

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palmerton, PA

Monday, August 29, 2022

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

<p>ROLL CALL</p> <p>OTHER ATTENDANCE</p> <p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>An executive session was held after the special board meeting on August 16, 2022 and today concerning legal and personnel matters.</p> <p>The special board meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of Directors was held in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 680 Fourth Street, Palmerton, PA, on Monday, August 29, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. President Tammy Recker presided. A Zoom meeting was also made available.</p> <p>Present: Directors Connell, Haas, Larvey, Mazepa, Danielle Paules, Earl Paules, Recker, Snyder, 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">• First day of school today and it was a great start to the 2022-2023 school year. Thank you to the administration, teachers, bus drivers, and everyone who makes it all happen• Attended a golf match with Coach Alex Knoll, great to see all the players and have that experience <p>BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible senior citizens and those with disabilities will see enhanced rebates through this year’s Property Tax/Rent Rebate from the state thanks to a one-time infusion of additional funds in the 2022-2023 state budget. The additional funding brings the maximum standard rebate to \$1,105 for both homeowners and renters, up from the usual \$650. The program benefits Pennsylvanians age 65 and older, widows and widowers age 50 and older, and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 annually for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters. Information on website and newspaper for further reference. <p>BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Larvey – LCCC:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Palmerton has 6 student graduates in the Honors Scholars program this year• Director Haas – Library:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Library – opened its doors for an impromptu engagement photo shoot recently <p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None <p>Director Earl Paules moved, seconded by Director Mazepa, to approve the attached consent agenda.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.</p>
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CONSENT AGENDA:

TEACHERS

Approved Emily Turek as Elementary Teacher at Parkside Elementary at Bachelor’s, Step 1, at an annual salary of \$47,000 prorated effective August 30, 2022

Approved Krystallynn McCutchan as Elementary Teacher at Towamensing Elementary at Bachelor’s, Step 2, at an annual salary of \$48,000 prorated effective August 30, 2022

Approved Cathy Eckman as Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher at S.S. Palmer Elementary at Bachelor’s, Step 1, at a salary of \$47,000 prorated effective August 30, 2022 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year

Approved Sarah Horn as Building-Based Substitute Teacher at Parkside Elementary at Bachelor’s, Step 1, at a salary of \$47,000 prorated effective August 30, 2022 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year

Approved Kimberly Carlson as Building-Based Substitute Teacher at Towamensing Elementary at Bachelor’s, Step 1, at a salary of \$47,000 effective August 23, 2022 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year

Approved Adam Reichard as Building-Based Substitute Teacher at the Junior High School at Bachelor’s, Step 1, at a salary of \$47,000 prorated effective August 30, 2022 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year

CLARIFICATION OF HIRE

Approved the clarification of terms for Alyssa Miller as Building-Based Substitute Teacher at the High School at Bachelor’s, Step 1, at a salary of \$47,000 effective August 17, 2022 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year

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Approved Melissa Bierman as Instructional Assistant at a rate of \$16.28 per hour effective August 30, 2022

SUB TEACHER

Approved Jane Maurer as Substitute Teacher at a daily rate of \$110.00 effective August 30, 2022

CLUB ADVISORS

Approved the following High School Club Advisors for the 2022-2023 school year effective August 30, 2022:

Brandyn Miller	Yearbook Co-Advisor	\$1,984.50
Brianna Keiser	Art Co-Advisor	\$ 971.00
Julia Dougherty	Games	--

COMUTER COACHES

Approved the following Computer Coaches for the 2022-2023 school year effective August 30, 2022:

Holly Sell	Elementary Computer Coach	\$1,845.00
Tammy Muniz	High School Computer Coach	\$1,845.00

UNCOMPENSATED LEAVE

Approved retroactively the following uncompensated leave requests:

Employee # 73	August 23, 2022 through approximately November 2, 2022
Employee # 546	August 23, 2022 (1/2 day), August 24, 2022, and August 25, 2022

<p>FMLA</p> <p>TRAINING & TRANSITION FOR SPEC. ED. DEPT.</p>	<p>Approved retroactively Family & Medical Leave for employee #429 from August 23, 2022 through approximately September 16, 2022</p> <p>Approved Mary Jo King for training and transition services not to exceed twenty (20) hours total through October 31, 2022 at a rate of \$21.42 per hour effective August 30, 2022</p>				
<p>BUS DRIVERS</p>	<p>Approved the following George’s Transportation bus drivers for the 2022-2023 school year:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="349 409 633 525"> <tr><td>Benjamin George</td></tr> <tr><td>Danielle George</td></tr> <tr><td>Faro Hager</td></tr> </table>	Benjamin George	Danielle George	Faro Hager	
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<p>RESIGNATIONS</p>	<p>Accepted the following resignations effective August 19, 2022:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="349 619 1485 703"> <tr><td>Michelle Siesko</td><td>Elementary Special Education Teacher</td></tr> <tr><td>Michelle Siesko</td><td>Elementary Computer Coach</td></tr> </table>	Michelle Siesko	Elementary Special Education Teacher	Michelle Siesko	Elementary Computer Coach
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<p>CROSSING GUARD</p>	<p>Approved the Contracted Crossing Guard Employment Agreements with the following effective August 30, 2022 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year (enclosures):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="349 861 633 934"> <tr><td>Linda Duyka</td></tr> <tr><td>Ann Woginrich</td></tr> </table>	Linda Duyka	Ann Woginrich		
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<p>END OF CONSENT AGENDA</p>					
<p>RESCIND CHANGE ORDER #1-TENNIS COURTS</p>	<p>Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Earl Paules, rescind Change Order #001 from Bruce George Paving & Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$25,100.00 for additional work to replace the existing fence materials with new metal, vinyl-coated fencing for the tennis court reconstruction project.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.</p>				
<p>APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2-TENNIS COURTS</p>	<p>Director Earl Paules moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve Change Order #002 from Bruce George Paving & Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$2,502.47 for additional Superpave wearing course (overlay) tonnage for the tennis court reconstruction project.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.</p>				
<p>DENY CHANGE ORDER #3-TENNIS COURTS</p>	<p>Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Earl Paules, to approve Change Order #003 from Bruce George Paving & Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$23,821.10 for additional acrylic resurfacer for the tennis court reconstruction project.</p> <p>Aye Votes: None. Nay Votes: All Directors Present. Motion Failed.</p>				
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natalie Mosier – current senior student, has concerns about costs for LCCC dual enrollment costs for HS students; had trouble logging into courses today for which 					

she had enrolled. Mrs. Paula Husar will look into the matter. Director Mazepa stated COVID funds were given last year to control student costs which are not given this year.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Director Recker welcomed students back to school; announced there will be an executive session held immediately following the meeting for legal and personnel matters.
- Ms. Jamie Schuler welcomed new teachers, Ms. Emily Turek, Kindergarten Teacher and Ms. Cathy Eckman, Long-Term Substitute for 6th grade

ADJOURNMENT

Director Earl Paules moved, seconded by Director Larvey, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline McCandless
Board Secretary