

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palmerton, PA

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

BOARD MINUTES

<p>ROLL CALL</p> <p>OTHER ATTENDANCE</p>	<p>An executive session was held today, September 21, 2021, before the meeting concerning legal and personnel matters.</p> <p>The regular board meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held in person on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 6:44 p.m. President Fallow presided. Zoom meeting was also available.</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>Present: Directors Connell, Fallow, Haas, Larvey, Mazepa, Paules, Recker, Scherer, and Zellers</p> <p>Jodi Frankelli – Superintendent, Ryan Kish – Business Manager, Jacqueline McCandless – Board Secretary, and Shawn Lochinger – Solicitor</p> <p>SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excited to have students back in school and our fall sports season is up and running; Drama Club held <i>Aladdin Jr.</i> this past weekend which was amazing - great job by Mr. Harris and the members of the production, stage crew, and students; next play is <i>Clue</i> on December 2-3-4• 2021 high school yearbooks delivered today; great work done by all involved• Student Chris Walkowiak recently won a national award from FBLA, working on him attending a future meeting for recognition• Ms. Schuler introduced recently hired teacher, Angela Rivera, Grade 3, at S.S. Palmer Elementary <p>BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regarding insurance money from 7th Street fieldhouse incident, our insurance company submits the claim to our property carrier so that we can control the process of getting the building repaired and have our insurance carrier advocate for a fair replacement cost. Our insurance company will then legally pursue the party that caused the loss, including our deductible; this benefits the district as opposed to us working directly with the party that caused the loss• The proposed debt resolution will generate savings; pushing for a rating upgrade from Moody’s; lock in rate 10/13/21 with settlement on 11/18/21; refinance should generate around \$500,000 over remaining life of bond which includes an estimated \$76,000 this fiscal year and \$60,000 next fiscal year <p>BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Fallow – CCTI:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Back to in-person instruction; new student orientation held with information about reorganizing/planning for school year; junior/senior info night on 9/23; occupational advisor committee meeting on 9/30; senior portraits on 10/22; PTC on 11/4; presentations to freshmen in schools through September/October; restaurant/salon/school store will be opening○ All who participated in <i>Aladdin Jr.</i> were fantastic
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- Kudos to Dr. Frankelli who will be presenting at PASA's New Superintendent Academy this week in Harrisburg
- Director Haas –IU/Library:
 - IU golf tournament fundraising goes to making bicycles with modifications for special needs students who would never be able to ride a bicycle otherwise; showed video of recipients receiving bicycles; 50th year anniversary this year for IU
 - Library benefits from purchases community makes through AmazonSmile; Storytime video on Facebook; craft table in October; STEAM projects–4 week home activity, details on website; Quilt Craft Lovers Bingo on 10/12; Banned Book Week next week, seek and express ideas
- Director Zellers – PSBA:
 - Virtual School Leadership Conference October 25-27, various topics on equity, ESSER funds, onboarding new directors, school law
 - Contact local chamber and commissioners to put pressure on legislature for charter school reform
 - New website called “What Is a School Board?” Invite members, community, staff to view in hopes of informing public and to ease tensions and misunderstandings on what a school board is and does
 - Panther Valley SD featured in newspaper for visiting all incoming K students at their homes before school started, was informal and inclusive idea
- Director Larvey – LCCC:
 - Semester off to a good start, enrollment slightly down; various programs to accommodate students who are readjusting back into school routine such as an early alert system to educators

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Scherer asked where we stand with the 7th Street fieldhouse damage. Dr. Frankelli stated Mr. Faenza will have an update at the next workshop. Director Scherer asked for an explanation of the large difference in what the insurance company is paying and what it takes to have the building repaired; wants to pursue specifications by engineer to have building repaired.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- None

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Director Larvey moved, seconded by Director Zellers, to approve the board meeting minutes from August 17, 2021.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approved Accounts Payable Reports

Approved Treasurer's Reports

TEACHERS HIRED

Approved Angela Rivera as Elementary Teacher, Grade 3, at S.S. Palmer Elementary at Bachelor's, Step 1, at an annual salary of \$46,750 effective August 18, 2021

Approved JoLynn Gazo as Secondary Librarian/Gifted Teacher, Long-Term Substitute, at Bachelor's, Step 1, at an annual salary of \$46,750 prorated effective October 13, 2021 through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year

2021-2022 MENTORS

Approved the following mentors for the 2021-2022 school year:

Kerry Palumbo	<i>for</i> JoLynn Gazo	Full year at \$1,461.00 prorated effective October 13, 2021
Sharon Westermann	<i>for</i> Angela Rivera	Full year at \$1,461.00

HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Approved Amanda Cappella to teach five hours a week of homebound instruction at the rate of \$33.00 per hour through the end of the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year

SUB CAFETERIA

Approved Ryan Schulz as substitute cafeteria employee at the rate of \$10.00 per hour effective September 22, 2021

SOCCKER COACH

Approved Jonathan Perloni as boys' soccer volunteer assistant coach for the 2021-2022 school year effective September 22, 2021

TEACHER RESIGNATIONS

Accepted the resignation of Brianna Bush as Elementary Teacher, Grade 3, at S.S. Palmer Elementary effective August 18, 2021

Accepted the following advisor resignations for the 2021-2022 school year:

Miranda Allen	Co-Dept. Chair for Art/Music/Tech. Ed.
Whitney Kern	Co-Dept. Chair for Art/Music/Tech. Ed.
Whitney Kern	Library Book Club

COACH RESIGNATIONS

Accepted the following coach resignations for the 2021-2022 school year:

Erick Kresge	Baseball-Head Coach	Effective August 18, 2021
Joseph Egan	Boys Basketball-Volunteer Assistant Coach	Effective August 21, 2021

CAC CHAIR-ART/MUSIC/TECH. ED.

Approved Miranda Allen as curriculum advisory council (CAC) chair for Art/Music/Tech. Ed. at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year with a stipend of \$1,756.00

HORIZONTAL MOVEMENTS

Approved the following horizontal movements effective for the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year:

- Travis Fink from Master's +15 to Master's +30

BUS DRIVERS

- Jennifer Danzeisen from Master’s +30 to Master’s +45

Approved the following additional George’s Transportation bus drivers effective August 18, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Danielle George
- Amber Getz
- Kimberly Hadinger

MUSIC CHAPERONES

Approved the following PAMPA volunteer chaperones for the 2021-2022 school year:

- April Lyon
- Carly Heist
- Kelly Beblavy
- Peter Beblavy

FMLA

Approved Family Medical Leave for the following employees:

Employee # 9458	From July 16, 2021 through August 6, 2021
Employee # 2292	From August 25, 2021 through October 1, 2021
Employee # 2971	From August 25, 2021 through October 12, 2021

RETIREMENT

Accepted the retirement of Eileen Heiney as food service worker effective December 3, 2021

SUB LIST REMOVAL

Removed Rebecca Owens from the current substitute teacher list

TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS

Approved tuition reimbursements

1st READINGS POLICIES 006-137-137.1-140-140.1-142-229-331-803

Approved the first readings of the following polices:

- 1) Policy #006 Meetings
- 2) Policy #137 Home Education Programs
- 3) Policy #137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
- 4) Policy #140 Charter Schools
- 5) Policy #140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
- 6) Policy #142 Migrant Students
- 7) Policy #229 Student Fundraising
- 8) Policy # 331 Job Related Expenses
- 9) Policy # 803 School Calendar

PEDIATRIC DISASTER COURSE

Approved Michelle Bisbing to attend the Pediatric Disaster Response & Emergency Preparedness course on October 14 & 15, 2021 not to exceed \$253.00

IU TITLE 1 AGREEMENT

Approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for Title 1 Equitable Services between Palmerton Area School District and the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 for the 2021-2022 school year

PSBA CANDIDATE VOTES

Authorized the Board Secretary to cast votes for the following PSBA officer candidates:

- David Schaap as President-Elect
- Allison Mathis as Vice President
- Edward Brown as East Zone Representative
- Richard Frerichs, William LaCoff, Nathan Mains as Insurance Trust Trustees

<p>STUDENT HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Davidson, Bethanne Zeigler, Jaime Lynn Zimerofsky as Forum Steering Committee <p>Approved Student # 23205 for five hours a week of homebound instruction through the end of the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year</p>
<p>WRESTLING TOURNAMENT</p>	<p>Approved the Contract for Contests Under PIAA Rules in the amount of \$350.00 for participation in the Carlisle Wrestling Tournament on December 17, 2021</p>
<p>END OF CONSENT AGENDA</p>	
<p>BOND RESOLUTION</p>	<p>Motion for the Board of Directors to adopt the Resolution as presented authorizing the maximum amount of bonds to be issued by this School District to refinance its 2016 bonds, if a minimum level of savings can be achieved, as set forth in the Resolution.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.</p>
<p>BUSINESS MANAGER RESIGNATION</p>	<p>Motion for the Board of Directors to accept the resignation of Ryan Kish as Business Manager effective August 19, 2021.</p> <p>Aye Votes: Directors Connell, Fallow, Haas, Larvey, Mazepa, and Recker. Nay Votes: Directors Paules, Scherer, and Zellers. Motion Carried.</p>
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
<p>FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director Recker spoke about a recent opportunity to participate in Suicide Awareness training and how we can talk about this as a community; recovery event in the county - free training and presentations available; trauma training has grown from 15 people to 68 people, need to brainstorm on this topic 	
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Scherer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 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>