

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palmerton, PA

Tuesday, June 3, 2024

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

An executive session was held today after the special meeting concerning personnel and legal 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 Monday, June 3, 2024, immediately following the workshop. The meeting began at 7:04 p.m. President Haas presided. The meeting was viewable via livestream on the district’s Facebook page.

A moment of silence was held in honor of the passing of former district high school principal George Duell.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Connell, Haas, King, Krawchuk, Mazepa, Danielle Paules, Earl Paules, Schaible, and Snyder

OTHER ATTENDANCE

Jodi Frankelli – Superintendent, Ryan Kish – Business Manager, Jacqueline McCandless – Board Secretary, and Shawn Lochinger– Solicitor

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Commented for the public and district employees that her resignation agreement and general release is just an acknowledgement of her contract ending with the terms and parameters around it; there is no cash buyout involved as is typical of a separation agreement; her last day in the district is Friday, July 5

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

- Director Krawchuk – Superintendent search survey:
 - Out since last Friday, have 95 respondents so far, will send out invitations to participate to students and staff emails

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- None

AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA

Director Snyder moved, seconded by Director King, to amend the wording of consent agenda Item #3, Letter E, to replace Dr. Jodi Frankelli with Jamie Schuler at the PSBA school safety simulation training.

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

Director Krawchuk moved, seconded by Director Connell, to approve the amended consent agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

DONATION

Accepted the following civic contribution/donation:

V & S Lebanon Galvanizing, LLC, Jonestown, PA	For galvanizing the S. S. Palmer Elementary clocktower slab steel beam supports
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UNCOMPENSATED LEAVE	Approved retroactively the following uncompensated leave request:								
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="342 163 643 199">Employee #594</td> <td data-bbox="643 163 1375 199">May 30, 2024 - ½ day</td> </tr> </table>	Employee #594	May 30, 2024 - ½ day						
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ESY PROGRAM	Approved the following additional staff to work in the Extended School Year (ESY) program from July 8, 2024 through August 1, 2024:								
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RESIGNATIONS	Accepted the following resignations:								
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NETWORKING CONSULTANT	Approved Robert Moyzan as technology networking consultant at a rate of \$35.00 per hour not to exceed a total of forty (40) hours								
SSKW LEGAL AGREEMENTS 2024-2025	Approved the fee agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz, & Williams, LLP, for the 2024-2025 school year with the hourly rate for non-routine matters at \$220.00 per hour and the hourly rate for routine/general advice at \$200.00 per hour								
	Approved the Legal Services Consultation Agreement for special education services with Sweet, Stevens, Katz, & Williams, LLP, for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$7,875.00								
FIELD TRIP	Approved the following field trip request:								
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="342 1075 938 1115">Yearbook Editors Camp, University of Scranton</td> <td data-bbox="938 1075 1524 1115">August 8, 2024 through August 11, 2024</td> </tr> </table>	Yearbook Editors Camp, University of Scranton	August 8, 2024 through August 11, 2024						
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CONFERENCE	Approved the following conference:								
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2nd READING & ADOPTION POLICIES 214-217-247	Approved the second reading and adoption to repeal the following policies:								
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Policy #214 Class Rank 2) Policy #217 Graduation 3) Policy #247 Hazing 								
	END OF CONSENT AGENDA								
PALMER RENO CHANGE ORDER #1	Director King moved, seconded by Director Connell, to accept retroactively Change Order #1 from Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates to provide dehumidification sequence and control as annotated on the control drawings submittal and associated RFI's for the S. S. Palmer Elementary renovation project in the amount of \$4,311.80.								
	Aye Votes: All Directors Present. Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.								
SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNATION AGREEMENT	Director Snyder moved, seconded by Director Schaible, to approve the Resignation Agreement and General Release between the Palmerton Area School District and Dr. Jodi Frankelli.								

<p>INTERIM SUPT. AGREEMENT (FAILED)</p>	<p>Aye Votes: Directors Connell, Haas, King, Krawchuk, Schaible, and Snyder. Nay Votes: Directors Mazepa, Earl and Danielle Paules. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Director Schaible moved, seconded by Director Mazepa, to approve the agreement with School Operation Services Group, Inc., to provide an interim superintendent to Palmerton Area School District.</p> <p>Aye Votes: Directors Haas, Krawchuk, Mazepa, and Schaible. Nay Votes: Directors Connell, King, Earl and Danielle Paules, and Snyder. Motion Failed.</p> <p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Snyder congratulated former director, Tammy Recker, who was named one of this year’s “Hometown Heroes” in our community; also thanked Tina Manning for her dedication and service to the district • Director King thanked Rob Moyzan for his service to the district; acknowledged Dr. Frankelli’s professionalism in these last few weeks • Director Haas stated Dr. Frankelli has been Palmerton’s biggest cheerleader • Director Earl Paules thanked Rob Moyzan for his work on the support staff contract • Director Haas stated an executive session will be held immediately following this evening’s special meeting for personnel matters
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Director King moved, seconded by Director Connell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 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>