

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palmerton, PA

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

<p>ROLL CALL</p> <p>OTHER ATTENDANCE</p> <p>MEETING MINUTES</p>	<p>An executive session was held Tuesday, August 6, 2024 concerning personnel matters and today, August 20, 2024, after the regular board meeting concerning personnel matters.</p> <p>The regular 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 20, 2024, and called to order at 5:30 p.m. President Haas presided. The meeting was viewable via livestream on the district’s Facebook page.</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>Present: Directors Connell, Haas, King, Krawchuk, Mazepa, Danielle Paules, Earl Paules, Schaible and Snyder</p> <p>Ryan Kish – Interim Superintendent and Business Manager, Jacqueline McCandless – Board Secretary, and Shawn Lochinger– Solicitor</p> <p>SUPERINTENDENT/BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent audit went well, thank you to our staff who pitched in this year again• Thank you to Mrs. Paula Husar for having Mr. Kish and Ms. Schuler at the 9th grade student orientation, everything went well and was well attended• Kindergarten orientation coming up this Thursday at Towamensing and next week on Monday at Parkside• Meet the Bombers Night is Thursday at the stadium; please support our fall athletes and band members by attending this free event• PSBA has started an Honors program recognizing school directors for 5 years’ service with a certificate; tonight, Director Mazepa receives that certificate• Recommending the Board vote this evening in favor of the alternate school calendar which postpones students’ first day of school to September 9 due to the ongoing S. S. Palmer Elementary renovation <p>BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Danielle Paules – PSBA: By 2026, PSSA testing will move to online format which will save the state money; 32% of districts already do this; would provide immediate test results• Director Haas – Library/CLIU:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Library</i>: gearing up for students returning in September○ <i>IU</i>: opening day ceremony held; ready for the new year to begin• Director Schaible – CCTI: Health Occupation Students of America had 28 out of 31 students qualify to participate in the event with one student advancing to national level; open house last week; new teacher training this week; instituted each technical area to have technical-related math once per week and personal development plan for students; PASD has the most students attending CCTI• Director Earl Paules – Facilities/Grounds: discussed the ADA bathrooms installed in the weight room; agrees with decision to delay school start until September 9 with end date still the same; discussed plan for landscaping the front of S. S. Palmer building <p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lori Nemeth – questioned if CCTI is affected by the district’s later start date <p>Director Connell moved, seconded by Director Earl Paules, to approve the board meeting minutes from July 16, 2024.</p>
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CONSENT AGENDA

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

Director Mazepa moved, seconded by Director Schaible, to approve the consent agenda.

Aye Votes: All Directors Present with the exception of an abstention from Director Snyder for Consent Agenda Item #2 Personnel, Letter G, fall event worker Kayleigh Snyder only, due to a conflict of interest.

Nay Votes: None. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

FISCAL REPORTS

Approved accounts payable reports

Approved Treasurer’s reports

DONATION

Accepted the following donation:

From Palmerton Youth Wrestling Club	Weight room wall padding	Valued at \$3,081.22
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GUEST TEACHER

Approved Brandi Hoffman as Guest Teacher at a daily rate of \$110.00 effective August 21, 2024

HORIZONTAL MOVEMENTS

Acknowledged the following horizontal movements effective the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year:

Michael Horvath	From Bachelor’s to Master’s
Brad Landis	From Master’s to Master’s +15
Andrew Remsing	From Master’s to Master’s +15

CLUB ADVISORS

Approved the following Club Advisors for the 2024-2025 school year effective August 21, 2024:

Elizabeth Campbell	Color Guard	\$1,438.00
Katelyn Rehatchek	Drama Club-Volunteer	--
Sophia Wentz	Drama Club-Volunteer	--
Vicki McHugh	Leo Club	\$1,233.00
Eric Strohl	Stage Crew	\$2,123.00
Christopher Ross	Stage Crew Assistant	\$1,676.00
Rhianna Rivera	Student Council Co-Advisor-HS	\$1,025.50
Joshua Nenscel	Student Council Co-Advisor-HS	\$1,025.50

MENTORS

Approved the following Mentors for the 2024-2025 school year:

William Zeky	<i>for Marisa Lichtenwalner</i>	\$1,505.00
Kevin Carroll, Co-Mentor	<i>for Kayla Masington</i>	\$ 752.50
Meghan Barclay, Co-Mentor	<i>for Kayla Masington</i>	\$ 752.50
Tyler Svetik	<i>for Kendra Smiley</i>	\$1,505.00
Vicki McHugh	<i>for Kevin Wertz</i>	\$1,505.00
Jodi Kocher, Co-Mentor	<i>for Kaylee Wilson</i>	\$ 752.50
Kimberly Nenscel, Co-Mentor	<i>for Kaylee Wilson</i>	\$ 752.50
Natalie Madeira, Co-Mentor	<i>for Isabelle Beedle</i>	\$ 752.50
Bronwyn Cseh, Co-Mentor	<i>for Isabelle Beedle</i>	\$ 752.50
Natalie Madeira, Co-Mentor	<i>for Matthew Blanchard</i>	\$ 752.50

Alexander Knoll, Co-Mentor	<i>for Matthew Blanchard</i>	\$ 752.50
Shanna Koscinski, Part Time	<i>for Kimberly Carlson</i>	\$ 752.50
Christine McCarroll, Co-Mentor	<i>for Lindsay Fronheiser</i>	\$ 752.50
Julia Dougherty, Co-Mentor	<i>for Lindsay Fronheiser</i>	\$ 752.50
Natalie Madeira, Part Time	<i>for Audrey Hoffman</i>	\$ 752.50
Lori Bonner, Part Time	<i>for Chelsea Hutnick</i>	\$ 752.50
Tammy Muniz	<i>for Alyssa Miller</i>	\$1,505.00
Susan Dellicker	<i>for Perla Javier Perdomo</i>	\$1,505.00
Katie Miller, Part Time	<i>for Joey Roetz</i>	\$ 752.50
Christine Owens	<i>for Benjamin Wysocki</i>	\$ 752.50 for 1st semester only

CROSSING GUARDS

Approved the additional Contracted Crossing Guard Employment Agreements with the following for the 2024-2025 school year:

Mary Bowman	Linda Koch	Joseph Temple
Linda Duyka	MaryEllen Rhoads	Ann Woginrich

COACHES

Approved the following Coaches effective August 21, 2024:

Kevin Booth	Football Assistant Coach (1/4)	\$1,061.00
Andrew Sabo	Football Volunteer Assistant Coach	--

FALL EVENT WORKERS

Approved the following as Fall Event Workers at a rate of \$30.00 per event effective August 21, 2024:

Pamela Andrews	Edward Hedes	Amy Morgan	Thomas Smelas
Craig Borland	Jarrad Hedes	Sage Nalesnik	David Smith
Jessica Cohen	Kelly Heinrich	Alexander Orr	Kayleigh Snyder
Robert Everett	Alton Hoffman	Christine Owens	John Wilk
Robert Falkenstein	John Hrebik	William Papay	William Zeky
Michael Gombert	Miriam Krzton	Michael Pascoe	
Jyneal Green	Vicki McHugh	Andrew Remsing	

PAMPA CHAPERONES

Approved the following Palmerton Area Music Parents' Association (PAMPA) Volunteer Chaperones for the 2024-2025 school year effective August 21, 2024:

Kelly Beblavy	Michele Heydt	Stephen Pisulak
Peter Beblavy	Staci Hillegass	Rachel Schafer
Kristin Dunleavy	Julie Kornafel	Tara Spiker
Marcey Goodbred	Jennifer Mertz	Jessica Suarez
Carly Heist	Heather Pisulak	

ACCOMPANISTS

Approved the following effective for the 2024-2025 school year:

Joseph Plechavy	Accompanist	Towamensing Chorus
Frank Hall	Accompanist	High School Chorus

SUBSTITUTES

Approved the following Substitutes:

Hailey Hatzis	Substitute Teacher	\$110.00 daily rate	Effective August 21, 2024
Alex Schwab	Substitute Teacher	\$110.00 daily rate	Effective August 21, 2024
Donna George	Short-Term Substitute Instructional Assistant	\$10.00 per hour	Effective August 27, 2024 through December 12, 2024

Rose Smith	Substitute Food Service Worker	\$10.00 per hour	Effective August 27, 2024
Jacqueline Reinert	Substitute Food Service Worker	\$10.00 per hour	Effective August 27, 2024

RESIGNATIONS Accepted the following resignations:

Ashley Williams	Learning Support Teacher	Effective August 13, 2024
Courtney Gawrys	Instructional Assistant	Effective July 31, 2024
Rhianna Rivera	Student Council Advisor-HS	Effective August 20, 2024
Andrew Sabo	Football Assistant Coach (1/4)	Effective August 20, 2024
Kevin Booth	Football Volunteer Coach	Effective August 20, 2024

TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS Approved tuition reimbursements

BUS ROUTES Approved the bus routes for the 2024-2025 school year

BUS DRIVERS Approved the following George’s Transportation bus drivers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Kyle Ahner	Dennis Erkinger	Donna Hahn	Rebecca McMullen
Lori Ahner	Craig Fenoff	Barry Hoffman	Colleen Rubin
Emma Beal	Donna Fischer	Pamela Imler	Matthew Ruch
Virgie Behler	Kimberly Frable	Robert Jennings	Sarah Salter
Jolene Black	Barry George	LeRoy Kemmerer	Robert Schaninger
Rodney Cameron	Benjamin George	Katelin King	Cara Serfass
Nicole Capuano	Danielle George	Tracey Kline-Carey	Amanda Spitzer
Lyle Cetnar	Dean George, Jr.	Johnette Kralik	Gary Stahler
Kelli Crostley	Leon George	Walter Kroboth	Diane Strohl
Denise Dein	Lonnie George	Gary Kuehner	Roxanne Stroup
Jeffrey Donadi	Amber Getz	Karen Laub	Cynthia Vivona
Henry Dorward	Francis Goss	Rebekah Lorah	Thomas Williams
Susan Dorward	Kimberly Hadinger	Timothy Lorah	Trudy Ziegenfuss
Donald Duffield III	Faro Hager	Cynthia Marx	

DeSALES UNIV. Approved the Affiliation Agreement with DeSales University

PATHSTONE Approved the Letter of Understanding with PathStone, Child & Family Development Services, beginning August 20, 2024 through August 19, 2025

Approved the Public Preschool Memorandum of Understanding and Protection of Personally, Identifiable Information with PathStone beginning August 20, 2024 through August 19, 2025

PTS Approved the Therapy Services Agreement Addendum with Pediatric Therapeutic Services effective August 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

LLA Approved the Lehigh Learning Academy Program Placement Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year

BHA Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with Behavioral Health Associates beginning August 21, 2024 through August 20, 2025

CONFERENCES

Approved the following conferences:

Karissa Belcher	2024 Annual SHRM Conference, Bethlehem, PA	October 8, 2024	Estimated cost of \$425.00
Karissa Belcher	ATIXA, Title IX Coordinator Foundations for K-12, Philadelphia, PA	October 31, 2024	Estimated cost of \$551.52

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

REVISED 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Director Snyder moved, seconded by Director Connell, to approve the revised 2024-2025 school calendar dated August 20, 2024.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Director Haas said first interviews for the superintendent search have been held; will move into second interviews on Monday.
- Director Haas stated there will be an executive session held after this meeting this evening for personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Director King moved, seconded by Director Connell, to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline McCandless
Board Secretary