



Board Meeting of the Palmyra Area School District
Palmyra Area School District Office Boardroom
(meeting held virtually via Zoom)
1125 Park Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078
May 28, 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 Dresch, Christina Garl, Ashley Harrison, Anne Hoover, Rebecca Hoover, Kim-Kathie Knudsen, Abbie Mahaffey, Kim Nixon, Wally Popejoy, Nathan 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 6:06 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 May 7, 2020.

Minutes

Following a motion by Jeffrey Putt and a second by James Kreiser, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the May 7, 2020 Board meeting.

5. PALMYRA PRIDE

Recognition of the following community members and staff:

- Lebanon County Dairy Promotion Committee for their generous donation of 216 half gallons of milk distributed to families in the month of April.
- Aaron Buckwalter, 6th grade Science and Social Studies teacher, for his production of the Virtual 5th Grade Middle School Orientation video.
- Heath Dresch, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, Kim Nixon, Assistant Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, and their entire Maintenance/Custodial team for their tireless efforts in following CDC guidelines in the cleaning and disinfecting of district buildings, ensuring that schools are safe and clean for students, staff, and the public.

Minutes

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

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Minutes

Christopher Connell discussed the 2020-21 budget.

7. VISITOR COMMENTS

- Gina Riess, 18 Arbor Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Tax Increase
- Melissa Patrick, 62 Sycamore Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Tax Increase and Teacher Cuts
- Ryan Patrick, 62 Sycamore Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Tax Increase and Teacher Cuts
- Dr. Hassan Amhaz, 721 N. Harrisburg Street, Steelton, PA 17113 / Topic: School Budget Cuts
- Ashley Snyder, 949 East Oak Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Budget
- Jodi McGough, 121 East Oak Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Proposed Budget Cuts
- Christie & Nate McKelvie, 921 East Oak Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Forge Road Elementary Classroom Cuts and Student Reassignments
- Geneen Valentine, 26 Folkstone Lane, Annville, PA 17003 / Topic: Budget Cuts
- Mike Valle, 8 Cottonwood Court, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: School District's Budget Needs
- Dave Laudermilch, 141 Wheatstone Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: In Favor of Tax Increase
- Olivia Richardson, 432 Farmhouse Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Resignation of Mary Manlove
- Dawn Blauch, 2099 S. Forge Rd., Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Taxes/Budget
- Frank Potter, 685 Coachman Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Support of Outdoor Education

Minutes

The listed individuals addressed the Board during Visitor Comments.

8. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

a. Minutes - Buildings & Grounds Committee

Buildings & Grounds Committee Minutes from May 7, 2020.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 7, 2020 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting.

9. FINANCE

a. Minutes - Finance Committee

Finance Committee Minutes from May 7, 2020.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 7, 2020 Finance Committee meeting.

b. Approval of Consent Agenda - Finance Committee Action Items

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

Minutes

Following a motion by Jeffrey Putt and a second by James Kreiser, the Board unanimously approved the Finance Committee Consent Agenda items as listed.

c. District Communication Services

*Motion to approve vendors and services for district voice and fax services, fire and safety monitoring services, and cellular services with a one-time equipment and installation cost of \$8,551.00 and annual costs for all services at \$9,464.00.

Note: Current annual cost - \$31,800.00

Minutes

Following a motion by Jeffrey Putt and a second by James Kreiser, the Board unanimously approved vendors and services for district voice and fax services, fire and safety monitoring services, and cellular services.

*Finance item added after the May 7, 2020 Finance Committee meeting.

10. STAFFING & ADMINISTRATION

a. Minutes - Staffing & Administration Committee

Staffing & Administration Committee Minutes from May 7, 2020.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 7, 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 Jeffrey Putt, the Board unanimously approved the Staffing and Administration Consent Agenda items as listed.

c. Board Policies - Second Reading

Motion to approve the deletion and revision of the following Board policies (second reading):

- Policy 248 - Harassment and Discrimination - (*Delete, language incorporated in Policy 103-Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment - School and Classroom Practices*)
- Policy 348 - Unlawful Harassment - (*Delete, language incorporated in Policy 104-Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment - Employment Practices*)
- Policy 006.1- Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications (*Replace with PSBA updated policy*)
- Policy 626 - Federal Fiscal Compliance (*Replace with PSBA updated policy*)

Minutes

Following a motion by Larry Geib and a second by Suzan Gilligan, the Board unanimously approved the second reading of Board Policies as listed.

11. REPORTS

a. Superintendent's Report

Minutes

Dr. Kepler provided the Board with the May 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.

d. Palmyra Parks & Recreation Commission Report

Minutes

James Kreiser reported the summer camp program has been cancelled.

e. Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 Report

Minutes

Christine Fisher reported on behalf of the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13.

f. Cougar Foundation Report

Minutes

James Kreiser provided an update on behalf of the Cougar Foundation.

g. Palmyra Public Library Report

Minutes

Larry Geib provided an update on behalf of the Palmyra Public Library.

h. Lebanon County Tax Collection Committee Report

Minutes

Karen Ludwig reported on behalf of the Lebanon County Tax Collection Committee.

i. 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

Krista Barley reported a meeting of the Harrisburg Area Community College Lebanon Campus Advisory Committee was not held.

k. Other Reports

Minutes

No other reports.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes

No communications.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

Following a motion by Jeffrey Putt and a second by James Kreiser, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.



Darcy Brenner-Smith, Board Secretary

