

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2019

5:30 PM Regular Board Meeting

Pine Grove Area Middle School

Pine Grove, PA 17963

Dr. Evelyn Wassel **Mr. Heath W. Renninger**
Board President **Superintendent**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board President Evelyn Wassel.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Steve Brill

Donald E. Brown, Jr.

Dave Frew

J.T. Herber

Dave Lukasewicz

Wes Ney – Absent

Randy Stump

Alethea Wessner

Evelyn Wassel

Hannah Reiter, Student Representative

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Attorney Nick Quinn, Mike Janicelli, Andy Diehl, Melissa Mekosh, Leroy Bates, Gerald Salen, Sandy Burns, Henry Snyder, Joe Barra and son, Vicki Terrwilliger, Scott Dimon, Andrea Hatter, Kristina Wilde and sons, Tessa Bohn and parents, Andrew Griffiths and mon, Cameron Raudabaugh and mom, Nick Christensen, parents and grandfather, Amanda Schaeffer and parents, Gaige Krammes and parents, Gary Pominville and mom, Katie Herring and mom, Blake Salen with mom, dad and uncle, Mary Reiter with mom and William Hall with parents and sister.

4. **GUESTS**

Mike Janicelli, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz introduced each of the senior's and presented them with a certificate:

November Seniors: Andrew Griffiths & Tessa Bohn

December Seniors: Cameron Raudabaugh & Nick Christensen

January Seniors: Amanda Schaeffer, Gaige Krammes

Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz introduced each of the 8th graders and presented them with a certificate:

November 8th Graders: Gary Pominville

December 8th Graders: Katie Herring & Blake Salen

January 8th Graders: Mary Reiter & William Hall

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Sgt. Leroy Bates gave the Board an update on the France Trip and Cadet Hunter Kielbowick gave the Board an overview of JROTC events.
- Safe2Say Update- Heath gave a brief overview of the Safe2Say Program which is required by each school district in the state of PA and where the district is currently in implementing the program.
- Board Recognition- January is Board Recognition Month. Heath presented each Board Member a certificate from PSBA and thanked them for their service to the community.

6. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

7. BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Motion by J.T. Herber, seconded by S. Brill to approval the Board Committees and Chairpersons which have remained the same for the 2019 year. **Vote was Unanimous**

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by D. Lukasewicz, seconded by R. Stump to approve the minutes as listed.

Vote was Unanimous

November 08, 2018 Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 03, 2018 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

December 03, 2018 Buildings & Grounds/Extra-Curricular Committee Minutes

December 20, 2018 Extra-Curricular Committee Minutes

9. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (*Dave Frew, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to authorize execution of Amendment No. 3 to the Performance Based Energy Savings Agreement with McClure Company. Amendment No. 3 consists of phases 2 and 3 of the Elementary School HVAC project and has a total cost of \$2,028,136. **Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no**

- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to re-bid the Ash Hoist Replacement Project and contract the services of The Architectural Studio to oversee the project at a cost not to exceed \$3,500. This cost will be taken from the Capital Projects Fund.

Vote was Unanimous

10. CURRICULUM (*Evelyn Wassel, Chairperson*)

Heath explained the 339 Plan Update created by the Guidance Department and needed voted on tonight.

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to approve the Comprehensive Career Plan PA Chapter 339.31.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to ratify revising the 2018/2019 School District Calendar to reflect the snow day in November and using January 21, 2019 as the makeup day.

Vote was Unanimous

- C. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to accept the Schuylkill Intermediate #29 2019–2020 School Year Calendar.

Vote was Unanimous

- D. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to accept the Pine Grove Area School District 2019–2020 School Year Calendar.

Vote was Unanimous

- E. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to ratify granting Homebound Instruction to a 6th grade student beginning approximately December 7, 2018 and lasting until January 2, 2019. The student's doctor has sent a note in extending the leave until the next appointment which is January 17, 2019.

Vote was Unanimous

- F. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to ratify granting homebound instruction to a high school student starting January 4, 2019 and ending March 14, 2109.

Vote was Unanimous

- G. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to grant homebound instruction to a middle school student starting as soon as possible and lasting for approximately 3 months.

Vote was Unanimous

- H. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to approve the Middle School Book Club trip to New York City on May 17, 2019.

Vote was Unanimous

11. FINANCE/AUDIT *(Dave Frew– Chairperson)*

Jodie gave the Board a handout explaining the AFR, Ed Ebling will meet with the Board next month to give more detail.

Jodie gave a handout on the Municipal Revenue Service Tax Sale and stated that her recommendation would be to slowly back out of this service. She gave a handout explaining the pros and cons of this service. This will be discussed further at a finance committee meeting.

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to approve bills for payment.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to approve the request for disposition of assets as found in the board packet.
Vote was Unanimous
- D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to adopt the resolution indicating that the Board of School Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the fiscal year 2019-2020 by more than its index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to accept the Annual Financial Report (AFR) for the 2017-2018 School Year.
Vote was Unanimous

12. EXTRA-CURRICULAR (*Wes Ney, Chairperson - Absent*)

- A. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to approve the extra-curricular committee recommendation to withdraw from the Tri-Valley Athletic Association in football at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 season. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to approve the extra-curricular committee recommendation to enter the Schuylkill League in football beginning with the 2020-2021 season.
Vote was Unanimous
- C. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to ratify adding Frank D'Agostino to the list of boys' basketball volunteers.
Vote was Unanimous
- D. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to ratify approving the possible overnight stays for the wrestling team: 12/07 and 08 - Bloomsburg Tournament; December 14 and 15 - Arch Bishop Ryan Tournament; Feb. 22 and 23 - District Tournament in Bethlehem; March 1 and 2 - Regional Tournament in Wyomissing; and March 6 thru 9th - State Tournament in Hershey.
Vote was Unanimous
- E. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to hire the following Spring Head Coaches:
 - Keith Lehman, Baseball at a stipend of \$4,016.25
 - Ryan Leffler, Softball at a stipend of \$4,016.25
 - Emily Daubert, Track and Field at a stipend of \$3,825**Vote was Unanimous**

- F. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to hire the following baseball assistants:

Jason Gerber at a split stipend of \$1,350

Justin Hoke at a split stipend of \$1,350

Jordan Lehman at a stipend of \$1,800

Vote was Unanimous

- G. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to hire the following track & field assistants:

John Gradwell at a stipend of \$2,700

Jacob Herring at a split stipend of \$1,350

Gerald Salen at a split stipend of \$1,350

Vote was Unanimous

- H. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to hire the following girls' softball assistants:

Steve Torola at a stipend of \$2,700

Ed Kreiser at a stipend of \$1,800

Vote was Unanimous

- I. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to approve the following volunteers: Kelli Readinger – track & field and Keandra Koons, Jena Merwine, Ethel Santai and Joe Barra – girls' softball.

Vote was Unanimous

13. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

Heath explained that we are looking at a Behavior Support Position which will be paid from a grant.

- A. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded D. Frew to ratify accepting the resignation of Amanda Miller from her position as 4 hour paraprofessional I effective November 15, 2018.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by J. T. Herber to ratify hiring Cassandra Aungst as a 4 hour paraprofessional II. Cassandra will be paid \$12.80 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. Her first day was November 27, 2018.

Vote was Unanimous

- C. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to ratify accepting the resignation of Shannon Warg from her position as paraprofessional I effective December 21, 2018.

Vote was Unanimous

- D. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to ratify hiring Pamela Brown as a paraprofessional I. Pamela will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME contract. Her first day was January 3, 2019. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to ratify accepting the resignation of Jessica Mies from her position as English teacher in the high school effective January 15, 2019.
Vote was Unanimous
- F. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to hire Katherine Rogers as a temporary professional beginning January 21, 2019. Katherine will be paid Bachelors Step 1 pro-rated and will receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach English in the high school. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to change the status of Andrea Hatter from mentor to Jessica Mies to mentor for Kathrine Rodgers she will receive the same \$400 stipend.
Vote was Unanimous
- H. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to ratify granting FMLA leave/maternity leave to Kelly Lesko. She will begin approximately January 14, 2019 and return in May.
Vote was Unanimous
- I. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to create a part-time Behavior Support Position and approve the job description. This position is funded from approximately Jan. 21, 2019 thru Sept. 21, 2019 from the Title IV grant. This is an hourly independent position.
Vote was Unanimous
- J. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to ratify adding Melissa Hannevig to the list of substitute aides. **Vote was Unanimous**
- K. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to approve Cohort 9 Elementary School Program Staff – Leader Ashley Withrow at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. Teachers: Shandra Allar, Joelle Bretz, Mary Debus, Kristina Fehr, Glen Gray, Amber Holland, Donna Medeiros, Karen Raugh, Megan Sondag, Michelle Ulsh, Christine VanTries and Kristina Wilde at a rate of \$23.40 per hour. **Vote was Unanimous**
- L. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to approve Cohort 7 Middle School Program Staff – Leader Lindsey Semar at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. Teachers: Shandra Allar, Renee Hughes, Samantha Kemmerling, Pamela Ryan, McKenzie Sterner, Kristina Wilde at a rate of \$23.40 per hour.
Vote was Unanimous

M. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to approve the following school volunteers: Tiffany Heberling, Joseph Heberling, Brandy Fenstermacher, Kerry Wright, Amanda Wright, Sandraann McIlvee, Hila Breisch, Karen Unger, Alexa Kolb, Danielle Natale, Alyson Mease, Kara Reichert, Angela Kassab, Dana Bohr, Jamie Tyler, Danielle Gettle Rebecca McCormick, and Erin Tobias. **Vote was Unanimous**

14. POLICY- *(J.T. Herber, Chairperson)*

J.T. Herber gave a quick update on the reason for the revisions to the policies.

J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to approve the first reading of policies A through G. **Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval of the first reading revisions of Policy 222 Tobacco/Nicotine.
- B. Approval of the first reading revisions of Policy 323 Tobacco/Nicotine. (This Policy eliminates our current policy 323, 423 and 523).
- C. Approval of the first reading revisions of Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying.
- D. Approval of the first reading revisions of Policy 904 Public Attendance at School Events.
- E. Approval of the first reading revisions of Policy 103 Nondiscrimination/ Discriminatory Harassment – School and Classroom.
- F. Approval of the first reading revisions of Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities.
- G. Approval of the first reading revisions of Policy 104 Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices.

15. TRANSPORTATION- *(Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)*

16. TECHNOLOGY – *(Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson)*

- Andy Diehl said the new server was completed over the Christmas Break and the RFP is out for bidding.

17. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – *(Hannah Reiter)*

- Hannah updated the Board on what's going on in all three buildings.


18. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – *(Dave Frew, Representative)*

- Dave informed the Board that the Board Member from Mahanoy Area had passed away suddenly during December. He was the secretary on the IU Board and on the Vo-Tech Board. Dave will be replacing him on the IU Board and will donate his stipend to his family for a scholarship.
- The Technical School is currently evaluating their programs and looking to add some new areas.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Dave Lukasewicz thanked the staff who participated in the CPR/First Aid Training.

20. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned into an executive session at 6:57 pm to discuss a contract issue on a motion by J.T. Herber, seconded by D. Frew.


Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary