

*PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATION/REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 07, 2009
7:00 PM*

Call to Order –Mrs. Rosemary Kramer opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and announced the purpose of the meeting is for the Board to reorganize under appropriate sections of Article IV of the School Laws of Pennsylvania as amended and to take action on various items brought to the Board.

Pledge of Allegiance

Swearing In

- District Magistrate Carol Pankake sworn in newly elected members Mr. Thomas Hlavaty, Mrs. Karen Hoy, Mr. Clinton Koontz, Mr. David Lukasewicz, Mr. David Muldowney, Mr. Jeffrey Stump.

Roll Call

Carolyn Folta
Clinton Koontz
Patti Minehan

Thomas Hlavaty
Rosemary Kramer
David Muldowney

Karen Hoy
David Lukasewicz
Jeffrey Stump

Others in Attendance: Attorney Tom Nickels, Robert Grantier, Joanne Brindle, Andrea Flocken, David Shipe, Don Brown, Keith Lehman, Carol Pankake, Melissa Mekosh, Charlotte Golden, Scott Dimon, Mrs. Muldowney, Karen Hoy, Jane Fidler, Lori Zechman, Steve Brill, Trudy Reichert, Renee Hughes and husband, Sue Tesno, Henry Snyder and son, Barb Ritzheimer, Jenn Kunetz, Jennifer Bowen.

Select a Temporary President

- Clinton Koontz made a motion to nominate Patti Minehan as temporary President for the purpose of organization (No second motion is required for nomination) (Only hold-over members may be temporary president). David Lukasewicz made a motion to close nominations, seconded by J. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

The Temporary President Takes the Chair

- Mrs. Minehan asked for nominations for the office of school board president. This appointment is for a one year time period as per the school code. Jeffrey Stump nominated Rosemary Kramer, Patti Minehan seconded it. David Lukasewicz made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Jeffrey Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

New President Takes Over

- Mrs. Kramer asked for nominations for the office of Vice President. This appointment is for a one year time period as per the school code. Patti Minehan nominated Clinton Koontz, Jeffrey Stump nominated David Lukasewicz. Patti Minehan made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Jeffrey Stump.

Roll Call Vote: Carolyn Folta – (Lukasewicz)
Thomas Hlavaty – (Lukasewicz)
Karen Hoy – (Lukasewicz)
Clinton Koontz – (Koontz)
Rosemary Kramer – (Koontz)
David Lukasewicz (Lukasewicz)
Patti Minehan (Koontz)
David Muldowney (Lukasewicz)
Jeffrey Stump (Lukasewicz)

Lukasewicz – 6 Koontz – 3

☛ David Lukasewicz made a motion to appoint the solicitor, Attorney Thomas Nickels, for the year 2010. Attorney Nickels receives a \$3,400 retainer for the year plus \$80.00 per hour, seconded by Jeffrey Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

☛ Clinton Koontz made a motion that all meetings are conducted in accordance with board policy, seconded by David Lukasewicz.

Vote was Unanimous

☛ Clinton Koontz made a motion to adopt the 2010 meeting schedule of the Pine Grove Area Board of Education with the amended date change of Thursday, June 17th to Tuesday, June 15th 2010. There will be no meeting in July and only the reorganization meeting in December, seconded by Jeffrey Stump.

Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 no

☛ Jeffrey Stump made a motion that the officers of the board be authorized to draw orders for payrolls and for payment of bonds, interest, utility and other pertinent bills as they come due, seconded by Patti Minehan.

Vote was Unanimous

☛ David Lukasewicz made a motion to nominate Clinton Koontz to serve on the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit Board of Directors, Mr. Koontz declined the nomination. David Lukasewicz then made a motion to nominate David Muldowney to serve on the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit Board of Directors, seconded by Jeffrey Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

Finance

David Lukasewicz made a motion to request approval to recognize Solar Innovations of 31 Roberts Road, Pine Grove, PA 17963 as a participating company in the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) according to Resolution #1-88 of March 10, 1988, seconded by Clinton Koontz.

Roll Call Vote 9 yes, 0 no

David Lukasewicz made a motion to request approval to refund taxes paid to Guilford Mills, Inc. in the amount of \$62,087.50 pursuant to the order of court providing thereof, seconded by David Muldowney.

Roll Call Vote 9 yes, 0 no

Personnel

Patti Minehan made a motion to request approval to allow Mrs. Cindy Moyer a maternity leave beginning Thursday, December 10, 2009 and lasting until February 8, 2010. She will be using 24 days of sick leave, seconded by David Lukasewicz.

Roll Call Vote 9 yes, 0 no

David Lukasewicz made a motion to accept the resignation of Carolyn Foltz from her position of School Board Member, Region 3 effective at the end of this meeting, seconded by Patti Minehan.

Vote was Unanimous

Thomas Hlavaty made a motion to advertise for the open Region 3 Board Member position, seconded by David Muldowney.

Vote was Unanimous

Jeffrey Stump made a motion to accept the resignation of David Lukasewicz as Board Treasurer effective the end of this meeting, seconded by Patti Minehan.

Vote was Unanimous

David Lukasewicz made a motion to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Stump as Board Secretary effective at the end of this meeting, seconded by David Muldowney.

Vote was Unanimous

David Lukasewicz made a motion to nominate Jeffrey Stump as Board Treasurer, seconded by David Muldowney. Patti Minehan made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Carolyn Folta.

Vote was Unanimous

David Lukasewicz made a motion to appoint David Shipe as Board Secretary, seconded by Jeffrey Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

Recognition – Ms. Jennifer Kunetz spoke about Mrs. Renee Hughes, Pine Grove Area Business Teacher who was picked as educator of the year and honored at a banquet by the Pennsylvania Business Education Association.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Grantier informed the board of a possible change to the construction plans at the high school. There is a training room included in the locker room which could possibly be used for storage. The plans will be brought to the January work session for review and a decision will be made then. Mr. Grantier also thanked the board for their support during his first six months here.

Adjournment – on a motion by Patti Minehan, seconded by David Muldowney the board adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Joanne Brindle
Recording Secretary

David Shipe
Board Secretary