

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palmerton, PA

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

	<p>An executive session was held during and after the special board meeting 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 Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 8:06 p.m. immediately after the board workshop. President Recker presided. A Zoom meeting was also made available.</p>
ROLL CALL	<p>Present: Directors Connell, Haas, Larvey, Mazepa, Danielle Paules, Earl Paules, Recker, and Zellers Absent: Director Snyder</p>
OTHER ATTENDANCE	<p>Jodi Frankelli – Superintendent, Ryan Kish – Business Manager, Jacqueline McCandless – Board Secretary, and Shawn Lochinger – Solicitor</p> <p>BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Larvey – LCCC:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Learned that CCTI is now able to create auto wraps for vehicles in case the district has any need of this• Director Haas – Library:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o February is Book Lovers Month; “Blind Date with a Book” event, see website for details <p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Connell, to approve the attached consent agenda.</p>
EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED	<p>Director Recker called an EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:11 p.m. for legal and personnel matters. The special meeting resumed at 8:16 p.m.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.</p> <p>CONSENT AGENDA:</p>
PROM MAY 2024	<p>Approved the contract with Trout Lake Retreats & Conference Center, Stroudsburg, PA, for the Class of 2024 Senior Prom on May 3, 2024</p>
GUEST TEACHER	<p>Approved Martin Koeller as Guest Teacher at a daily rate of \$110.00 effective February 8, 2023</p>

SUBSTITUTES

Approved the following substitutes effective February 8, 2023:

Joshua Fritchman	Substitute Teacher	\$110.00 per day
Joshua Fritchman	Substitute Instructional Assistant	\$10.00 per hour

KRE SECURITY GUARD

Approved Brian Conte as KRE Security Guard for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year

ATHLETIC COORD. JOB DESCRIPTION CONFERENCE

Approved the revised job description of the Athletic Coordinator

Approved Jamie Schuler to attend the Pennsylvania Department of Education Data Summit on March 27, 2023 through March 29, 2023 in Hershey, PA, at an estimated cost of \$980.00

2nd READINGS & ADOPTION POLICIES 006-011-218-218.2

Approved the second reading and adoption 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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Richard Banko – cost of living has doubled for some items in last three years which then affects quality of life; don't be intimidated by contractors who try to push projects through
- Constance Banko – wants the board to “nickel and dime” projects for those on fixed incomes; all costs have risen; look at what district needs are, not district wants
- Jennifer Ortiz – supports weight room renovation to ensure health of wrestlers; requests adequate facilities to best serve athletes; supports single-use bathroom addition; willing to be consulted for an opinion as a parent of a student wrestler as to athletes’ needs on the project
- Kenneth Sutton – states there seems to be a lack of communication between board and community; wants more transparency
- David Tworkowsky – asked how original weight room renovation drawings were arrived at; asked board if district needs this renovation, if so, thinks we need more shower stalls than proposed
- Mary Jo King – has always supported wrestling program; asking for basic necessities for wrestlers by giving them an updated facility; need to help coaches and teachers by providing support; the value in the renovation is worth it
- Gretchen Schaible – as a current female wrestler, described lack of showering facilities available to her at home and away events

ADJOURNMENT

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Director Recker announced there will be an executive session immediately following this meeting concerning legal and personnel matters.

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Mazepa, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline McCandless
Board Secretary