

**PALMYRA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STAFF REPORTER**  
**December 8, 2011**

Approved the following staff to attend the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey, PA from February 13 to February 14, 2012:

- a) Brian Lynch
- b) Carolyn Ward

Approved Melanie Wiscount to attend the Pennsylvania Education Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey, PA from February 13 to February 15, 2012.

Approved the following field trips:

- a) Middle School Music Department field trip to New York City for a guided tour of Manhattan and the 9/11 Memorial, and a live performance of the musical "Wicked" on Saturday, April 21, 2012.
- b) High School Music Department field trip to the New York City area where each ensemble (band, choir, and orchestra) will be adjudicated. Students will tour NBC Studios and Rockefeller Center, and attend either the Broadway Musical "The Lion King" or "Anything Goes." This trip is from April 13-15, 2012.
- c) High School band students to Susquehanna University to perform with peers from across the state, prepare music for a seating audition, and prepare a full concert of challenging repertoire from February 17-19, 2012.
- d) Qualifying High School band students to Chambersburg High School to rehearse and perform under the direction of a guest conductor from February 24-25, 2012.

Approved High School changes in course requirements, based on school improvement plans, as follows:

- a) full year Math and English Language Arts
- b) PSSA retest requirements
- c) required senior classes for those non-proficient
- d) PSSA proficiency incentives

Approved the second reading of the following board policy revisions:

- a) #137 In-Home Instruction
- b) #227 Controlled Substances

Approved the first reading of revisions to Board Policy #913 – Relations with Special Interest Groups.

Approved the following professional staff items:

- a) Sandra Kepler as a short-term, day-to-day substitute for first grade at Northside from approximately December 5, 2011 for 12 weeks.
- b) Resignation of Zachary Fletcher, High School Language Arts teacher, effective at the end of the first semester of the 2011-12 school year.

- c) FMLA for Amanda Deibert, Middle School science teacher, beginning approximately March 8, 2012 through the end of the 2011-12 school year.
- d) Melanie Wiscount for webpage re-design, working with current tech staff.
- e) Katelyn Krissinger as a short-term, day-to-day substitute HS guidance counselor beginning December 12, 2011.

Approved the following support staff items:

- a) Termination of Luis Ortiz, custodian, effective October 27, 2011.
- b) Medical leave for Gerald Brown, custodian, effective October 6, 2011 through April 6, 2012.
- c) Resignation of Rhonda Lash, Pine Street lead cook, effective November 18, 2011.
- d) Ruth Wasilefski, Lingle Avenue playground monitor/aide, effective December 2, 2011.
- e) Medical leave for Kay Fontenoy, kitchen help/server, effective November 14, 2011 through January 14, 2012.
- f) Transfer of Kathy Sauley, HS cook/baker, to Lingle Avenue kitchen helper/server, effective December 2, 2011.
- g) Transfer of Kathy Hite, MS cook/baker, to Pine Street lead cook, effective December 2, 2011.
- h) Barbara McIntyre as Lingle Avenue breakfast monitor, effective December 2, 2011.
- i) Louise Vasile as cafeteria substitute, effective November 30, 2011.
- j) Judith Batz as cafeteria substitute, effective November 30, 2011.
- k) Zina Brimmer as substitute playground monitor/aide.
- l) FMLA for Claudia Chappel, kitchen help/server, effective November 23, 2011 through January 3, 2012.
- m) Robert Sharland, substitute custodian, effective December 5, 2011.
- n) Kenneth Boyer, part-time custodian, effective December 5, 2011.

Approved the following emergency substitute teachers for the 2011-12 school year:

Elaine Loughery	Elementary K-6
Tara Loew	Elementary & Secondary

Approved the administration's recommendation for the expulsion of a ninth grade student for the rest of the 2011-12 school year with an alternative education placement in the Palmyra Alternative Education room. The student's re-admittance to Palmyra High School is conditional based upon successful completion of a Drug & Alcohol Program and successful attainment of steps to earn dismissal from the Alternative Education program.

Approved a revision to correct the minutes of November 10, 2011 for High School band students who qualify to participate in a music festival at Eastern Lebanon County High School from January 12 to January 14, 2012.

Approved the participation by Forge students in a research study by Penn State University, College of Medicine. The anonymous study will evaluate the impact of the state-wide Body Mass Index (BMI) screening initiative in elementary schools. The identity of the school and individual participants will not be disclosed.

Approved the early admission to college for a 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school student who has met the requirements of Board Policy #217 and will begin studies at HACC in January 2012.

Approved the November 2011 lists of bills for the Construction Funds.

Approved the following tax items:

- a) Earned Income Tax Resolution
- b) Agreement with Keystone Collections Group for the collection of real estate and per capita taxes

Approved the following agreements with In the Net Sports Complex:

- a) Facilities Rental for 2012-13 practices and games for Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, and Boys Lacrosse.
- b) In the Net use of Northside, High School, and Middle School baseball fields for 2012 Tournament schedule in exchange for maintenance and field improvements, pending final approval of contract language ensuring specified field conditions.

Approved the scope of supplemental services from Evans Engineering, Inc.