



Board Meeting of the Palmyra Area School District
Palmyra Area School District Office Boardroom
1125 Park Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078
(meeting held virtually via Zoom)
May 7, 2020
Minutes For: Regular School Board Meeting

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, Bret Applequist, Noelle Brossman, John Brougher, Mark Bucher, Heath Dresh, Christina Garl, Ashley Harrison, Anne Hoover, Rebecca Hoover, Kim-Kathie Knudsen, Abbie Mahaffey, Kim Nixon, Wally Popejoy, Nate Rackley, Daryl Reisinger, Carolyn Richards, Scott Richardson, Kathy Setlock, Paul Steigerwald, Brian Weidler, Tawnjah White

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Minutes

Christopher Connell called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Board meeting of April 23, 2020.

Minutes

Following a motion by Jeffrey Putt and a second by Michael Ludwig, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the April 23, 2020 Board meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report for April 2020.

Treasurer's Report:

- Transactions Report
- Cafeteria Report
- General Fund Check Register
- Revenue Report
- Expenditure Report
- Capital Projects Check Register
- Capital Projects Fund Report
- Hybrid Construction Fund Report
- Available Construction Funds Report
- Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Report
- Workplace Safety Report - No report; April meeting not held.
- Budgetary Transfers (quarterly)
- Club Report (quarterly)
- Dashboard (link) (Nov., Feb., May) - more timely information to be provided at the May 7, 2020 Board meeting.

Minutes

Following a motion by Jeffrey Putt and a second by Suzan Gilligan, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report for April 2020.

6. PALMYRA PRIDE

Recognition of the following students and staff:

- Ryan Cleck, 7th grade student, for using his home 3D printer to create "Mask Ear Savers" for donation to local nurses and medical professionals.
- Justin Skirzenski, 6th grade student, for using his home 3D printer to create and donate surgical masks to the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.
- Middle School and High School staff for efficient implementation of the COVID-19 Continuity of Education Plan in very challenging times, providing students with online instruction and engagement in preparation for a strong transition back to school and beyond.

The following teachers are accepting this recognition on behalf of their buildings:

- Laura Miller, 6th Grade English Language Arts
- Ryan Schumacher, 8th Grade Math
- Cynthia Hitz, High School Spanish
- Karen McCarthy, High School Health & Physical Education
- Christina Zettlemoyer, High School Science

Minutes

The Board and administration recognized the students and staff as listed above.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Minutes

Christopher Connell shared that the Board held an executive session on Thursday, April 30, 2020 for purposes of personnel and legal obligations.

8. VISITOR COMMENTS

Sharon Songer, 211 West Maple Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Tax Increase

Christina Kurtz, 156 Palmyra Road, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Budget Cuts

Holly Kurtz, 156 Palmyra Road, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Eliminating Outdoor Education

Brian Craig, 215 West Oak Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Taxes

Carissa Mellinger, 224 South Grant Street, Palmyra, PA 17068 / Topic: Eliminating Outdoor Education

Dawn Blauch, 2099 South Forge Road, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Tax Increase/Budget

Lisa Vonada, 135 Pajabon Dr., Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Eliminating Outdoor Education

Casey Long, 20 Folkstone Lane, Annville, PA 17003 / Topic: Tax Increase

Minutes

The citizens as listed above addressed the Board with the exception of Sharon Songer, Christina Kurtz, and Holly Kurtz who were not present at the Zoom meeting.

9. FINANCE

a. Minutes - Finance Committee

Finance Committee Minutes from April 23, 2020.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 23, 2020 Finance Committee meeting.

b. 2020-21 Budget

Motion to approve the Proposed 2020-21 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$55,137,257 with real estate mills of 15.865. (Roll Call Vote)

Minutes

Following a motion by Jeffrey Putt and a second by James Kreiser, the Board approved the preliminary budget by a vote of 5 to 4.

Vote Results

Yea:	5	Christopher Connell, Christine Fisher, Larry Geib, James Kreiser, Jeffrey Putt
Nay:	4	Krista Barley, Suzan Gilligan, Michael Ludwig, Karen Ludwig
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

10. CURRICULUM

a. Minutes - Curriculum Committee

Curriculum Committee Minutes from April 23, 2020.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 23, 2020 Curriculum Committee meeting.

b. Approval of Consent Agenda - Curriculum Committee Items

Motion to approve Curriculum Committee items as noted on the Curriculum Consent Agenda.

Minutes

Following a motion by Christine Fisher and a second by Jeffrey Putt, the Board unanimously approved the Curriculum Consent Agenda items as listed.

11. STAFFING & ADMINISTRATION

a. Minutes - Staffing & Administration Committee

Staffing & Administration Committee Minutes from April 23, 2020.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 23, 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 Karen Ludwig, the Board unanimously approved the Staffing and Administration Committee Consent Agenda items as listed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

Following a motion by Jeffrey Putt and a second by James Kreiser, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.


Darcy Brenner-Smith, Board Secretary