



**Board Meeting of the Palmyra Area School District**  
**Palmyra Area School District Office Boardroom**  
**1125 Park Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078**  
**January 23, 2020**  
**Minutes For: Regular School Board Meeting**

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*Roll Call*

**Board Members Present:** Krista Barley, Christopher Connell, Christine Fisher, Larry Geib, Suzan Gilligan, James Kreiser, Karen Ludwig, Michael Ludwig, Jeffrey Putt

**Absent:** None

**Administrators Present:** Bernie Kepler, Annette Spagnolo, Darcy Brenner-Smith, Noelle Brossman, Anne Hoover, Abbie Mahaffey, Wally Popejoy, Nate Rackley, Kathy Setlock

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**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**Minutes**

Christopher Connell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Barley  
Connell  
Fisher  
Geib  
Gilligan  
Kreiser  
Ludwig, K.  
Ludwig, M.  
Putt

**Minutes:** 9 present, 0 absent

**4. BOARD MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 9, 2020.

**Minutes**

Following a motion by Michael Ludwig and a second by Jeffrey Putt, the Board unanimously approved the Board minutes from the January 9, 2020 Board meeting.

## 5. PALMYRA PRIDE

Recognition of the following the following students and community members:

- David Taylor and Edward Valentine who qualified for the eSports playoffs, competing in an East Coast tournament of over 1800 players where they faced a different opponent over the course of several weeks.
- Palmyra Public Library for their ongoing support of our students through their Summer Reading Programs, providing resources at our Early Learning Nights, and their Book Talk Tables offered to our Middle School students during lunch.
- Encounter Church for their generosity in providing meals for our district's Early Learning Nights, arranging for volunteers to assist at our Junior Achievement STEM Summit, and their ongoing support of our district.

### Minutes

The Board recognized students and community members for Palmyra PRIDE as noted above.

## 6. BOARD RECOGNITION

Recognition of the Palmyra Area School District Board of School Directors in honor of January being School Director's Recognition Month.

### Minutes

Dr. Kepler recognized the Palmyra Area School District Board of School Directors in honor of January being School Director Recognition Month.

## 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Minutes

No report.

## 8. VISITOR COMMENTS

### Minutes

No visitor comments.

## 9. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

### a. Minutes - Buildings & Grounds Committee

Buildings & Grounds Committee Minutes from January 9, 2020.

### Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting.

### b. Approval of Consent Agenda - Buildings & Grounds Committee Action Items

Motion to approve Buildings & Grounds Committee items as noted on the Buildings & Grounds Consent Agenda.

### Minutes

Following a motion by James Kreiser and a second by Michael Ludwig, the Board unanimously approved the Buildings and Grounds Committee items as noted on the Buildings and Grounds Consent Agenda.

## **10. FINANCE**

### **a. Minutes - Finance Committee**

Finance Committee Minutes from January 9, 2020.

#### **Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Finance Committee meeting.

## **11. STAFFING & ADMINISTRATION**

### **a. Minutes - Staffing & Administration Committee**

Staffing & Administration Committee Minutes from January 9, 2020.

#### **Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Staffing and Administration Committee meeting

### **b. Approval of Consent Agenda - Staffing & Administration Committee Action Items**

Motion to approve Staffing & Administration Committee items as noted on the Staffing & Administration Consent Agenda.

#### **Minutes**

Following a motion by Larry Geib and a second by Christine Fisher, the Board unanimously approved the Staffing and Administration Consent Agenda items as noted on the Staffing and Administration Consent Agenda.

### **c. Board Policy - First Reading**

Motion to approve the first reading of the following board policies:

- Board Policy 209.2 - Diabetes Management (new from PSBA)
- Board Policy 233 - Suspension and Expulsion

#### **Minutes**

Following a motion by Larry Geib and a second by Jeffrey Putt, the Board unanimously approved the first reading of Board Policy 209.2 "Diabetes Management" and Board Policy 233 "Suspension and Expulsion".

## **12. REPORTS**

### **a. Superintendent's Report**

#### **Minutes**

Dr. Kepler provided the Board with his January 2020 Superintendent's Report.

### **b. Student Representative's Report**

#### **Minutes**

No report.

### **c. Lebanon County Career & Technology Center Report**

#### **Minutes**

Jeffrey Putt provided an update on behalf of the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center Board of Directors.

**d. Palmyra Parks & Recreation Commission Report**

**Minutes**

Michael Ludwig provided an update on behalf of the Palmyra Parks & Recreation Commission.

**e. Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 Report**

**Minutes**

Christine Fisher provided a report on behalf of the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13.

**f. Cougar Foundation Report**

**Minutes**

Bernie Kepler provided a report on behalf of the Cougar Foundation.

**g. Palmyra Public Library Report**

**Minutes**

Larry Geib provided a report on behalf of the Palmyra Public Library Board.

**h. Lebanon County Tax Collection Committee Report**

**Minutes**

No report.

**ii. Lebanon County Legislative Region Report**

**Minutes**

Suzan Gilligan provided an update on behalf of the Lebanon County Legislative Region.

**j. Harrisburg Area Community College Lebanon Campus Advisory Committee Report**

**Minutes**

No report.

**k. Other Reports**

**Minutes**

No report.

**13. COMMUNICATIONS**

**Minutes**

No communications.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Minutes**

Following a motion by Jeffrey Putt and a second by James Kreiser, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

  
Darcy Brenner-Smith, Board Secretary