

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMERTON, PA.
August 18, 2020

BOARD MINUTES

An executive session was held tonight at 5:30 P.M. concerning personnel and legal matters.

The regular board meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on August 18th, 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 provided an update on the path to reopening schools plan based on updated state guidance.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:

- EIT and Real Estate revenues look on track but cautioned that it is only 1 month into the fiscal year.
- Estimated charter school expenditures based on enrollment are \$500k over budget. Discussing how to reduce this.
- Audit pushed up due to schools postponing, thanked Business Office staff for working day and night to get prepared.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Brenda McGrath – Asked if this was the first year for the Blue Bomber Academy. Mr. Heaney responded that the district has been partnering with eBridges for 8 years. Ms. McGrath asked if the students in the Blue Bomber Academy would be doing the same work as the students in school. Mr. Heaney responded that they would not be using the same curriculum but is equally as rigorous.

Ashley Rampulla – Stated that parents are looking elsewhere for virtual learning because of what happened in the spring. Cyber academies have been doing virtual learning for years, first year for district, what will be different? Mr. Heaney responded that there was a side by side comparison presented at previous meetings and that expectations are different in fall than they were in the spring.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Fallow, to approve the attached consent agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

BOARD MINUTES Approved the July 21st, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Approved the July 28th, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Approved the August 4th, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

FINANCIAL REPORTS Approved the Accounts Payable Reports

Approved the Treasurer’s Reports

TUITION Approved the attached tuition reimbursement

COLUMN MOVEMENT Approved the column movement for the following employees:

- Shanna Koscinski from master’s to master’s+15
- Kimberly Seiler from master’s to master’s+15
- Lisa Ward from master’s to master’s+15

SUB TEACHER Approved Cheryl Hummer as a substitute teacher

SUB IA Approved Erika Katona as a substitute instructional assistant

IA RETIREMENT Approved the retirement of Mary Meinhart, instructional assistant, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

TEACHER RETIREMENT Approved the retirement of Kevin Kolodziejski, Junior High Language Arts Teacher, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

SUPER. SECRETARY HIRED Approved Jacqueline McCandless as Confidential Superintendent Secretary, effective August 24th, 2020 at a salary of \$43,000 prorated (enclosure).

HEALTH ROOM TECH HIRED Approved Timothy Kleintop as Health Room Technician at Towamensing Elementary School, effective August 24th, 2020, at a rate of \$16.94 an hour.

MENTORS Approved the following mentors for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year:

- Michael Brennan for Kimberly Bittle at a rate of \$723
- Jeanne Knepper for Julia Dougherty at a rate of \$723

CURRICULUM COORDINATORS Approved the following curriculum coordinators at the Junior High School for the 2020-2021 school year:

Patti Jo Boyd	CAC Co-Adviser	\$869
Kathryn Zurn	CAC Co-Adviser	\$869
Kim Seiler	CAC Adviser	\$1,738
Brad Landis	CAC Co-Adviser	\$869
Amy Morgan	CAC Co-Adviser	\$869

Approved the following curriculum coordinators at the High School for the 2020-2021 school year:

Miranda Allen	Co-Chair – Secondary Specialist	\$869
Carol Andrews	Health/PE	\$1,738
Anna Corby	Co-Chair – English	\$869
Jose Elvir	World Language	\$1,738
Michael Gombert	Co-Chair – Social Studies	\$869
Jeanne Knepper	Science	\$1,738
Whitney Kern	Co-Chair – Secondary Specialist	\$869
Paul McArdle	Co-Chair – Social Studies	\$869
Tom Smelas	Business Education	\$1,738
Bonnie Tavella	Co-Chair – English	\$869
Pamela Wuest	Mathematics	\$1,738

Approved the following curriculum coordinators at Towamensing Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year:

Joyce Paulinho	Kindergarten and Grade 1 Co-adviser	\$869
Brittany Zeky	Kindergarten and Grade 1 Co-adviser	\$869
Lindsay Serfass	Grade 2 and Grade 3 Co-adviser	\$869
Alexandrea Spalding	Grade 2 and Grade 3 Co-adviser	\$869
Susan Deem	Grade 4	\$1,738
Kelly Beblavy	Grade 5 Co-adviser	\$869
Lisa Ward	Grade 5 Co-adviser	\$869
Jaclyn Ivancich	Grade 6	\$1,738

Approved the following curriculum coordinators at S.S. Palmer and Parkside Elementary Schools for the 2020-2021 school year:

Katherine Gilmartin	Kindergarten and Grade 1	\$1,738
Christopher Kimmel	Grade 2 and Grade 3	\$1,738
Meghan Barclay	Grade 4	\$1,738
Deanna Iles	Grade 5	\$1,738
Monique Hofford	Grade 6	\$1,738

**STUDENT
ATHLETIC
HANDBOOK**

Approved the 2020-2021 Student Athletic Handbook (enclosure)

**COACHES
HANDBOOK**

Approved the 2020-2021 Coaches Handbook (enclosure)

**BAYADA
CONTRACT**

Approved the contract with Bayada Nursing for the 2020-2021 school year (enclosure)

**POLICY #103.1
FIRST READING**

Approved the first reading of Policy #103.1 – Title IX Harassment (enclosures)

Approved the second reading of Policy #912 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement

**POLICY #912
SECOND
READING**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

**BOND
REFINANCING
APPROVED**

Director Larvey moved, seconded by Director Recker, to authorize the Administration to work with PFM Financial Advisors LLC. as Independent Financial Advisor, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC as Bond Counsel, Boenning & Scattergood as Underwriter and its local Solicitor in conjunction with the potential refinancing of some or all of its Series of 2015 Note and Series A of 2015 Bonds.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Lisa Snell Kern – Asked about having dedicated subs for the buildings. Dr. Frankelli responded that the topic is being discussed right now. Ms. Snell Kern asked if chromebooks will be taken to and from school everyday. Mr. Heaney responded yes. Ms. Snell Kern asked if backpacks would be allowed in the hall. Ms. Husar responded that it creates a safety concern but less students will be in hallways and transition times would be longer.

Lori Nemeth – Questioned what will happen with snow days and two-hour delays? Dr. Frankelli responded that information will be distributed at a later date regarding that issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Baumgardt Scherer moved, seconded by Director Recker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Kish
Business Manager/Board Secretary