PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA.
July 28, 2020

BOARD MINUTES

The special meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on July 28th, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom.   President Fallow presided.

FLAG SALUTE

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:
- Dr. Frankelli presented the Palmerton Area School District's Path to Reopening Schools: Health and Safety Plan. Plan available on the district's website.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Lisa Snell Kern – Asked if we could change the groups from Wednesday/Thursday to Thursday/Friday for the Hybrid Learning. Dr. Frankelli responded that a number of students go to CCTI and CCTI is requesting Friday being the remote day and districts are accommodating that. There are no concerns on the districts end about getting the building clean. Ms. Snell Kern stated that other districts plan indicating an opening date for school and question what that date was. Dr. Frankelli stated that at this point we are on schedule and the only hold up could possibly be if technology equipment isn't received on time.

Tiffany Schleicher – Questioned if there as any reason we are not allowing Palmerton kids to alternate groups on Friday, every other week in class. Dr. Frankelli responded that this is the model we are currently proposing.

Heather Meixell – Asked how groups would be decided. Dr. Frankelli stated that siblings would be grouped together if requested. Administration is meeting to determine the best path forward. Ms. Meixell questioned if she should contact the school to keep kids together. Dr. Frankelli responded that a parent survey will be sent out shortly with that information included.

Brenda McGrath – Asked if virtual meant that class would be 5 days virtually. Dr. Frankelli responded yes.

Director Baumgardt – Asked if days are Monday and Tuesday, can you send you kid Wednesday if they're sick on Tuesday. Dr. Frankelli responded that she will be addressing this soon.

Director Zellers – Questioned how to find information or curriculum for E-Bridges? Mr. Heaney said he will reach out and get the information to Dr. Frankelli to put on the frequently asked questions page.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN APPROVED

Director Baumgardt – Asked if when we approve the health and safety plan, is it for the entire year. Dr. Frankelli responded that unless something big happens, this is the plan moving forward. The goal is to bring all the kids back, but we're not yet there.

Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Baumgardt, to approve the Palmerton Area School District Health and Safety Plan.

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

PENTELEDATA AGREEMENT APPROVED

Director Baumgardt moved, seconded by Director Mazepa, to approve the attached agreement with PenTeleData for increased bandwidth.

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

815.2 FIRST READING APPROVED

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Fallow, to approve the first reading of policy 815.2 – Livestream Video

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

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE RESOLUTION APPROVED

Director Zellers moved, seconded by Director Scherer, to approve the resolution allowing the superintendent to use electronic signatures with the Pennsylvania Department of Education

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Lisa Snell Kern – Asked if we can make the recoding of the meeting available to the public. Director Fallow stated she would have to check, normally we do not because we would have to have it closed captioned but would take it under consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Baumgardt moved, seconded by Director Mazepa, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish
Business Manager/Board Secretary