

PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Tuesday, July 21, 2026

High School Library, 3525 Fireline Road, Palmerton, PA

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1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL:

Dr. Connell	Ms. Haas	Ms. King	Mr. Mazepa	Mr. Moyzan	Mrs. Paules
Mr. Paules	Mrs. Schaible	Ms. Snyder	Mr. Kish	Dr. Heaney	Atty. Conn

3. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS:

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

5. OLD BUSINESS:

6. 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 items or issues relating to school district policies and operations. Please know that this is not a question-and-answer session, but rather a time when residents and/or taxpayers are allotted five (5) minutes each to comment on matters of concern, official action, or deliberation. Should the speaker find the five (5) minute time allotment to be insufficient for his/her presentation, a more detailed written presentation submitted via email shall be an option. Each public participation section is limited to 30 minutes. We ask that you be respectful during your allotted time. Please note that public interruption of the meeting will detract from the meeting.

7. MEETING MINUTES:

A. Motion for the Board of School Directors to approve the board meeting minutes from June 16, 2026 (enclosure).

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

8. 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 _____

9. OTHER:

A. Motion for the Board of School Directors to approve the revised school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year dated July 21, 2026 (enclosure).

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

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

11. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

12. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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CONSENT AGENDA
Tuesday, July 21, 2026

1. FISCAL:

- A. Approve accounts payable reports (enclosures)
- B. Approve treasurer's reports (enclosures)
- C. Approve budget transfers (enclosure)
- D. Approve tuition reimbursements (enclosure)

2. PERSONNEL:

- A. Approve the following Instructional Assistants at a rate of \$19.19 per hour effective August 18, 2026, subject to increase pursuant to any final, ratified PAESPA collective bargaining agreement for the 2026-2027 school year:

Michele Heydt-HS	Kelli Magarelli-Parkside
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- B. Approve retroactively the transfer of Kristy Santee, Instructional Assistant, from the High School to Towamensing Elementary effective July 1, 2026 in accordance with Board Policy #309-Assignment & Transfer
- C. Approve the following for Family & Medical Leave:

Employee #603	Effective on or about October 9, 2026, not to exceed twelve (12) weeks
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- D. Acknowledge the following horizontal movement effective the first semester of the 2026-2027 school year:

Kevin Carroll	From Master's +30 to Master's +60
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- E. Approve the following uncompensated leave requests:

Employee #695	August 12, 2026; August 13, 2026; September 15, 2026; September 16, 2026
Employee #939	August 10, 2026, August 11, 2026; August 12, 2026; August 13, 2026; August 14, 2026

- F. Approve the following Mentors for the 2026-2027 school year:

Valarie Milam, Co-Mentor	<i>for Thomas McElhinny</i>	\$ 767.50
Vicki McHugh, Co-Mentor	<i>for Thomas McElhinny</i>	\$ 767.50
Jeanne Knepper, Co-Mentor	<i>for Katie Steigerwalt</i>	\$ 767.50
Andrew Remsing, Co-Mentor	<i>for Katie Steigerwalt</i>	\$ 767.50
Megan Zurn, Co-Mentor	<i>for Amy Duarte</i>	\$ 767.50
Krystle Meglio, Co-Mentor	<i>for Amy Duarte</i>	\$ 767.50
Christine Owens, Co-Mentor	<i>for Ryan King</i>	\$ 767.50

Andrew Remsing, Co-Mentor	<i>for Ryan King</i>	\$ 767.50
Jennifer Strohl	<i>for Jenifer Wargo</i>	\$ 767.50-1 st semester only
Jennifer Strohl	<i>for Savanna Serfass</i>	\$1,535.00
Shanna Kocsinski	<i>for Karissa Nenscel</i>	\$1,535.00
Joyce Paulinho	<i>for Brandy Welk</i>	\$1,535.00
Kimberly Gardner	<i>for Kristen Gemmel</i>	\$1,535.00
Bronwyn Cseh	<i>for Sarah Zaborowski</i>	\$1,535.00
Kathryn Zurn	<i>for Holly Skrimcovsky</i>	\$1,535.00
Holly Sell	<i>for Amanda Pacheaco</i>	\$1,535.00

G. Approve the following additional Club Advisors for the 2026-2027 school year effective July 22, 2026:

Theresa Hall	Chorus	\$2,258.00
Theresa Hall	Drama Volunteer	--
Sean Hall	Drama Volunteer	--
Melissa Fronheiser	Social Media	--

H. Approve the following additional Coaches for the 2026-2027 school year effective July 22, 2026:

<i>WRESTLING-BOYS:</i>		
Erick Kresge	Head Coach	\$6,609.00
Jared Mooney	Assistant Coach	\$4,327.00
Matthew Lalik	Assistant Coach (1/2)	\$2,163.00
Thomas Pasquariello	Assistant Coach (1/2)	\$2,163.00
Mason Becker	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
William Gouger III	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
Dillon Lombardi	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
David Lucykanish	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
<i>WRESTLING-GIRLS:</i>		
Trevor Bartholomew	Head Coach	\$6,609.00
Joshua Rake	Assistant Coach	\$4,327.00
Richard Anderson	Assistant Coach	\$4,327.00
Faith Rudalavage	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
Lea Schaible	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
<i>FOOTBALL:</i>		
Logan Leshner	Assistant Coach (1/2)	\$2,163.00
Shawn Leadbetter	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--
<i>VOLLEYBALL:</i>		
Savannah Mickel	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--, retroactive to June 1, 2026
<i>BOYS' BASKETBALL</i>		
Anthony Thomas	Assistant Coach	\$4,327.00
<i>FIELD HOCKEY:</i>		
Jillian Frank	Head Coach	\$4,347.00, retroactive to July 2, 2026

BOYS' SOCCER:		
David Loew	Volunteer Assistant Coach	--

I. Accept the following resignations:

Matthew Blanchard	Music Teacher-HS	Effective June 19, 2026
Matthew Blanchard	Concert Band Advisor	Effective June 19, 2026
Matthew Blanchard	Jazz Band Advisor	Effective June 19, 2026
Matthew Blanchard	Fishing Club Advisor	Effective June 19, 2026
Matthew Blanchard	Marching Band Advisor	Effective July 12, 2026
Christine McCarroll	Learning Support Teacher-HS	Effective June 18, 2026
Perla M. Javier Perdomo	Spanish Teacher-HS	Effective July 13, 2026
Kurtisha Berger	Food Service Worker	Effective June 18, 2026
Megan Leadbetter	Field Hockey Head Coach	Effective June 15, 2026
Jillian Frank	Field Hockey Assistant Coach	Effective July 2, 2026
Abigail Wortmann	Field Hockey Volunteer Assistant Coach	Effective July 9, 2026
Shawn Leadbetter	Football Assistant Coach (1/2)	Effective July 21, 2026
Logan Leshner	Football Volunteer Assistant Coach	Effective July 21, 2026
Jordan Nelson	Football Volunteer Assistant Coach	Effective July 9, 2026
Anthony Thomas	Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach (1/2)	Effective July 21, 2026

J. Approve the following Choral Accompanists for the 2026-2027 school year:

Frank Hall	Joseph Plechavy
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K. Approve the following Substitute at prevailing substitute rates effective July 22, 2026:

Felicia Garcia	Substitute Teacher
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L. Remove the following from the current Substitute list effective July 22, 2026:

Sydney Christman	Substitute Teacher
Laurissa Rex	Substitute Teacher
Margaret Morgan	Substitute Teacher

3. OTHER:

- A. Approve the letter of agreement with Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc., for the 2026-2027 school year (enclosure)
- B. Approve the formal agreement with Lehigh Valley Children's Centers, Inc., for the PreK Counts program for the 2026-2027 school year (enclosure)
- C. Approve the letter of agreement with Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 for Title IIA nonpublic programs and services from September 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 (enclosure)
- D. Approve the placement agreement with Western Governors University from July 22, 2026 through July 21, 2029 (enclosure)

- E. Approve the psychoeducational evaluation agreement with Central Penn Education Associates, Inc., for the 2026-2027 school year (enclosure)
- F. Approve the settlement agreement and release for student #35018 effective July 22, 2026
- G. Approve the special education services agreement with Specialized Education of Pennsylvania, Inc., for Graham Academy for the 2026-2027 school year (enclosure)
- H. Approve the following conferences (enclosure):

Ryan Kish	PASA New Superintendents' Academy, Harrisburg	September 16-17, 2026	Estimated cost of \$763.00
Ryan Kish	PASA New Superintendents' Academy, Harrisburg	November 5-6, 2026	Estimated cost of \$655.00
Kristen Schaible, School Director	2026 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference, Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, Pocono Manor	October 18-19-20, 2026	Estimated cost of \$909.72

- I. Approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies (enclosures):
 - 1) Policy #202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students
 - 2) Policy #236.1 Threat Assessment
 - 3) Policy #607 Tuition Income
 - 4) Policy #810 Transportation