

**PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Palmerton, PA

October 6, 2020

**BOARD MINUTES**

The special board meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on October 6, 2020, called to order at 6:41 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, Jacqueline McCandless – Board Secretary

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

- National Principals Month this October and National Custodian Day on October 2, 2020. Dr. Frankelli thanked all for their hard work.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- Clare Papay –concerned about teacher surveys not being anonymous; also expressed concern about absenteeism, virtual academy, and those who left for charter school
- Ashley Hawk – asked why students that are home sick can’t tune in virtually. Dr. Frankelli stated they will be looking at attendance and outline details later.
- LeeAnn DeAngelis – asked what happens to students that do not come back when we fully return, will they have to switch teachers? Dr. Frankelli stated it is too early to say. Ms. DeAngelis questioned how kids are protected at sports when they are outside of district. Dr. Frankelli stated the area leagues meet regularly and across districts and told her to contact Kyle Poremba, Athletic Coordinator, for additional info.
- Stacey Connell – commended Dr. Frankelli and Mr. Heaney on moving district forward
- Anne Cronk – stated second student case of COVID reported on website but no phone call. Dr. Frankelli confirmed the district found out at end of the student’s quarantine period, student was not in school at all during that time.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED** Director Recker moved, seconded by Director Scherer, to approve the attached consent agenda with the exception of Personnel, Letter E.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CUSTODIAN HIRED** Approved Samantha Stevens as PT Custodian at Towamensing Elementary School at a rate of \$14.24 per hour effective October 7, 2020

**SUB CAF HIRED** Approved Cathy Laird as substitute cafeteria employee effective October 7, 2020

**SUB IA HIRED** Approved Kendra Smiley as substitute Instructional Assistant effective October 7, 2020

**CAFETERIA RESIGNATION** Approved the resignation of Jessica Suarez, cafeteria employee effective September 10, 2020

**MOUs APPROVED** Approved the Memorandum of Understanding for PAESPA regarding unused 2019-20 vacation days

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Confidential Secretaries regarding unused 2019-20 vacation days

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Act 93 personnel regarding unused 2019-20 vacation days

**DIPLOMA GRANTED** Accepted the status that student # 20284 has completed the graduation requirements for the Class of 2020 set forth by the PA Department of Education and the PASD Board of Education

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**AGENDA OPENED** Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Mazepa, to open the agenda.

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

**SAFE GATHERING LIMITS APPROVED** Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Mazepa, to accept the amendments to the guidelines on safe gathering limits and give Superintendent authorization to implement those amendments.

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

**UPDATED HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN APPROVED** Director Recker moved, seconded by Director Zellers, to approve the PASD updated Health & Safety Plan.

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

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- Katie Cressman – believes redoing teacher survey would produce different results
- Ali Spalding – if virtual option not on survey, there might have been a different result from teachers

### **THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Director Paules – spoke regarding elections and praised Dr. Frankelli and the board for their leadership

**ADJOURNMENT** Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Hass, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline McCandless  
Board Secretary