

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palmerton, PA

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

	<p>An executive session was held Tuesday, May 17, 2023 after the board meeting and today after the special board meeting concerning legal and personnel matters.</p> <p>The special 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, June 6, 2023, at 6:31 p.m. immediately following the workshop. President Tammy Recker presided.</p>
ROLL CALL	<p>Present: Directors Connell, Haas, Larvey, Danielle Paules, Earl Paules, Recker, and Snyder Absent: Director Mazepa</p>
OTHER ATTENDANCE	<p>Jodi Frankelli – Superintendent, Ryan Kish – Business Manager, Jacqueline McCandless – Board Secretary, and Shawn Lochinger– Solicitor</p>
ACCEPT SCHOOL DIRECTOR RESIGNATION	<p>Director Connell moved, seconded by Director Earl Paules, to accept the resignation of Doris Zellers, School Director, effective May 19, 2023.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.</p>
APPOINT NEW SCHOOL DIRECTOR	<p>Director Connell moved, seconded by Director Haas, to appoint Mary Jo King as School Director to conclude the term left by Doris Zellers’ resignation.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.</p>
OATH TO SCHOOL DIRECTOR	<p>OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED by the Board Secretary to Mary Jo King as new school director. Director King took her place on the board.</p>
	<p>BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Haas –CLIU:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ honored to attend graduation for two Palmerton students
	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard Banko – asked what type of turf is on football field and when it should be replaced and the cost to do so; questioned how it will be handled if boys want to wrestle on the girls’ team• Kris Schaible – wording used in promoting a girls’ wrestling team is important as it should support the girls and not just because it could penalize the boys
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>Director Connell moved, seconded by Director Earl Paules, to approve the attached consent agenda.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.</p>
	<p>CONSENT AGENDA:</p>
ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHER	<p>Approved Isabelle Beedle as Elementary Music Teacher at Bachelor’s, Step 1, at an annual salary of \$47,000 effective August 15, 2023 subject to increase pursuant to any final, ratified collective bargaining agreement for the 2023-2024 school year</p>

JHS SUMMER SCHOOL

Approved the following staff to work in the Junior High Summer School program from June 12, 2023 through July 11, 2023:

<i>Teachers at the Professional Services rate per the PAEA Collective Bargaining Agreement:</i>		
Melissa Hoffman		
Kimberly Seiler		

CYBER SECURITY CAMP

Approved Brandyn Miller as staff for the High School Cyber Security Camp from June 12, 2023 through June 16, 2023 at the Professional Services rate per the PAEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

CHORUS ACCOMPANISTS

Approved retroactively the following effective for the 2022-2023 school year:

Joseph Plechavy	Accompanist	Towamensing Chorus
Frank Hall	Accompanist	High School Chorus

CHEER ADVISOR

Approved the following cheerleading advisor for the 2023-2024 school year effective June 7, 2023 subject to increase pursuant to any final, ratified collective bargaining agreement for the 2023-2024 school year:

Colby Ruzicka	Advisor MS (1/2)	\$1,279.00
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FMLA

Approved retroactively the following for Family & Medical Leave:

Employee #133	From May 1, 2023 through May 18, 2023
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RESIGNATIONS

Accepted the following resignations:

Kimberly Bittle	ESL Teacher	Effective May 18, 2023
Halli Strobel	Speech Language Therapist	Effective May 23, 2023
Jeana Baumgardt	Student Council-HS Co-Advisor	Effective May 26, 2023
Joshua Nenscel	Student Council-HS Co-Advisor	Effective May 26, 2023
Magin Gursky	Cheerleading Advisor MS (1/2)	Effective May 14, 2023
Melissa Bonser	Substitute School Nurse	Effective May 11, 2023

PSBA LIAISONS

Accepted the resignation of Doris Zellers as PSBA Co-Liaison effective May 19, 2023

Approved the change of Director Snyder from PSBA Co-Liaison to PSBA Liaison through December 4, 2023

1st READING POLICY 251

Approved the first reading of the following policy:

- 1) Policy #251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care & Other Educational Instability

2nd READINGS POLICIES 100-102-105-1-105.2-124

Approved the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- 1) Policy #100 Comprehensive Planning
- 2) Policy #102 Academic Standards
- 3) Policy #105 Curriculum
- 4) Policy #105.1 Review of Instructional Materials by Parents/Guardians & Students
- 5) Policy #105.2 Exemption From Instruction
- 6) Policy #124 Alternative Instruction

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Director Danielle Paules asked if more district events could be posted on the website and/or correspondence given to the board on upcoming events.
- Director Earl Paules asked for principal reports to be given monthly to the board.
- Director Earl Paules presented a mock check for \$4,000.00 from Danielle and himself, Bradco Systems, and A&A Towing & Recovery to be used toward helping families in need by paying their debt on the delinquent student lunch accounts in the district.
- Director Recker stated an executive session will be held immediately following this meeting for legal and personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Haas moved, seconded by Director Connell, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present.

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline McCandless
Board Secretary