

PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Meeting for September 17, 2009
7:00 PM – Middle School Library

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

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| Tammy Donmoyer | Carolyn Folta | Clinton Koontz(Absent) |
| Rosemary Kramer | Gerald Lengel(Absent) | David Lukasewicz |
| Patti Minehan | Dr. Richard Russell | Jeffrey Stump |
| Sarah Ney, Student Representative | | |

Others Present: Robert Grantier, Attorney Tom Nickels, Joanne Brindle, Andrea Flocken, Lori Zechman, Karen Hoy, Charolotte Golden, Jody Freeman, John Skinner, Trudy Reichert, Wendell Gainer, Janet Weiderhold, Dave Muldowney, Mr. & Mrs. Hozella, Scott Dimon, Lindsey Semar, Caitlyn McCormick, Steve Brill, Rhonda Culbert, Sue Tesno, Dennis Morgan, Don Brown, Lisa & James Weremedic, Theresa Lukasewicz, Leslie (Pottsville Republican), Keith Lehman, Jonathan Kantner, Missy Mekosh, Ernie Zeh, Jason Logan, Barry Newswanger, Jen Bowen, Henry Snyder, Lindsey Blessing, Barb Ritzheimer, Joanne Franklin, Ron Boltz.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

New Teacher Introductions: Ms. Bowen introduced Mrs. Lukasewicz and Ms. Freeman, Mrs. Elison did not attend. Mr. Brill introduced Ms. Semar and Ms. McCormick, Mr. Frantz did not attend. Dr. Golden, introduced Mrs. Culbert, Ms. Blessing, Mr. Logan, Mr. Zeh, Mr. Kantner and Mrs. Franklin, Mr. Brewer and Mrs. Herber did not attend.

5. **CURRICULUM FOCUS** – Elementary School Music Lab – The board went over to the elementary school music lab where music teacher Mrs. Janet Weiderhold presented the new music lab.

6. **MINUTES**

Request approval of the August 13, 2009 and August 20, 2009 meetings of the Board of Education as presented in the board packet.

Moved By D. Lukasewicz Seconded By P. Minehan

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| Approved | <u>7</u> | <u> </u> |




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 D. Lukasewicz Seconded By J. Stump

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8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – Sarah Ney

-  Students are adjusting to the new time schedule at the high school.
-  Student Council has elected their officers for the year.
-  Clubs are starting up.

9. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE – Clinton Koontz, Chairperson

-  Mr. Snyder asked the board if he could place the new scoreboard at the north end of the field. The board agreed.
-  Mr. Nickels said that he has researched the LERTA situation and that in 1988 the board passed a resolution to accept all property in a certain area into the LERTA program. The business office will make sure that this property fall under those guidelines and if so a new tax bill will be sent.

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 C as listed.

Moved By J. Stump Seconded By R. Russell

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- A. Request approval of the newly written 6th grade mathematics curriculum.
- B. Request approval of the newly written 7th grade pre-algebra curriculum.
- C. Request approval to allow the elementary nurse to order and administer the flu vaccine to students in the district with parental permission.

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 I as listed.

Moved By D. Lukasewicz Seconded By J. Stump

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- 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 various textbooks found in your board packet of outdated teaching materials.
- E. Request approval to dispose of the surplus textbooks and teaching materials through Booksavers.
- F. Request approval of the 2009-2010 investment program report which is included in the board packet.
- G. Request approval for the Pine Grove Area School District to become a member of the Schuylkill County Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$105.00.
- H. Request approval of the change order from LTS Plumbing and Heating of Paxinos for a credit of \$33,640.00 due to the use of PVC piping instead of cast iron.
- I. Request approval of the change order from S.M.J. in the amount of \$59,702.00 for tank yard improvements at the high school.

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 Items A through C as listed.

Moved By R. Russell Seconded By J. Stump

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T. Donmoyer from Item B

- A. Request approval of the following boys' basketball assistants for the 2009/2010 school year: Matthew Warner, assistant at a stipend of \$2,910.00 and Jack Keneff, assistant at a stipend of \$2,910.00.
- B. Request approval of the following girls' basketball assistants for the 2009/2010 school year: Teddi Sampson, 1st assistant at a stipend of \$3,152.50, Rebecca Pugh, assistant at a stipend of \$2,910.00 and Ashley Donmoyer, assistant as a stipend of \$1,455.00.
- C. Request approval of the following wrestling assistants for the 2009/2010 school year: Eric Schneck, 1st assistant at a stipend of \$3,310.13, Ian Keck, assistant at a stipend of \$2,910.00, Timothy Moore, assistant at a stipend of \$2,910.00 and Kevin Brindle, split position assistant at a stipend of \$1,455.00. Volunteers – James Michaud, Ted Butler, Steve Brill, Joshua Hewes and Kenneth Newswanger.

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 L as listed.

Moved By D. Lukasewicz Seconded By J. Stump

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- A. Request approval to ratify hiring Ms. Joanne Franklin as professional employee for the 2009/2010 school year. Ms. Franklin will be at Step 5 with a master's for a salary of \$39,000 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. Ms. Franklin will teach family and consumer science in the high school and begin on September 8, 2009.
- B. Request approval to ratify hiring Ms. Lindsey Blessing as a temporary professional employee for the 2009/2010 school year. Ms. Blessing will be a Step 1 with a bachelor's degree for a salary of \$35,000 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. Ms. Blessing will teach physical education at the high school and begin on September 8, 2009.
- C. Request approval to ratify hiring Mr. Jason Logan as a professional employee for the 2009/2010 school year. Mr. Logan will be at Step 7 with a master's degree for a salary of \$41,500 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. Mr. Logan will teach the emotional support classroom in the high school and begin on September 8, 2009.
- D. Request approval to ratify hiring Mr. Jonathan Kantner as a full-time substitute for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Kantner will be

paid at Step 1 with a bachelor's degree pro-rated and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. Mr. Kantner will teach Spanish in the high school and begin on September 8, 2009.

- E. Request approval to allow Mrs. Tara Zulick to take maternity leave followed by Family Medical Leave beginning on or around October 12, 2009 and continuing until January 4, 2010.
- F. Request approval to ratify adding Adrian Schaeffer, Jonathan Kantner, and Rosemary Chamberlain to the substitute teaching staff and Mayanna Kroh to the secretarial and cafeteria substitute lists.
- G. Request approval to appoint Mr. Gerald Lengel to the Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School Authority for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Lengel's term will expire in December 2010.
- H. Request approval to hire Ms. Nicole Matsago as high school student council advisor for the 2009/2010 school year at a stipend of \$1,818.75. Ms. Matsago previously split this position with Mrs. Kingsbury who resigned.
- I. Request approval to hire Mrs. Rhonda Culbert as high school SAAD advisor for the 2009/2010 school year at a stipend of \$606.25.
- J. Request approval to allow Jessica Catherman an accounting student from McCann's School of Business to do an unpaid Externship with the business office for 252 hours beginning as soon as she receives her clearances.
- K. Request approval of Mrs. Mary Daubert, cleaning matron's request for unpaid medical leave beginning August 31, 2009 through October 13, 2009.
- L. Request approval to revise the job description of the payroll clerk in the business office as listed in the board packet.
- M. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to request approval to hire Mr. David Shipe as Business Manager for a term of 4 years pursuant to the terms agreed upon in his contract pending signatures of the contract. His first day will be on or about November 2, 2009, seconded by J. Stump. **Roll Call Vote, 7 yes, 0 no**

14. POLICY COMMITTEE – Tammy Donmoyer, Chairperson

15. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Patti Minehan, Chairperson

- A. P. Minehan made a motion to request approval to add Kaye Hansen to the list of approved bus drivers for the 2009/2010 school year, seconded by D. Lukasewicz.

Roll Call Vote, 7 yes, 0 no

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** – Clinton Koontz, Chairperson

None

- B. **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** – Rosemary Kramer, Chairperson

Sent a letter to Sen. Argall PSER's contribution used to be 100% and then we were reimbursed 50%, we now just have to contribute 50%.





- C. **INTERMEDIATE UNIT #29** – Clinton Koontz, Representative

None

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

18. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

-  Welcomed the new employees
-  Thanked the staff for doing a great job on Friday, 9/11 with the evacuation.
-  Reminder the key communicators will meet on 9/23 at noon in the middle school library.
-  In October we will have a presentation by Sharon Montaine on special education and Dr. Jon Rednak on Blended Schools. We have received favorable responses back from our parents of Cyber Charter School Parents.

19. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by D. Lukasewicz, seconded by R. Russell the board adjourned the meeting and went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Joanne Brindle
Recording Secretary

Jeffrey Stump
Board Secretary