

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA.
July 21, 2020

BOARD MINUTES

An executive session was held on July 16, 2020 and after tonight's meeting for personnel and legal reasons.

The special meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on July 21, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom.

FLAG SALUTE

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

OTHER ATTENDANCE Jodi Frankelli – Superintendent, Ryan Kish – Business Manager/Board Secretary, Shawn Lochinger – Solicitor

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Dr. Frankelli presented the District's Health and Safety Plan.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:

- Provided an overview of spending in relation to COVID-19 such as cleaning supplies, medical supplies and technology. Grants available and being used for purchases.
- Elizabeth Bray Trust on agenda will allow for the district to receive the final distribution of the trust that will benefit the S.S. Palmer Library.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Director Zellers – PSBA Report

- PSBA Advocacy day held via Zoom
- Chicago School District had 36 coronavirus cases with student athletics, kids can get COVID-19

Director Haas – IU Report

- IU working on reopening plan and how to keep everyone safe

Director Fallow – CCTI Report

- CCTI reopening plan scheduled to be approved on the 29th, looking into hybrid model. Will be available on website.

OLD BUSINESS:

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT TAKEN FROM TABLE Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas, to remove the purchase of Towamensing playground replacement equipment from the table.

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

TOWAMENSING PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Scherer, to approve the purchase of replacement playground equipment for the Towamensing Elementary School playground from MRC Recreation at a price of \$22,405.10 payable from the Capital Reserve Fund.

**EQUIPMENT
APPROVED**

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Brooke Klotz – Commented about George’s Busing, how they received money from the school but didn’t pay their drivers. Both Attorney Lochinger and Director Paules encouraged her to take the matter up with her employer.

Lisa Snell Kern – Questioned what instruction will look like if the district is forced to go virtual. Dr. Frankelli responded that things would look different than they did in the spring but will be addressed at the next board meeting. Ms. Snell Kern questioned if nurses and doctors will be involved in the plan. Dr. Frankelli stated that superintendents get together on a weekly basis and have health officials involved with the meetings to assist in the plans.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

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

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

**BOARD
MINUTES**

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the Board Minutes from June 16th, 2020.

Approved the Board Minutes from June 23rd, 2020.

Approved the Board Minutes from June 28th, 2020.

**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

Approved the Accounts Payable Reports.

**TRUST FUND
AUTHORIZA-
TION**

Approved the Treasurer’s Reports.

Authorized the Business Manager to execute the Elizabeth Bray Trust Fund Distribution on behalf of the Palmerton Area School District.

TUITION

Approved the attached tuition reimbursement (enclosure).

**LEARNING
SUPPORT
TEACHER
HIRED**

Approved Kimberly Bittle as High School Learning Support Teacher at master’s, step 6, at a rate of \$52,000 effective upon release from current contracted employment.

**HS SCIENCE
TEACHER
HIRED**

Approved Julia Dougherty as High School Science Teacher at master’s, step 8, at a rate of \$54,500 effective upon the release from current contracted employment.

**GIRLS BBALL
ASS’T COACH
RESIGNATION**

Approved the resignation of Brian Morgan as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach effective June 29, 2020.

**GIRLS BBALL
ASS’T COACH
HIRED**

Approved Jim Hay as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$4,076 for the 2020-2021 school year.

- SCIENCE RESIGNATION** Approved the resignation of Richard Stanley, High School Science Teacher, effective July 1, 2020.
- COLUMN MOVEMENT** Approve Lyndsey Heinrich's column movement from bachelor's to bachelor's +24.
Approved Maria Schaffer's column movement from master's to master's +15.
- VOL FOOTBALL COACH** Approved John Snyder as volunteer football coach for the 2020-2021 school year.
- CARBON MONROE PIKE AGREEMENT** Approved the letter of agreement between the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. and the Palmerton Area School District for the 2020-2021 school year at a total cost of \$14,000.
- BHA AGREEMENT** Approved the contract for services between the Palmerton Area School District and Behavioral Health Associates for the 2020-2021 school year.
- SHINE AGREEMENT** Approved the Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement between the Lehigh Carbon Community College SHINE afterschool program and the Palmerton Area School District for the 2020-2021 school year.
- WALMART DONATION** Accepted the donation of a \$100 Walmart gift card from the Lehigh Walmart to be used for Palmerton Athletics.
- END OF CONSENT AGENDA**
- RESOLUTION FOR INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS APPROVED** Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve the Resolution for Emergency Declaration of Instructional Days and Hours for the 2020-21 school year
Aye Votes: All Directors Present
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.
- DONATION FROM PTO APPROVED** Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Zellers, to accept the donation of \$5,337 from the Towamensing PTO towards playground equipment replacement
Aye Votes: All Directors Present
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.
- FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**
Director Haas – Commented on photos shared on social media from activities and athletics, amazing seeing everyone doing what they're supposed to be doing.
- ADJOURNMENT** Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Scherer, that the Board of Directors of the Palmerton Area School District adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M.
Aye Votes: All Directors Present
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carries

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish
Business Manager/Board Secretary

