MAKE PAYMENTS** Director Zellers moved, seconded by Director Mazepa, to authorize the Interim Superintendent and Business Manager to make and release payments during the emergency shutdown.  
Aye Votes: All Directors Present  
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.
- APPROVE SUB** Director Larvey moved, seconded by Director Mazepa, to approve Patricia Woginrich as a substitute Teacher, effective March 18, 2020.  
  
Aye Votes: Directors Fallow, Haas, Larvey, Mazepa, Paules, Recker, Zellers, and Scherer  
Nay Votes: None.  
Abstentions: Director Baumgardt. Motion Carried.
- APPROVE SECOND READING OF POLICIES** Director Recker moved, seconded by Director Zellers, to accept the second reading of and approve the following policies:
1. 002 Authority and Powers
  2. 005 Organization
  3. 007 Distribution
  4. 220 Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
  5. 233 Suspension and Expulsion
  6. 609 Investment of District Funds
  7. 621 Local Taxpayers Bill of Rights
  8. 824 Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Director Fallow – Thanked Karen Bernaski for her years of service and is hoping to obtain feedback from Ms. Bernaski with regards to her recent work at the elementary level.

Director Larvey- Confirmed that the Graduation date has been set at June 15, 2020. Also thanked Karen Bernaski for her years of service to the district.

Dr. Lonoconus – Gave an update on the student lunch program, with 113 families participating on average. Thanked Reilly’s in Bowmanstown as well as the local churches for their assistance in the lunch program.

**ADJOURNMENT** Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Baumgardt, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish  
Business Manager/Board Secretary