

**PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Palmerton, PA

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

An executive session was held Tuesday, August 1, 2023, after today’s workshop and before the special board meeting and again after today’s special board meeting concerning legal and personnel matters.

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, August 1, 2023, at 7:31 p.m. President Recker presided.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Directors Connell, Haas, King, Larvey, Mazepa, Danielle Paules, Earl Paules, Recker, and Snyder

**OTHER ATTENDANCE**

Jodi Frankelli – Superintendent, Ryan Kish – Business Manager, Jacqueline McCandless – Board Secretary

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Mazepa moved, seconded by Director Earl Paules, to approve the attached consent agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**TEACHERS**

Approved Kimberly Carlson as Elementary Teacher at Towamensing Elementary at Masters, Step 2, at an annual salary of \$49,500 effective August 15, 2023, subject to increase pursuant to any final, ratified collective bargaining agreement for the 2023-2024 school year

Approved Joey Roetz as Special Education Teacher at Towamensing Elementary at Masters, Step 1, at an annual salary of \$48,500 effective August 15, 2023, subject to increase pursuant to any final, ratified collective bargaining agreement for the 2023-2024 school year

**CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY**

Approved Heather Zingales as Confidential Administrative Secretary to the Assistant to the Superintendent at an annual salary of \$45,000 prorated effective August 2, 2023

**PAMPA CHAPERONES**

Approved the following Palmerton Area Music Parents’ Association (PAMPA) Volunteer Chaperones for the 2023-2024 school year effective August 2, 2023:

Kelly Beblavy	Troy Heist	Rachel Schafer
Peter Beblavy	Julie Kornafel	Helen Seidel
Jennika Borger	Beth Ritter-Guth	Jessica Suarez
Carly Heist	Janice Mack	April Lyon-Whitaker

**COACH**

Approved the following Coach for the 2023-2024 school year effective August 2, 2023:

Brittany Brice	Volleyball Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
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<b>RESIGNATIONS</b>	<p>Accepted the following resignations:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="370 163 1445 336"> <tr> <td>David O'Brien</td> <td>English Teacher-HS</td> <td>Effective July 14, 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David O'Brien</td> <td>Girls' Soccer-Head Coach</td> <td>Effective July 14, 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amanda Cappella</td> <td>Life Skills Teacher-HS</td> <td>Effective July 18, 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amanda Cappella</td> <td>Buddies Club Advisor</td> <td>Effective July 18, 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah Wieder</td> <td>Cross Country MS Coach (1/2)</td> <td>Effective July 24, 2023</td> </tr> </table>	David O'Brien	English Teacher-HS	Effective July 14, 2023	David O'Brien	Girls' Soccer-Head Coach	Effective July 14, 2023	Amanda Cappella	Life Skills Teacher-HS	Effective July 18, 2023	Amanda Cappella	Buddies Club Advisor	Effective July 18, 2023	Sarah Wieder	Cross Country MS Coach (1/2)	Effective July 24, 2023
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<b>SUB REMOVAL</b>	<p>Removed Katelyn Rehatchek from the Substitute Teacher list effective July 17, 2023</p>															
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> READINGS POLICIES 006- 221</b>	<p>Approved the first readings of the following policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Policy 006 Meetings</li> <li>2) Policy 221 Dress &amp; Grooming</li> </ol>															
<b>DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS- AMENDED MOTION</b>	<p><b>END OF CONSENT AGENDA</b></p> <p>Director Haas, seconded by Director Snyder, to amend the motion to transfer Kyle Poremba as a professional employee to the position of Director of Athletics effective August 2, 2023, at a prorated annual salary of \$83,200 per year subject to the benefits set forth in the Act 93 Compensation Plan (Group 3 position). This transfer is ultimately conditioned upon the District filing a Petition for Unit Clarification with the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board taking this Bargaining Unit work away to an Act 93 administrative position.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.</p>															
<b>WEIGHT ROOM DRAWINGS &amp; REBID</b>	<p>Director Mazepa moved, seconded by Director King, to approve the revised plan dated August 1, 2023 for the weight room renovation and rebidding of the project.</p> <p>Aye Votes: Directors Connell, Haas, King, Larvey, Mazepa, and Recker. Nay Votes: Directors Danielle Paules, Earl Paules, and Snyder. Motion Carried.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>															
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>Director Connell moved, seconded by Director Haas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.</p> <p>Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Jacqueline McCandless Board Secretary</p>															