

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 – 5:30 pm

High School Library, 3525 Fireline Road, Palmerton, PA

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1. Curriculum

- a. Elementary and Secondary Student Handbooks

2. Facilities/Buildings and Grounds

- a. Construction projects
- b. S. S. Palmer Elementary parking lot

3. Policies

- a. Review of draft policies

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

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1. CALL TO ORDER immediately following Workshop: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL:

Dr. Connell	Ms. Haas	Ms. King	Ms. Krawchuk	Mr. Mazepa	Mr. Moyzan
Mrs. Paules	Mr. Paules	Ms. Snyder	Ms. Friebolin	Mr. Kish	Dr. Heaney
Atty. Blaney					

3. OLD BUSINESS:

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (POLICY #903):

There shall be time available for public participation at the beginning and end of each board meeting. The beginning session is open for agenda items only and the ending session is open for any agenda times or issues relating to school district policies and operations. Informal requests shall be afforded five (5) minutes for presentation. Should the speaker find the five (5) minute time allotment to be insufficient for his/her presentation, a more detailed written presentation shall be an option. Please note that public interruption of the meeting will detract from the meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Motion for the Board of School Directors to approve the attached consent agenda.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____
Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Absent _____ Abstentions _____

6. PERSONNEL:

A. Motion for the Board of School Directors to approve the Memorandum of Understanding dated August 5, 2025 with the Palmerton Area Education Support Professionals Association (enclosure).

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____
Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Absent _____ Abstentions _____

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____
Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Absent _____ Abstentions _____

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CONSENT AGENDA
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1. PERSONNEL:

- A. Approve Amanda Pacheaco as Kindergarten Teacher at Parkside Elementary at Master’s, Step 1, at an annual salary of \$54,191 effective August 18, 2025
- B. Approve Andrea Miles as Reading Specialist at S. S. Palmer Elementary at Master’s, Step 2 at an annual salary of \$54,691 effective August 18, 2025
- C. Approve Heather DeReamus as Facilities & Athletics Secretary at an annual salary of \$37,321 prorated effective August 18, 2025
- D. Approve Tracy George as Full-Time Custodian at an annual salary of \$32,970 prorated effective August 6, 2025, shift differential, if applicable, will be paid in accordance with the PAESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement
- E. Approve the transfer of Tanya Hess from Reading Specialist to Grade 5 English Language Arts Teacher effective August 18, 2025
- F. Acknowledge the following horizontal movements effective the first semester of the 2025-2026 school year:

Randi-Jo Freed	From Master’s +30 to Master’s +45
Tammy-Lynn Muniz	From Master’s to Master’s +15
Andrew Remsing	From Master’s +30 to Master’s +45
Emily Turek	From Bachelor’s to Bachelor’s +24

- G. Approve the following Palmerton Area Music Parents’ Association (PAMPA) Volunteer Chaperones for the 2025-2026 school year:

Kelly Beblavy	Staci Hillegass	Jennifer Sommers
Peter Beblavy	Julie Kornafel	Tara Spiker
Kristin Dunleavy	Linda Marlatt	Marlena Stroup
Marcey Goodbred	Jennifer Mertz	Jessica Suarez
Carly Heist	Rachel Schafer	
Michele Heydt	Chad Sommers	

- H. Approve the following Club Advisors at the High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Alexander Knoll	National Honor Society	\$2,079.00
William Zeky	STEM	--

- I. Approve the following Mentors for the 2025-2026 school year:

Jodi Kocher, Co-Mentor	<i>for Kayla Masington</i>	\$ 760.00
Meghan Barclay, Co-Mentor	<i>for Kayla Masington</i>	\$ 760.00

Tyler Svetik, 1 st semester only	<i>for Kendra Smiley</i>	\$ 760.00
Jodi Kocher, 1 st semester only	<i>for Kaylee Wilson</i>	\$ 760.00
Valarie Milam, Co-Mentor	<i>for Thomas McElhinny</i>	\$ 760.00
Vicki McHugh, Co-Mentor	<i>for Thomas McElhinny</i>	\$ 760.00
Jeanne Knepper, Co-Mentor	<i>for Katie Steigerwalt</i>	\$ 760.00
Andrew Remsing, Co-Mentor	<i>for Kate Steigerwalt</i>	\$ 760.00
Tammy-Lynn Muniz	<i>for Alyssa Miller</i>	\$1,520.00
Jennifer Danzeisen	<i>for Lisa Maderic</i>	\$1,520.00
Kathryn Zurn	<i>for Holly Skrimcovsky</i>	\$1,520.00
Tanya Hess	<i>for Andrea Miles</i>	\$1,520.00
Holly Sell	<i>for Amanda Pacheaco</i>	\$1,520.00

J. Accept retroactively the following resignations:

Kristen Perdew	High School Special Education Teacher	Effective July 10, 2025
Shirley Suarez	Food Service Worker	Effective July 28, 2025

2. OTHER:

- A. Approve the letter of agreement with Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc., for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$22,200.00 (enclosure)
- B. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with Lehigh Valley Children’s Centers, Inc., for the PreK Counts program (enclosures)
- C. Approve the agreement with Edwards Business Systems for one (1) copier (enclosure)
- D. Approve the end user license agreement with Marcia Brenner Associates, LLC, for PowerSchool referral plug-in (enclosure)
- E. Approve the first reading of the following policies (enclosures):
 - 1) Policy #113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
 - 2) Policy #205 Postgraduate Students
 - 3) Policy #206 Assignment Within District
 - 4) Policy #207 Confidential Communication of Students
 - 5) Policy #212 Reporting Student Progress
 - 6) Policy #215 Promotion & Retention
 - 7) Policy #216.1 Supplemental Discipline Records
 - 8) Policy #219 Student Complaint Process
 - 9) Policy #220 Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials
 - 10) Policy #223 Use of Motor Vehicles
 - 11) Policy #224 Care of School Property
 - 12) Policy #226 Searches
 - 13) Policy #227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
 - 14) Policy #228 Student Government
 - 15) Policy #229 Student Fundraising
 - 16) Policy #230 Public Performance By Students

- 17) Policy #231 Social Events & Class Trips
- 18) Policy #232 Student Involvement in Decision-Making
- 19) Policy #236.1 Threat Assessment
- 20) Policy #626 Federal Fiscal Compliance
- 21) Policy #626.1 Travel Reimbursement-Federal Programs
- 22) Policy #827 Conflict of Interest

F. Approve the first reading to repeal the following policies (enclosures):

- 1) Policy #211 Student Accident Insurance
- 2) Policy #213 Grading of Student Progress
- 3) Policy #225 Students & the Police