

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palmerton, PA

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

<p>ROLL CALL</p> <p>OTHER ATTENDANCE</p>	<p>An executive session was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 and today concerning legal and personnel matters.</p> <p>The regular 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 Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 6:06 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>STUDENT REPORT – Beth Morgan, 12th grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scholastic Scrimmage – preparing for first match in October• FBLA – expect membership to exceed last year; attending state leadership conference in October; first submission done for Champion Chapter competition; Night at Country Junction, date not set yet; planning for activities and fundraisers for school year• Environmental Club – volunteering at Beltzville State Park Fall Fest• Mr. McArdle’s Classroom – students of voting age may register to vote in election• Student Council – selling Homecoming T-shirts; Spirit Week Oct. 3-7• Yearbook – Class of 2022 yearbooks are in• LEO Club – selling candy bars as fundraising event to donate to a non-profit• Sophomore Class – selling Krispy Kreme donuts• Junior Class – looking at venues for their Senior prom• Environmental Science/Academic – beginning a 5-week water quality study of Lehigh River• Athletics – golf team had season of 14-0 and are league champions, looking forward to district matches; Matt Machilik broke passing record in football; girls’ soccer, boys’ soccer, field hockey, cross country, and volleyball seasons in full swing• Band – having successful marching band season, will participate in a few parades; Concert Band rehearsing for December concert; a few students auditioning for the PA Music Association District Band• Donation – to Palmerton Ambulance for \$2,000 from St. Luke’s• District attorney’s office will have guest speaker visit grades 9-11 to discuss bullying and cyberbullying <p>Director Recker called an EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:14 p.m. for legal and personnel matters. The regular meeting resumed at 6:36 p.m.</p>
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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Spoke with Palmerton borough mayor today about crossing guard hirings; stressed to all that there are laws already in place such as using the crosswalks and not parking illegally which will help the current situation as well. Asked that parents use the crosswalks and park in appropriate location to help increase safety; there are two additional crossing guards on the agenda tonight for approval

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Governor Wolf announced free universal breakfast program for all students which goes into effect on October 1st and runs through the end of this school year; does not affect a student’s eligibility for lunch, such as free, reduced, or paid
- Resolution on the agenda is in response to Act 57 that requires school districts to waive the penalty, fee, interest, and other charges when new homeowners do not receive a bill notice within the first year of owning a property

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

- Director Haas – Library/IU:
 - o *Library* – program administrator position open; quilt bingo in October
 - o *IU* – opening day successful; Annie Sullivan Award nominee is Judy Mayer, occupational therapist for 19 years at IU
 - o ESY had 272 students over the summer
 - o Four bicycles presented and delivered this year, Palmerton resident was recipient of the gift of motorized stroller; overall IU has donated 35 bicycles and 13 strollers, costs equaling about \$85k over the years
- Director Earl Paules – CCTI:
 - o Cosmetology and restaurant are now open for the school year, see website; October Fall Fest with car show along with vendors will be held
 - o Director Connell stated student participation in events is very high
- Director Larvey – LCCC:
 - o IT department had a hacker situation which was unsuccessful and were able to stop the threat without damage

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ms. Jamie Schuler welcomed Ms. Sage Nalesnik, Health/PE Teacher Long-Term Substitute for the current school year. Hiring update given on needs of the district
- Tennis court renovation project – Mr. Joe Faenza said we are still waiting for the six core sample results
- Mr. Dan Heaney reported the repair was done on the stadium scoreboard last week, three LED logic boards were replaced costing \$1,450. This repair was not related to the previous repairs done on the unit.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- None

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Director Zellers moved, seconded by Director Earl Paules, to approve the board meeting minutes from August 16, 2022, August 29, 2022, and September 6, 2022.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Haas 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 the Accounts Payable Reports

Approved the Treasurer’s Reports

LT SUB HEALTH/PE

Approved Sage (Terembula) Nalesnik as Long-Term Substitute Health/Physical Education Teacher at the High School for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year at Master’s, Step 1, at a salary of \$48,500 prorated effective September 21, 2022

CUSTODIAN

Approved Scott Bierman as Full-Time Custodian at Towamensing Elementary at an annual salary of \$45,180 prorated effective September 21, 2022

SUB TEACHER

Approved Laurissa Rex as Substitute Teacher at a daily rate of \$110.00 effective September 21, 2022

HORIZONTAL MOVEMENTS

Approved the following horizontal movements effective the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year:

Michael Gombert	From Master’s +15 to Master’s +30
Krystle Meglio	Bachelor’s +24 to Master’s
Joshua Rake	Bachelor’s +24 to Master’s
Ryan Sharkazy	Master’s +30 to Master’s +45
Alexandrea Spalding	Master’s to Master’s +15

MENTORS

Approved the following Mentors for the 2022-2023 school year:

Brittany Zeky	<i>for</i> Krystallynn McCutchan	\$1,475.00
Jennifer Strohl	<i>for</i> Emily Turek	\$1,475.00
Karoline Anthony	<i>for</i> Jennelle Billingsby	\$1,475.00
Lynn Sutton	<i>for</i> Kelly Landis	\$1,475.00 prorated effective September 13, 2022
Elizabeth Karb	<i>for</i> Cathy Eckman	\$1,475.00 prorated effective September 12, 2022
Sarah Sullivan, Co-Mentor	<i>for</i> Nellianne Parr	\$737.50 each prorated effective October 12, 2022
Robert Falkenstein, Co-Mentor	<i>for</i> Nellianne Parr	\$737.50 each prorated effective October 12, 2022

REMOVAL OF NHS ADVISOR

Approved the permanent removal of Employee #129 as High School National Honor Society Advisor effective September 6, 2022

CLUB ADVISORS

Approved the following Club Advisors for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year effective September 21, 2022:

William Zeky	Computer-Towamensing	\$795.00 prorated
Kelly Beblvay	Safety Patrol-Towamensing	\$795.00 prorated
Lisa Ward	Safety Patrol-Towamensing	\$795.00 prorated
Jeana Baumgardt	National Honor Society-HS	\$2,018.00 prorated

RESIGNATIONS

Accepted the following resignations:

Kristin Heller	Student Council Co-Advisor-Towa.	Effective September 14, 2022
Jodi Kocher	Student Council Co-Advisor-Towa.	Effective September 21, 2022
Kelly Beblavy	Computer Co-Coach-Towamensing	Effective September 21, 2022
Krystle Meglio	Computer Co-Coach-Towamensing	Effective September 21, 2022
Donna Winter	Food Service Worker-Team Lead-Parkside	Effective September 6, 2022

COMPUTER COACHES

Approved the following as Computer Coaches for the 2022-2023 school year:

Kelly Beblavy	Computer Coach-Towamensing	\$1,845.00
Krystle Meglio	Computer Coach-Towamensing	\$1,845.00

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR

Approved Jodi Kocher as Student Council Advisor at Towamensing Elementary for the 2022-2023 school year with a stipend of \$795.00

SPRING COACHES

Approved the following Spring Coaches for the 2022-2023 school year:

Baseball:		
Tyler Svetik	Head Coach	\$4,177.00
Joseph Trimmel	Assistant Coach	\$2,743.00
Matthew Solt	Assistant Coach	\$2,743.00
Michael Svetik	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
Ryan King	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
Softball:		
Robert Hock	Head Coach	\$4,177.00
Craig Marlatt	Co-Assistant Coach (1/2)	\$1,372.00
Jenna Turner	Co-Assistant Coach (1/2)	\$1,372.00
Rodney Strohl	Co-Assistant Coach (1/2)	\$1,372.00
Michael C. Horvath	MS Coach	\$2,743.00
Tori Gollie	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
Tennis:		
Jennifer Danzeisen	Head Coach	\$2,512.00
Track:		
Michael Gombert	Head Coach	\$4,177.00
Devin Steigerwalt	Assistant Coach	\$2,743.00
Francis Gough	Assistant Coach	\$2,743.00
James Hay	Assistant Coach	\$2,743.00
Darris Rodrigues	Assistant Coach	\$2,743.00
Andrew Nosti	Assistant Coach	\$2,743.00

Randi-Jo Freed	MS Coach	\$2,743.00
Michael J. Horvath	MS Coach	\$2,743.00
Kris Hoffner	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
Michael Martinez	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
Jonathan Perloni	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
Michael Noyola	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--

UNCOMPENSATED LEAVES

Approved the following uncompensated leave requests:

Employee #260	October 3, 2022 through November 18, 2022
Employee #520	September 12, 2022; September 19, 2022; September 20, 2022
Employee #6552	December 9, 2022

CROSSING GUARDS

Approved the Contracted Crossing Guard Employment Agreements with the following effective September 21, 2022 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year pending receipt of clearances:

Kenneth Micsko
Zachary Raub

RESCIND IA

Approved to rescind employment of Heather Scanlon as Instructional Assistant effective September 15, 2022

TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS

Approved tuition reimbursements

FLBA FIELD TRIP

Approved Kerry Palumbo, Jennifer Danzeisen, and ten (10) FBLA student members to attend the FBLA State Leadership Workshop at Kalahari Resort in Pocono Manor, PA on October 30, 2022 through October 31, 2022

DJ HOMECOMING

Approved the contract with Nick Romano DJ Service for DJ services for the High School Homecoming Dance on October 8, 2022 in the amount of \$300.00

THEATREWORLD BACKDROPS

Approved the Lease/Rental Agreement with TheatreWorld Backdrops, LLC, for three (3) backdrop rentals for the Drama Activity Club from November 28, 2022 through December 4, 2022 at a cost of \$1,401.77

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

Approved the following conferences/workshops:

Jodi Frankelli	PSBA Task Force, Mechanicsburg, PA	September 22-23, 2022	Not to exceed \$148.75
Jodi Frankelli	CLIU #21 Superintendents Leadership Conference, Hershey, PA	November 9-11, 2022	Not to exceed \$96.25
Suzanne Rentschler	Refugee Summit & Paving The Way Conference, Pocono Manor, PA	September 27-28, 2022	Not to exceed \$244.00
Jamie Schuler	PASA Summit for Assistant Superintendents & Supervisors, Harrisburg, PA	October 14, 2022	Not to exceed \$109.00
Joseph Faenza, Daniel Heaney, David Sodl	PREPaRE: Comprehensive School Safety, Stroudsburg, PA	October 3, 2022	Not to exceed \$272.28

Kevin Carroll, Jodi Kocher, Kristina Manning, Vicki McHugh, Suzanne Rentschler, Maria Schaffer	PREPaRE: Mental Health Crisis Interventions, Stroudsburg, PA	October 11-12, 2022	Not to exceed \$694.50
Jacqueline McCandless	PSBA School Board Secretaries Conference, Mechanicsburg, PA	November 18, 2022	Not to exceed \$161.38

PSBA OFFICER ELECTIONS

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

Michael Gossert	President-Elect
Allison Mathis	Vice President
Karen Beck Pooley	Section E2 Advisor
Kathy Swope	Trustee
Roberta Marcus	Trustee
Tracy Long	Forum Steering Committee
Steve Skrocki	Forum Steering Committee

DONATION

Accepted the following donation to the Carron K. Cseh Memorial Award Fund:

Robert & Holly Sell	\$25.00
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**1ST READINGS
POLICIES 237-
805-805.2-808**

Approved the first reading of the following policies:

- 1) Policy #237 Electronic Devices
- 2) Policy #805 Emergency Preparedness & Response
- 3) Policy #805.2 School Security Personnel
- 4) Policy #808 Food Services

**2ND READINGS &
ADOPTION
POLICIES 705-709**

Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- 1) Policy #705 Facilities & Workplace Safety
- 2) Policy #709 Building Security

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

**ACT 57
RESOLUTION**

Director Connell moved, seconded by Director Larvey, to approve the Resolution as presented authorizing the waiver of additional charges for the late payment of real estate taxes in certain circumstances to comply with Act 57 of 2022.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Director Recker announced there was an executive session on September 13, 2022 for legal and personnel matters and there will be an executive session held immediately following the meeting for legal and personnel matters.
- Director Larvey welcomed Ms. Nalesnik

ADJOURNMENT

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Earl Paules, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline McCandless
Board Secretary