

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
Parkside Boardroom, 680 Fourth Street, Palmerton, PA

1. CALL TO ORDER 5:30 P.M.: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL:

Ms. Connell	Ms. Haas	Ms. King	Ms. Krawchuk	Mr. Mazepa	Mrs. Paules
Mr. Paules	Ms. Schaible	Ms. Snyder	Dr. Frankelli	Mr. Kish	Atty. Lochinger

3. STUDENT REPORT:

4. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

5. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Health & Safety Plan 6-month review
- B. Feasibility study
- C. S. S. Palmer Elementary renovation
- D. Weight room renovation

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (POLICY #903):

There shall be time available for public participation at the beginning and end of each board meeting. The beginning session is open for agenda items only and the ending session is open for any agenda times or issues relating to school district policies and operations. Informal requests shall be afforded five (5) minutes for presentation. Should the speaker find the five (5) minute time allotment to be insufficient for his/her presentation, a more detailed written presentation shall be an option. Please note that public interruption of the meeting will detract from the meeting.

9. MEETING MINUTES:

- A. Motion for the Board of School Directors to approve the board meeting minutes from November 21, 2023, December 5, 2023 (reorganization), and December 5, 2023 (regular).

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____
 Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Absent _____ Abstentions _____

10. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion for the Board of School Directors to approve the attached consent agenda.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____
 Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Absent _____ Abstentions _____

11. FISCAL:

- A. Motion for the Board of School Directors to approve retroactively the billing rates agreement dated December 5, 2023, with ALLOY5, Bethlehem, PA, for the remainder of the weight room renovation project (enclosure).

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____
 Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Absent _____ Abstentions _____

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

13. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____
Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Absent _____ Abstentions _____

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONSENT AGENDA
Tuesday, January 23, 2024

1. FISCAL:

- A. Approve Accounts Payable Reports (enclosures)
- B. Approve Treasurer’s Reports (enclosures)
- C. Approve Budget Transfers (enclosures)

2. PERSONNEL:

- A. Approve Kendra Smiley as Elementary Special Education Teacher, Life Skills at S. S. Palmer Elementary, at Bachelor’s, Step 1, at an annual salary of \$47,743.00 prorated effective upon receipt of certification
- B. Approve Margaret Morgan as Instructional Assistant at a rate of \$17.41 per hour effective January 24, 2024

C. Approve the following Custodians:

Joshua Gillen	Full-Time Custodian at Towamensing Elementary	\$26,765.00 annually prorated effective upon receipt of clearances
John Zmarzley	Part-Time Flex Custodian	\$12.87/hour effective January 24, 2024

D. Acknowledge the following horizontal movements effective the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year:

Sage Nalesnik	From Master’s to Master’s +15
Sarah Smith	From Bachelor’s +24 to Master’s
Kristen Perdew	From Master’s to Master’s +15

E. Approve the following uncompensated leave request:

Employee #10	March 15, 2024 and March 18, 2024
--------------	-----------------------------------

F. Approve the following Mentor for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year:

Vicki McHugh	for Kevin Wertz	\$1,490.00 prorated effective January 2, 2024
--------------	-----------------	---

G. Approve retroactively the following Advisor for the 2023-2024 school year:

Isabelle Beedle	Chorus-Elementary	\$1,585.00
-----------------	-------------------	------------

H. Approve Lindsay Fronheiser to teach five (5) hours a week of homebound instruction at the Professional Services rate per the PAEA Collective Bargaining Agreement for the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year

- I. Approve Joseph Peters as Guest Teacher at a daily rate of \$110.00 effective January 24, 2024
- J. Approve Marcey Goodbred as Substitute Nurse at a daily rate of \$110.00 effective January 24, 2024
- K. Approve Ryan King as Substitute Teacher at a daily rate of \$110.00 effective January 24, 2024
- L. Approve Ricky Muffley as Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective January 24, 2024
- M. Approve the following Coaches for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year effective January 24, 2024:

Jamie Hibell	Track Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
Margaret Morgan	Track Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
Trisha Sterling	Softball Co-Assistant Coach (1/2)	\$1,386.00

- N. Approve retroactively Matthew Ruch as George’s Transportation bus driver for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year effective January 2, 2024
- O. Accept the following resignation:

Julie Cenci	Elementary Guidance Counselor	Effective December 14, 2023
-------------	-------------------------------	-----------------------------

- P. Rescind the following employment:

George Kattner	Custodian at Towamensing Elementary	Effective December 21, 2023
----------------	-------------------------------------	-----------------------------

- Q. Approve tuition reimbursements (enclosure)

3. OTHER:

- A. Approve retroactively Kyle Karson as KRE Security Guard at Parkside Elementary for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year effective January 4, 2024
- B. Approve retroactively the agreement with LearnWell, Fort Washington, PA, beginning November 21, 2023 through no later than June 30, 2024 (enclosure)
- C. Approve the agreement with Sharp-Ross PsychEd Services, LLC, for bilingual psychoeducational evaluations for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year (enclosure)
- D. Approve the following the contracts for DJ services provided by B-Flat Entertainment, LLC, Brian N. Stephens (enclosure):

Junior High National Honor Society Dance	Retroactively December 8, 2023	\$375.00
Junior High National Honor Society Dance	February 9, 2024	\$375.00
Junior High National Honor Society Dance	May 10, 2024	\$375.00

- E. Approve the following conferences (enclosures):

Daniel Heaney	PA Educational Technology Expo & Conference, Hershey, PA	February 5, 2024 through February 7, 2024	Estimated cost of \$712.58
---------------	--	---	----------------------------

Demi Rohlfing	PDE-Making a Difference: Educational Practices That Work!, Hershey, PA	February 28, 2024 through March 1, 2024	Estimated cost of \$863.75
Kyle Porembo	PA Athletic Director Association, Hershey, PA	March 19, 2024 through March 22, 2024	Estimated cost of \$1,117.83

F. Approve the following field trip request (enclosure):

Video Club/ Yearbook/Newspaper	PA School Press Association state competition at Penn State University, State College, PA	April 2, 2024 through April 4, 2024
-----------------------------------	---	-------------------------------------

G. Accept the following donations:

PA Association of Broadcasters	to the Video Club	\$500.00
A. Donald & Mary G. Behler Foundation	to the Drama Club	\$500.00
Patrick Roche	to the General Fund (use of facilities)	\$350.00
St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Towamensing	to the Drama Club	\$170.00