

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palmerton, PA
January 19, 2021

BOARD MINUTES

<p>ROLL CALL</p>	<p>Executive sessions were held on January 5, 2021 and tonight, January 19, 2021 concerning personnel and legal matters.</p> <p>The regular board meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held on January 19, 2021, at 6:34 p.m. via Zoom. President Fallow presided.</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>Present: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Haas, Larvey, Mazepa, Paules, Recker, Scherer, and Zellers</p>
<p>OTHER ATTENDANCE</p>	<p>Jodi Frankelli – Superintendent, Ryan Kish – Business Manager, Jacqueline McCandless – Board Secretary, and Shawn Lochinger – Solicitor (arrived at 6:44 p.m.)</p> <p>SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Frankelli acknowledged that January is School Director Recognition Month. On the behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff, she thanked all the Directors who volunteer their time and service to our school and the community. They play a vital role in our public school system and provide a valued service to the district and the community. <p>BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The district has refinanced an additional bond - savings of \$158k. This is a smaller bond that has already been refinanced several times already. Bond expires in 2026 - savings of \$70k in current fiscal year and between \$15k-\$20k in each additional year.• ESSER II Grant will give the district \$1.8m which comes with restrictions. Administration will meet to determine best way to use funds. <p>BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Fallow – For School Director Recognition Month, she recognized and thanked three current Board members who have served with multiple terms:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Sherry Haas</i> – in her 9th year as member, she encouraged and supported the return of the music program and her motivation for service is to make the district a place where parents would want to raise their children. Director Haas’s goal is to do right for students, staff, and community and believes our students are the leaders of tomorrow.○ <i>Tammy Recker</i> – member since 2010, served as President and Vice President, spent 20 years in public and private education and administration, involved in strategic planning of the district as a teacher collaborating with others. She appreciates that the primary focus is the student and continues to be grateful to serve. She believes the community expands and thrives as we support one another.○ <i>Barry Scherer</i> – member of board since 2009, served as President and on many negotiating teams and safety committees, current chair of Facilities Committee, and has sharp eye for budgets and school finances. He was

motivated years ago to increase transparency of the Board to the community. The focus for Director Scherer in 2021 is to get children back to school.

Director Fallow stated that collaboration, mutual respect, and transparency keep the members working together for the community.

- Director Zellers – PSBA Report:
 - Asked that the Board readopt Principles for Governance and Leadership which is the framework for increasing Board effectiveness at next month’s meeting
 - PSBA Advocacy Day is March 22th via Zoom, register on the website

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

**BOARD
MINUTES**

Approved the Board Minutes from November 25, 2020

Approved the Board Minutes from December 1, 2020

**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

Approved the Accounts Payable Reports

Approved the Treasurer’s Reports

**SINGLE AUDIT
REPORT**

Accepted the Single Audit Report dated June 30, 2020 as presented by Gorman & Associates, P.C.

**DELEGATE TO
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COMM.**

Appointed Ryan Kish as delegate to the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee

**TAX
COLLECTORS
EXONERATION**

Exonerated the current tax collectors listed below from the collection of the 2020-2021 school year delinquent per capita taxes effective January 1, 2021:

Bowmanstown Borough	Maria Smith	\$1,640.00
Lower Towamensing Township	Nicole Jahelka	\$5,830.00
Palmerton Borough	Lisa Nemeth	\$11,600.00
Towamensing Township	Brenda Drew	\$6,860.00

**DELINQ. TAX
COLLECTOR**

Appointed Berkheimer Associates, Bangor, PA, as the delinquent tax collector of the 2020-2021 school year per capita taxes effective January 1, 2021

**TAX
EXONERATION
LIST**

Approve the per capita tax exoneration lists

**FOOD SERVICE
RE-APPROVED**

Approve the following food service re-hires as a result of the district’s return to hybrid learning, with a retroactive approval date of January 4, 2021:

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| 1. Linda Smith | 7. Heather Vogel |
| 2. Teresa Reed | 8. Wendy Magner |

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| 3. Michele Kovacs | 9. Shannon Ledo |
| 4. Cassandra Creyer | 10. Amy Carrelli |
| 5. Suzanne Schaffer | 11. Kathryn Kunkle |
| 6. Anna Catania | 12. Eileen Heiney |

TENURE APPROVED

Approved tenure status for Laura Reichard who has attained three (3) years of satisfactory performance ratings with the Palmerton Area School District

COLUMN MOVEMENTS

Approved the following column movements:

- o Christopher Kimmel from Bachelor's +24 to Master's
- o Elizabeth Karb from Bachelor's to Bachelor's +24

CONTRACT ADDENDRUM

Approved the addendum to the contract for Ryan Kish

SPANISH TEACHER APPROVED

Approved Lisa Failla as Spanish Teacher at Master's Step 5, effective upon release from her current employer at an annual salary of \$51,500 prorated

IA APPROVED

Approved Erika Katona as instructional assistant at the rate of \$15.81 per hour effective January 20, 2021

CAFETERIA SUB APPROVED

Approved Melanie Keller as substitute cafeteria employee at the rate of \$10.00 per hour effective January 20, 2021

ADVISOR RESIGNATION

Accepted the resignation of Thomas Heinick as Concert Band Advisor for the 2020-2021 school year effective September 1, 2020

ADVISORS APPROVED

Approved the following advisors for the second semester of 2020-2021 school year pending the completion and approval of an updated health and safety plan:

Thomas Heinick	Concert Band Advisor	\$1,063.50
Brandyn Miller	Stage Crew Advisor	\$1,020.00
Brent Harris	Drama Advisor	\$1,729.00

VOLUNTEER WRESTLING COACH APPROVED

Approved Matthew Lalik as volunteer wrestling coach for the 2020-2021 season effective January 20, 2021

SPRING COACHES 2020-21 APPROVED

Approved the following spring coaches for the 2020-2021 school year:

Lyndsey Heinrich	Track & Field Coach	\$2,689
Darris Rodrigues	Track & Field Coach	\$2,689
Michael Horvath	Track & Field Coach (1/2)	\$1,344
Kris Hoffner	Track & Field Volunteer Coach	--
Mike Martinez	Track & Field Volunteer Coach	--
Melissa Martinez	Track & Field Volunteer Coach	--

FALL COACHES 2021-22 APPROVED

Approved the following fall coaches for the 2021-2022 school year:

FOOTBALL:		
Chris Walkowiak	Head Coach	\$6,289
Mark Versuk	Assistant Coach	\$4,117
Mike Falcone	Assistant Coach	\$4,117

Fred Lesher	Assistant Coach	\$4,117
Logan Lesher	Assistant Coach	\$4,117
Alfredo Ortiz, Jr.	MS Coach	\$4,117
Christopher Frace	½ Assistant Coach	\$2,059
Matt Guedes	½ Assistant Coach	\$2,059
John Snyder	Volunteer Coach	--
CROSS COUNTRY:		
William Zeky	Head Coach	\$4,135
Tyler Svetik	Assistant Coach	\$2,716
Mike Horvath	MS Coach	\$1,358
FIELD HOCKEY:		
Lauren Michalik	Head Coach	\$4,135
Tara Frantz	Assistant Coach	\$2,716
Brian Spadt	MS Coach	\$2,716
BOYS SOCCER:		
Antonio Orlando	Head Coach	\$4,135
Alex Pino	Assistant Coach	\$2,716
GIRLS SOCCER:		
David O'Brien	Head Coach	\$4,135
Lyndsey Heinrich	Assistant Coach	\$2,716
GOLF:		
Alex Knoll	Co-Head Coach	\$1,244
Michael Brennan	Co-Head Coach	\$1,244
VOLLEYBALL:		
Marsha Thomas	Head Coach	\$4,135
Rachel Harry	Assistant Coach	\$2,716
John Cronk	Volunteer Coach	--

**CHEERLEADING
ADVISORS
2021-22
APPROVED**

Approved the following Cheerleading Advisors for 2021-2022 school year:

Amy Mertz	Advisor	\$2,532
Christine DeLong	Advisor	\$2,532
Magin Gursky	MS Advisor	\$1,266

**CUSTODIAN
RETIREMENT**

Accepted the retirement of Preston Beers, Towamensing Elementary Custodian, tentatively effective on September 13, 2021

**SECRETARY
RETIREMENT**

Accepted the retirement of Denise Strohl, Junior High School Secretary, effective December 31, 2021

**CAFETERIA SUB
RESIGNATION**

Accepted the resignation of Bobbie Jo Knott as substitute cafeteria worker effective January 7, 2021

**ASST. TRACK
COACH
RESIGNATIONS**

Accepted the resignation of Matthew Kosciolk as assistant track coach effective

	December 3, 2020
	Accepted the resignation of Bronwyn Cseh as assistant track coach effective December 22, 2020
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	Approved tuition reimbursements
MOU LV CHILDREN'S CTR. APPROVED	Accepted the Memorandum of Understanding between Lehigh Valley Children's Centers, Inc., and Palmerton Area School District for the PreK Counts Program
DONATION ACCEPTED	Accept the donation of \$2,500.00 from Bowmanstown Rod and Gun Club
	END OF CONSENT AGENDA
TAX COLLECTOR COMPENSATION RESOLUTION	Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Zellers, to approve the Tax Collector Compensation Resolution. Aye Votes: All Directors Present Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.
CCTI BUDGET 2021-22 APPROVED	Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Recker, to approve the 2021-2022 Proposed Secondary Budget for Carbon Career & Technical Institute, calling for Receipts and Expenditures in the amount of \$8,851,959 to be forwarded as presented to the Boards of School Directors in each of the participating school districts for final adoption by Resolution. Aye Votes: Directors Fallow, Haas, Larvey, Mazepa, Paules, Recker, Scherer, and Zellers Nay Votes: None. Abstentions: Director Baumgardt. Motion Carried.
CLIU #21 BUDGET 2021-22 APPROVED	Director Recker moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve the 2021-2022 General Operating Budget of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Aye Votes: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Haas, Larvey, Mazepa, Paules, Recker, and Scherer Nay Votes: None. Abstentions: Director Zellers. Motion Carried.
LCCC BUDGET 2021-22 APPROVED	Director Larvey moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve the Lehigh Carbon Community College Operating Budget and Debt Service/Leases and Capital Budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Aye Votes: Directors Baumgardt, Fallow, Haas, Larvey, Paules, Recker, Scherer, and Zellers Nay Votes: None. Abstentions: Director Mazepa. Motion Carried.
TAX EXEMPTION FAILED	Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Zellers, to approve the retroactive exemption of real estate taxes for Dylan Tyahla from April of 2016 through May 19,

<p>WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT APPROVED</p> <p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>2020, for Tax Parcel No. 16-56-A71.06 under the Pennsylvania Disabled Veteran's Real Estate Tax Exemption Act.</p> <p>Aye Votes: None. Nay Votes: All Directors Present. Motion Failed.</p> <p>Director Larvey moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve a Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement with McClure Company at a cost of \$1,694,476 for the High School Window Project as listed in the Investment Grade Audit Report dated January 5, 2021.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.</p> <p>FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Director Paules – thanked Dr. Frankelli and Ms. Muffley for providing information on getting the COVID vaccination to the teachers and staff.</p> <p>Director Scherer moved, seconded by Director Mazepa, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Jacqueline McCandless Board Secretary</p>
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