



**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)***  
**June 11, 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, Bret Applequist, Noelle Brossman, John Brougher, Heath Dresh, James Hale, Ashley Harrison, Anne Hoover, Rebecca Hoover, Kim-Kathie Knudsen, Abbie Mahaffey, Kim Nixon, Wally Popejoy, Daryl Reisinger, Carolyn Richards, Scott Richardson, Kathy Setlock, Paul Steigerwald, Brian Weidler, Tawnjah White

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**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**Minutes**

Christopher Connell called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 May 28, 2020.

**Minutes**

Following a motion by Jeffrey Putt and a second by Michael Ludwig, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 28, 2020 Board meeting.

## **5. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report for May 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; May meeting not held
- Budgetary Transfers (quarterly)
- Club Report (quarterly)
- Dashboard (quarterly)

### **Minutes**

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

## **6. RECOGNITION OF RETIREES**

Recognition of the following staff who have served the Palmyra Area School District for many years and are now ending their years in education and service to the district:

- Cindy Bortner, Middle School Instructional Aide (2003-2019)
- Mark Bucher, Supervisor of Technology/PIMS Administrator (1985-2020)
- Ellen Flury, Middle School English Language Arts teacher (1986-2020)
- Darlene Haak, Elementary Classroom Aide/Monitor Aide (1995-2020)
- Donna Mandes, High School Health & Physical Education teacher (1986-2020)
- Kelly O'Connor, Middle School Special Education teacher (2006-2020)
- Stephanie Spangler, Second Grade teacher at Northside Elementary (1998-2020)
- Barbara Ward, Speech/Language Pathologist (1996-2020)
- Pam Weierbach, Middle School Library/Technology Aide (1996-2020)
- Jill Whitehead, Secretary to the Athletic Director (1999-2020)

### **Minutes**

The Board and Administration recognized ten retirees as listed.

## **7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Minutes**

Christopher Connell provided direction to speakers and Board members.

## 8. VISITOR COMMENTS

- Mike Valle, 8 Cottonwood Court, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: School District's Budget Needs
- Sue McKelvie, 975 East Oak Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Tax Increase
- Nate McKelvie, 921 East Oak Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: School Priorities
- Christie McKelvie, 921 East Oak Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: School Priorities
- Ryan Patrick, 62 Sycamore Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Support of Tax Increase
- Melissa Patrick, 62 Sycamore Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Support of Tax Increase
- Dave Lillenstein, 539 Woodland Circle, Lebanon, PA 17078 / Topic: Budget
- John Makuch, 2 Clover Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Do What is Best for the Students
- Jodi McGough, 121 East Oak Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: In Favor of a Tax Increase
- Amy Kensinger, 36 Folkstone Lane, Annville, PA 17003 / Topic: 2020-2021 Budget
- Amanda Burris, 271 Parliament Drive, Annville, PA 17003 / Topic: Tax Increase to Save Teaching Positions in the School District
- Sheri Hoke, 700 Colonial Road, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Increase in Class Sizes and Forge Student Reassignments Due to Budget Cuts
- Kristen Miller, 501 Coachman Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Proposed Budget
- Ashley Snyder, 949 East Oak Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Tax Increase/Budget
- Candace Hurley, 281 Parliament Drive, Annville, PA 17003 / Topic: School District Budget Cuts/Diversity Programming
- Frank & Brenda Potter, 685 Coachman Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: In Support of 3.3% Tax Increase
- Jaime Bean, 47 Wickerberry Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Budget Concerns
- Chrissy Gemundt, 258 Parliament Drive, Annville, PA 17003 / Topic: Budget, Taxes, and School Cuts
- Tara O'Rourke, 208 Oak Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: In Support of 3.3% Tax Increase
- Tracy Nzambi, 28 Oxford Road, Annville, PA 17003 / Topic: Proposed Budget Cuts and Tax Increase
- Bryan Waldron, 151 Woodlawn Avenue, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Proposed Budget
- Matthew Minnich, 181 Wheatstone Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Concern Over Budget Cuts
- Kathleen Eves, 131 East Oak Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: 2020-2021 Budget
- Alicia Laudermilch, 141 Wheatstone Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Proposed Budget Cuts
- Kevin Imes, 73 Cottonwood Court, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: In Favor of Tax Increase / Tax Millage Comparison
- Dave Laudermilch, 141 Wheatstone Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: In Favor of Tax Increase
- Geoff Gemundt, 258 Parliament Drive, Annville, PA 17003 / Topic: Budget, School Cuts and/or Tax Increase
- Dawn Blauch, 2089 South Forge Road, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Taxes & Budget
- Tara Tumilty, 1586 Old Forge Road, Annville, PA 17003 / Topic: In Support of the 3.3% Tax Increase
- Kellie Eshenour, 332 Sweetwater Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Tax Increase/Keeping Teacher Positions



- Lisa Allwein, 2 Lynwood Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: In Favor of Tax Increase
- Allen Dark, 173 Pickwick Circle, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: The Impact of Local School Ratings/Rankings on the Attractiveness of Palmyra for Out-of-State Transplants (and their Impact on Home Prices/Tax Revenue)
- Shonna Shope, 1225 Grubb Road, Palmyra, PA 17078 / Topic: Budget/Tax Increase
- Casey Long, 20 Folkstone Lane, Annville, PA 17003 / Topic: Restoring Proposed Program and Position Cuts

#### **Minutes**

The listed individuals, with the exception of Brenda Potter, addressed the Board during Visitor Comments.

## **9. FINANCE**

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

Finance Committee Minutes from May 28, 2020.

#### **Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting from May 28, 2020.

### **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. Lebanon County CTC Budget**

Motion to approve the 2020-21 Lebanon County Career and Technology Center Budget. (roll call vote)

#### **Minutes**

Following a motion by Jeffrey Putt and a second by Suzan Gilligan, the Board unanimously approved the 2020-21 Lebanon County Career & Technology Center budget.

#### **Vote Results**

<b>Yea:</b>	9	Mrs. Barley, Mr. Connell, Ms. Fisher, Mr. Geib, Mrs. Gilligan, Mr. Kreiser, Mr. Ludwig, Mrs. Ludwig, Mr. Putt
<b>Nay:</b>	0	
<b>Abstain:</b>	0	
<b>Not Cast:</b>	0	

## **10. CURRICULUM**

### **a. Minutes - Curriculum Committee**

Curriculum Committee Minutes from May 28, 2020.

#### **Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Curriculum Committee meeting from May 28, 2020.

## 11. STAFFING & ADMINISTRATION

### a. Minutes - Staffing & Administration Committee

Staffing & Administration Committee Minutes from May 28, 2020.

#### Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Staffing & Administration Committee meeting from May 28, 2020.

### 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 & Administration Consent Agenda items as listed.

## 12. COMMUNICATIONS

#### Minutes

The Board was provided with communications submitted by residents.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

#### Minutes

Following a motion by Jeffrey Putt and a second by Karen Ludwig, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

  
Darcy Brenner-Smith, Board Secretary