

PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
October 15, 2009
7:00 PM – Middle School Library

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President Mrs. Rosemary Kramer.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Tammy Donmoyer

Carolyn Folta

Clinton Koontz

Rosemary Kramer

Gerald Lengel

David Lukasewicz

Patti Minehan

Dr. Richard Russell

Jeffrey Stump

Sarah Ney, Student Representative

Others Present: Robert Grantier, Attorney Tom Nickels, Joanne Brindle, Andrea Flocken, Steve Brill, Don Brown, Lori Zechman, Dennis Morgan, Mr. & Mrs. McCloskey, Mr. & Mrs. Hozella and Kiera, Mr. & Mrs. Kemmerling and Samantha, Trudy Reichert, Ronald Stump, Missy Mekosh, Charlotte Golden, Henry Snyder, Sue Tesno, Leslie (Pottsville Republican), Jane Fidler, Wendell Gainer, Scott Dimon, Jen Bowen, David Boltz, Dave Fennelly, Barb Ritzheimer, Keith Lehman.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Seniors of the Month – Dr. Golden recognized Keara Hozella and Samantha Kemmerling and Pine Grove Area High School Seniors of the Month for September. Both girls received certificates.

5. **CURRICULUM FOCUS** – Ronald Stump, 8th grade social studies teacher, along with students Jared McCabe and Megan Rittenbaugh id a presentation on Wiki Pages and Podcasts.

6. **MINUTES**

Request approval of the September 10, 2009 Work Session, September 17, 2009 Policy Committee meeting and September 17, 2009 meeting of the Board of Education as presented in the board packet.

Moved By Gerald Lengel Seconded By Clinton Koontz

Vote was Unanimous

7. **TREASURER’S REPORT – INVESTMENT REPORTS**

Request approval of the treasurer’s reports, monthly financial reports and investment of surplus funds as found in the board packet.

Moved By David Lukasewicz Seconded By Jeffrey Stump

	YES	NO
Approved	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – Sarah Ney

- 👉 Homecoming was very well attended and enjoyed by everyone.
- 👉 Student Council are getting prepared for the semi-formal to be held in November.
- 👉 Congratulations to Shelby Schaeffer the new alternate student representative.

9. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE – Clinton Koontz, Chairperson

The Board of Education reviewed items listed on the agenda. Mr. Koontz asked the board to approve Items A through E as listed.

Moved By Clinton Koontz Seconded By Jeffrey Stump

	YES	NO
Approved	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

- A. Request approval of the change order from Albarell Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$2,355.00 to supply and install a 400 amp trip unit in the existing ATS circuit breaker in switchboard “MDS.”
- B. Request approval of the change order from Albarell Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$885.00 to relocate the HWP-1C1, HWP-2C1 and controller feeder circuits to a new location.
- C. Request approval of the change order from Bognet, Inc. in the amount of \$7,182.19 to re-pipe the feed water to the boilers.
- D. Request approval of the change order from LTS Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$33,452.08 for sanitary sewer improvements to the high school and middle school.
- E. Request approval of the change order from SMJ, Inc. in the amount of \$16,373.00 to saw, cut, and remove a portion of the existing floor slab at the HS library and due new floor slab detail.

10. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – Jeffrey Stump, Chairperson

The Board of Education reviewed items listed on the agenda. Mr. Stump asked the board to approve Items A through I as listed.

Moved By Jeffrey Stump Seconded By Clinton Koontz

	YES	NO
Approved	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

- A. Request approval of the newly written Algebra II College Prep Curriculum.
- B. Request approval of the newly written Algebra II Curriculum.
- C. Request approval of the newly written Algebra II Technical Math Curriculum.

- D. Request approval of the newly written PSSA Math 11 Curriculum.
- E. Request approval of the newly written C.P. Statistics Curriculum.
- F. Request approval of the newly written 8th Grade Algebra I Math Curriculum.
- G. Request approval of the newly written CP Geometry Curriculum.
- H. Request approval of the newly written CT Geometry Curriculum.
- I. Request approval of the newly written PS Geometry Curriculum.

11. FINANCE COMMITTEE – Rosemary Kramer – Chairperson

The Board of Education reviewed items listed on the agenda. Mrs. Kramer asked the board to approve Items A through L as listed.

Moved By <u>Jeffrey Stump</u>	Seconded By <u>Clinton Koontz</u>
	YES NO
Approved	<u>8</u> <u>0</u>

- A. Request approval of all bills for payments as found in board packet.
- B. Request approval to transfer up to \$40,000 from the general fund to the athletic fund as needed between this meeting and the next regular board meeting.
- C. Request approval of the additional tax exemption rosters for 2009.
- D. Request approval to declare surplus the lists of elementary science textbooks and teaching materials as found in the board packet.
- E. Request approval to dispose of the surplus elementary science textbooks and teaching materials through Booksavers.
- F. Request approval to purchase choral risers for the Pine Grove Area Middle School from Wenger Corporation of Owatonna, MN at a cost of \$8,733. Wenger is an approved Costars vendor and has submitted the lowest quote.
- G. Request approval to change the amount of the IDEA agreement estimated allocation for the 2009/2010 school year from \$218,963 to \$217,641.
- H. Request approval of the Title I agreement between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 for the 2009/2010 school year.
- I. Request approval to join the Pine Grove Area Business and Community Association at a cost of \$25.00 for the year.

- J. Request approval to join Blended Schools for the 2009/2010 school year at a cost of \$6,300 pro-rated which includes 100 site licenses.
- K. Request approval to change the motion approved at the August 20, 2009 meeting which read “Request approval to authorize the Superintendent to approve building change orders up to \$25,000 “per change order” to “Request approval to authorize the Superintendent to approve building change orders up to \$5,000.
- L. Request approval to contract with Thomas Piano Service to tune 8 pianos throughout the district before October 31, 2009. The cost is \$65.00 per piano. If the district requests tuning of the grand piano before a concert the cost will be \$95.00.

12. **EXTRA CURRICULAR COMMITTEE** – Dr. Richard Russell, Chairperson
 The Board of Education reviewed items listed on the agenda. Dr. Russell asked the board to approve Item A.

Moved By Dr. Richard Russell Seconded By Jeffrey Stump

	YES	NO
Approved	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>
Disapproved	_____	_____
Tabled	_____	_____
Abstained	_____	_____

- A. Request approval to hire Alvin Kyle as first assistant boys’ basketball coach for the 2009/2010 season at a stipend of \$3,152.50 and Abraham Hitz as the assistant boys’ basketball coach at a stipend of \$1,455.00.

13. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** – David Lukasewicz, Chairperson
 The Board of Education reviewed items listed on the agenda. Mr. Lukasewicz asked the board to approve Items A through E as listed.

Moved By David Lukasewicz Seconded By Jeffrey Stump

	YES	NO
Approved	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

- A. Request approval to appoint Shelby Schaeffer as the alternate student representative for the school board for the 2009/2010 school year.
- B. Request approval to add Kathy MacKelvey and Naomi Roush to the cafeteria substitute list for the 2009/2010 school year.
- C. Request approval to temporarily transfer Mrs. Jodi Harris from her current job as cafeteria worker to secretary level 1 beginning

October 13, 2009 for approximately 1 week. Mrs. Harris will be paid the secretary level 1 rate of \$15.55 per hour during this time period.

- D. Request approval to accept the resignation of Mrs. Mary Daubert cleaning matron effective October 15, 2009.
- E. Request approval to deny grievance number 09-10-1 from the Pine Grove Area Education Association on the recommendation of the superintendent.

14. POLICY COMMITTEE – Tammy Donmoyer, Chairperson

The Board of Education reviewed items listed on the agenda. Mrs. Donmoyer asked the board to approve Items A through F as listed.

Moved By Tammy Donmoyer Seconded By David Lukasewicz

	YES	NO
Approved	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

- A. Request approval of the 1st reading of the revised policy #618 “Student Activities Fund.”
- B. Request approval of the 1st reading of the revised policy #504 “Employment of Classified Employees.”
- C. Request approval of the 1st reading of the revised policy #200 “Enrollment in District.”
- D. Request approval of the 1st reading of the revised policy #707 “Use of School Facilities.”
- E. Request approval of the 1st reading of the revised policy #709 “Building Security” and to eliminate 709 Attachment.
- F. Request approval of the 1st reading of the new policy #907.1 “Prohibiting Registered Sex Offenders From Entrance to School Premises or Activities.”

15. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Patti Minehan, Chairperson, Gerald Lengel in place of Mrs. Minehan.

The Board of Education reviewed items listed on the agenda. Mrs. Minehan will ask the board to approve Items A through C as listed.

Moved By Gerald Lengel Seconded By Jeffrey Stump

	YES	NO
Approved	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

- A. Request approval to hire Kay Hanson as a transportation aide for the 2009/2010 school year.
- B. Request approval to ratify hiring Jecks Service Station to transport 2 special needs students from August 31, 2009 through October 2, 2009 at a rate of \$160 per day for the transportation, plus \$70 per day for two aides.
- C. Request approval to ratify hiring Jecks Service Station to transport a special needs student from October 5, 2009 for the rest of the 2009/2010 school year at a rate of \$160 per day for the transportation, plus \$35 per day for an aide.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Clinton Koontz, Chairperson

Mr. Koontz commented on what great strides we have made with our technology initiative and he hopes to see it keep going.

Mr. Lengel spoke about the tax collection committee meeting he attended on October 12th at the County Courthouse. They elected officers and a by-law and budget committee. The district will be responsible to contribute some money in advance for mailings, insurance, etc. The new system is expected to be in place in January of 2012. This will be one system for EIT tax collection of the whole county.

B. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Rosemary Kramer, Chairperson

Mrs. Kramer attended the PSBA Conference where she is the school district liason to the legislative committee. With the budget passed there should be some additional subsidy coming. PSERS rates will be going up each year and PSBA is working on a defined benefit or defined contributory suggestion. As of 12/31/09 there will be a mandate that each district has a certified workers comp committee, minimum of 4 people. They must meet on a monthly basis with no exceptions.

C. INTERMEDIATE UNIT #29 – Clinton Koontz, Representative

C. Koontz made a motion to request approval to accept the proposed amendment to the articles of Agreement for establishment and operation of the Schuylkill County Area Vocational-Technical School which was proposed on October 5, 2009 as listed in the board packet, seconded by G. Lengel.

Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no.

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Gainer stated that he attended a conference and has some projections for the 2012/2013 state increase in the Pine Grove Area School District. He will give the paperwork to Mrs. Kramer.

18. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- ☛ Thanked the board for allowing him to attend the PSBA Conference in Hershey.
- ☛ Would like to bring in Bill Hartman after Mr. Shipe starts to get started on the 5 year plan.
- ☛ We are in the process of setting up a safety committee.
- ☛ Mr. Grantier was totally impressed with homecoming. The way the community came out and supported the students and the school was exceptionally. He is very proud to be a part of this community.

19. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by Clinton Koontz, seconded by Jeffrey Stump the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Joanne Brindle
Recording Secretary

Jeffrey Stump
Board Secretary