

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palmerton, PA

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

<p>ROLL CALL</p>	<p>An executive session was held January 3, 2023 and today after the regular board meeting concerning legal and personnel matters.</p> <p>The regular board meeting of the Palmerton Area School District Board of School Directors was held in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 680 Fourth Street, Palmerton, PA, on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. President Tammy Recker presided. A Zoom meeting was also made available.</p> <p>Present: Directors Connell (departed meeting at 6:22 p.m.), Haas, Larvey, Mazepa (arrived at 5:46 p.m.), Danielle Paules, Earl Paules, Recker, Snyder, and Zellers</p>
<p>OTHER ATTENDANCE</p>	<p>Jodi Frankelli – Superintendent, Ryan Kish – Business Manager, Jacqueline McCandless – Board Secretary, and Shawn Lochinger – Solicitor</p> <p>STUDENT REPORT: Emma Martinez, 12th grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PYEA – members continue to observe and determine strategies to use in preparing their own lessons• Scholastic Scrimmage – Levi Strohl, grade 10, qualified for All Star Match; team preparing for spring events• Art Class, Miss Keiser – ten students donated art to Healing Through the Arts which creates inspirational art for those healing in local hospitals; on display at the Banana Factory in Bethlehem this spring• Band – Josh Reif, grade 12, CCTI, selected for District Band this year; students preparing for Music In Our Schools concert on March 8; Carbon County Band participants are: Cheyenne Whitaker, Josh Reif, Aidan Heist, Brooklynne Winger, Zane Himmelwright, Keira Peppard, Alex Beblavy, Fiona Winger, Josh Rehatchek, Logan Connelly, and Kori Kistler, concert night is March 30• Junior Class – presenting prom venue options soon• Poetry Out Loud – Maddie Everett, grade 11, will compete in regional competition February 9 against other county schools• Drama Club – rehearsals for <i>Grease</i> have begun• Film Club – continue to view and discuss new movies• Environmental Science – students took part in “Birds of Prey” presentation at the Environmental Center in December; learned about bald eagles in January• Student Council – Spirit Week held in December; “Pie a Teacher” kickoff raised \$172; St. Patty’s Dance on March 16; fundraising has started for miniTHON which will be held April 14; Mr. Palmerton event scheduled for May 3• Cybersecurity – after state round of competition, the team is ranked #1 for the Silver tier; ranked 29th nationally; will compete in semi-finals this month• Athletics – boys’ and girls’ basketball have qualified for districts; wrestling team competing in some exciting bouts; Beth Morgan is 2 points away from scoring 1,000th point in basketball; girls’ soccer coach, Mr. O’Brien, received Lehigh Valley Coach of the Year honors; Matt Machilak named Times News Player of the Year in football• FBLA – members Maddie Everett, President, Cody Walkowiak, Vice President, and Ethan Jones, Treasurer, spoke about their participation and hosting of the

regional leadership conference at our high school; the group has completed the application for the Market Share Award and, with a market share of 21.1%, they expect to finish in the top ten again; also expecting to place in the state Outstanding Chapter Award with points accruing for chapter activities and overall involvement. A new national level award, the Championship Chapter Award, has the team looking toward accumulating enough points for silver or gold finishes; continuing to hold fundraisers to defray costs of competitions; will compete in April at the state level

- Foreign exchange student from Germany, Joel Vieten, grade 11, spoke about his experience in our high school so far this year. He has enjoyed meeting many people and having access to new class subjects he has not had before coming to the U.S.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Future Ready PA Index and Data Update – presentation given by Ms. Jamie Schuler. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) replaces No Child Left Behind (NCLB), which provides rules for use of federal education funds to advance equity and transparency. Future Ready PA Index is a comprehensive school progress report of evidence-based indicators which moves beyond a summative score to increase transparency around school and student performance.
- Dr. Frankelli reported on State Representative Doyle Heffley's visit to the High School, Junior High School, S.S. Palmer Elementary, and Towamensing Elementary on January 17, 2023 in which he interacted with staff and students
- Snow day on the early dismissal day of December 23, 2022, will now be made up on February 17, 2023 as a half day makeup day for students
- January is School Director Recognition Month. Thank you to the Board for all of their hard work which is sometimes thankless but with great rewards

OLD BUSINESS:

- Health & Safety Plan 6-month review – Dr. Frankelli completed a required public review of the plan and provided first semester COVID case information with comparison of data from last year.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Kish will be presenting the 2023-2024 preliminary budget at the next workshop; anticipates added expenses for supplies due to inflation, health insurance, and other items; PSERS will be decreasing from 35.26% to 34%. This is the first decrease since 2008-2009 and PSERS attributes this to strong payroll growth and favorable demographic changes involving mortality and retirement.
- The Act 1 Resolution is on the agenda for approval tonight stating the district will not raise taxes by more than the adjusted index of 5.5% for 2023-2024; ended last year with a surplus, so based on our fund balance and the district's ability to raise around a \$1m in tax revenue, if necessary, he is recommending the Board approve the motion. For the last 10 years, the district has passed this resolution and kept increases at or under the index.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

- Director Danielle Paules read CCTI report:
 - SkillsUSA competition results: Garrett Balliet, 1st place, CNC Milling Specialist; Colby Haydt, 1st place, CNC Technician; Noah Bryfogle, 2nd place, Information Technical Services; Eliana Brazil, 2nd place, Nursing

	<p>Assistant; Dylan Shick, 3rd place, Customer Service; will move onto state competition in Hershey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Haas – Library/IU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Library</i>: Hired a program administrator; National Library Lovers Month in February; Book Lovers Women in Business Luncheon on February 23; Teacher Book Sale Month in February; Quilts of Valor Sewing Day on February 18; see more events on website ○ <i>IU</i>: Dr. Eib is retiring at end of school year, IU board and cabinet members as well as superintendents in both counties invited on committee for hiring new president, both Director Haas and Dr. Frankelli are on the committee; list available for viewing of local businesses that employ IU students • Director Larvey – LCCC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cybersecurity camp offered for teachers this summer <p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken Sutton – appreciates the Boards’ support of FBLA for students
<p>BOARD MEETING MINUTES</p>	<p>Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Mazepa, to approve the reorganization board meeting minutes and regular board meeting minutes from December 6, 2022.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried. Absent: Director Connell.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Director Danielle Paules moved, seconded by Director Haas, to approve the attached consent agenda.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried. Absent: Director Connell.</p> <p>CONSENT AGENDA:</p>
<p>FINANCIAL REPORTS</p>	<p>Approved the Accounts Payable Reports</p> <p>Approved the Treasurer’s Reports</p> <p>Approved Budget Transfers</p>
<p>CARBON CTY. TAX COLL. COMMITTEE DELEGATES</p>	<p>Appointed Ryan Kish as delegate to the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee</p> <p>Appointed Jodi Frankelli as alternate delegate to the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee</p>
<p>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</p>	<p>Appointed Berkheimer Associates, Bangor, PA, as the delinquent tax collector of the 2022-2023 school year per capita taxes effective January 1, 2023. There is no fee assessed to the district for this service as the fees are assessed to the taxpayer.</p>
<p>DJ CONTRACT</p>	<p>Approved the contract with B-Flat Entertainment Services for DJ services for the Junior High School Valentine’s Dance on February 10, 2023 in the amount of \$375.00</p>

DONATION	Accepted the donation in the amount of \$500.00 for the general fund from Patrick Roche of Soccer Education with Patrick							
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	Approved Julie Cenci as Elementary Guidance Counselor, at Master's, Step 2, at an annual salary of \$49,500 prorated effective January 18, 2023							
SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPIST	Approved Halli Strobel as Speech Language Therapist, at Master's, Step 1, at an annual salary of \$48,500 prorated effective January 18, 2023							
IA	Approved Melissa Fronheiser as Instructional Assistant at a rate of \$16.50 per hour effective January 18, 2023							
FSW	Approved Frances Powell as Food Service Worker at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective January 18, 2023							
GUEST TEACHER	Approved Rachel DeMicco as Guest Teacher at a daily rate of \$110.00 effective January 18, 2023							
SUB NURSE	Approved Heather Meixell as Substitute School Nurse at a daily rate of \$110.00 effective January 18, 2023							
MENTOR	Approved the following Mentor for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year effective January 18, 2023:							
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HORIZONTAL MOVEMENT	Approved the following horizontal movement effective the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year:							
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UNCOMPENSATED LEAVE	Approved the following uncompensated leave request:							
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HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION	Approved Amanda Cappella to teach five (5) hours a week of homebound instruction at the rate of \$33.00 per hour for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year							
ELEM. AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM- Jan.-Apr. 2023	Approved the following staff to work in the Elementary After-School Program from January 31, 2023 through April 4, 2023 at \$33.00 per hour per the PAEA Collective Bargaining Agreement:							
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RESIGNATIONS

Accepted the following Coach resignations:

Marsha Thomas	Volleyball Head Coach	Effective December 6, 2022
Michael Noyola	Track Volunteer Assistant Coach	Effective January 18, 2023
Jonathan Perloni	Track Volunteer Assistant Coach	Effective January 18, 2023

COACHES

Approved the following Coaches for the 2022-2023 school year effective January 18, 2023:

Michael Noyola	Track Assistant Coach (3/4)	\$2,057.00
Jonathan Perloni	Track Assistant Coach (3/4)	\$2,057.00
Matthew Lalik	Track Assistant Coach (1/2)	\$1,372.00
Christopher Saliby	Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach	--

SUB REMOVALS

Removed the following from the substitute list effective January 18, 2023:

Sandra Gombert	Food Service Worker
Lisandra Collazo	Guest Teacher
Sharon Cooper	Guest Teacher
Anthony Damiano	Guest Teacher
Melanie DeVore	Guest Teacher
Therese Hanna	Guest Teacher
Scott McKinney	Guest Teacher
Blanche Melamed	Guest Teacher
Matthew Trapp	Guest Teacher
Robert Winton	Guest Teacher

Emily Aicher	Teacher
Carol Beidler	Teacher
LeeAnn DeAngelis	Teacher
Kristine George	Teacher
Jessica Steirer	Teacher

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Approved tuition reimbursements

DISTRICT BAND FIELD TRIP

Approved the field trip request to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 10 Band Festival at Nazareth Area High School on February 9 through February 10, 2023 at an estimated cost of \$220.00

CONFERENCE

Approved Suzanne Rentschler to attend the Pennsylvania Department of Education Conference, Making A Difference: Educational Practices That Work on March 1, 2023 through March 3, 2023 at Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA, at an estimated cost of \$599.00

MOU-PAEA

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Palmerton Area Education Association

1st READINGS POLICIES 006-011-218-218.2

Approved the first reading of the following policies:

- 1) Policy #006 Meetings
- 2) Policy #011 Principles for Governance & Leadership
- 3) Policy #218 Student Discipline
- 4) Policy #218.2 Terroristic Threats

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

**ACT 1
RESOLUTION
2023-2024**

Director Mazepa moved, seconded by Director Haas, to adopt the 2023-2024 Act 1 Resolution stating that the Palmerton Area School District will not increase taxes by more than its 2023-2024 adjusted index of 5.5%, as determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.
Absent: Director Connell.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Ken Sutton – would like to have administrators give reports at board meetings

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- An executive session will be held tonight after the meeting at the high school library for legal and personnel matters

ADJOURNMENT

Director Danielle Paules moved, seconded by Director Haas, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.
Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.
Absent: Director Connell.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline McCandless
Board Secretary