

# *Pine Grove Area School District*



**Board of School Directors Public Meeting Thursday, January 27, 2022, 5:30 PM  
Committee of the Whole Meeting, 6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting in the Middle  
School Library.**

**The Regular Board Meeting will begin no later than 10 minutes beyond the close of  
the Committee of the Whole Meeting and not before 6:30 pm.**

**Mr. Dave Lukasewicz  
Board President**

**Mr. Heath W. Renninger  
Superintendent**

Dave Lukasewicz called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

In Attendance: Dave Lukasewicz, Amanda Daubert, J.T. Herber, Genavieve Moyer (Virtual), Sascha Primeau, Randy Stump, Heath Renninger, Vince Hoover, Todd Lenge, Rich Dunkelberger, Bernie Kelly, Scott Dimon, Melissa Mekosh, Mike Janicelli, Sandy Burns, Dave Shiffer and family, Jodie Dermo, Ron Devlin and Alex from Pottsville Republican, Henry Snyder, Jill Hlavaty, Keith Lehman, Joanne Brindle, Joe Barra, Abe Hitz, Joe Barra.

Heath Renninger introduced Abe Hitz,, the candidate on tonight's agenda for Head Golf Coach. He spoke to the Board about his background and his plan for coaching the golf team.

Heath then introduced David Shiffer, the candidate on tonight's agenda for Head Football Coach who also spoke to the Board about his background and his plan for coaching the football team.

Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Melissa Mekosh and Sandy Burns gave the Board an update on the first semester of the school year. The pandemic has changed school in the last year. They are dealing with more behavior problems since we are back full time in school and the guidance departments are seeing more mental health issues.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.
  - 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  - 3. ROLL CALL**

~~Donald E. Brown, Jr.~~

Amanda Daubert

~~Dave Frew~~

J.T. Herber

Genavieve Moyer (Virtual)

Sascha Primeau

Randy Stump

Dave Lukasewicz

Karissa Morgan - Student Representative

In attendance: Heath Renninger, Vince Hoover, Todd Lenge, Rich Dunkelberger, Bernie Kelly, Scott Dimon, Melissa Mekosh, Mike Janicelli, Sandy Burns, Dave Shiffer and family, Jodie Dermo, Ron Devlin and Alex from Pottsville Republican, Henry Snyder, Jill Hlavaty, Keith Lehman, Joanne Brindle, Joe Barra, Abe Hitz, Attorney Nick Quinn, Joe Barra, Gerald Salen, Parents of Little Cardinals, Boys from the high school football team, Hannah Kocher with parents and sister, Karissa Morgans parents, Taylor Donmoyer with parents, Tailyn Bohr with parents and sisters, Ian Boltz with parents and grandparents, Austin Frantz with parents, Hannah Aungst with parents and brother.

#### 4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Heath Renninger, Dave Lukasewicz, Mike Janicelli and Melissa Mekosh honored the December and January Seniors of the Month and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders of the Month.

December Seniors of the Month – Hannah Kocher and Karissa Morgan

January Seniors of the Month –Bailley Dorson and Taylor Donmoyer

December 8<sup>th</sup> Graders of the Month – Tailyn Bohr and Ian Boltz

January 8<sup>th</sup> Graders of the Month – Austin Frantz and Hannah Aungst

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### 6. BOARD BUSINESS

**Recognition of Board Members** – Heath Renninger spoke about the job of a Board Member and thanked each board member for their service and presented them with a framed certificate.

A representative from PSBA attended the meeting tonight to honor Dave Lukasewicz for 24 years of service on the school board. He was presented with a plaque from PSBA.

A. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the resignation of Wes Ney as Board Member from Region 3 and to advertise for this position. **Vote was Unanimous**

B. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the 2022 Committees of the Pine Grove Area Board of Directors as found in the Board Packet. **Vote was Unanimous**

#### 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the November 18, 2021 COW and Regular Meeting Minutes, and December 01, 2021 Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

**Vote was Unanimous**

#### 8. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS *(Dave Frew, Chairperson)*

**Reminder there will be a Building and Grounds Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> to review the feasibility study at 5:30 pm in the district office conference room.**

#### 9. CURRICULUM *(Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)*

A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the FFA Overnight Trip to the Leadership Conference in Hershey, February 19 to 22, 2022. **Vote was Unanimous**

B. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to ratify the 2021-2022 School Calendar to change January 17, 2022 to an Act 80 day, February 18, 2022 to a school day and to add an In-Service day on June 6, 2022. To make up for the snow days on January 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. **Vote was Unanimous**

C. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the PGA Cardinal Marching Band Trip to Florida from approximately Sunday, April 10, 2022 to approximately Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

**Vote was Unanimous**

#### 10. FINANCE/AUDIT *(Dave Frew– Chairperson)*

A. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the bills for payment.

**Vote was Unanimous**

B. J.T. Herber made motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**Vote was Unanimous**

C. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the 2021-2022 Special Education Service Agreement. **Vote was Unanimous**



- D. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the 5-year contract with Jodie Dermo, Business Administrator beginning July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027. **Roll Call Vote 6 yes, 0 no**
- E. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to adopt the resolution indicating the Board of School Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the fiscal year 2022-2023 by more than its index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- F. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to accept the 2020-21 AFR. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to create a new club account in the high school called the "Cardinal Kitchen Club." **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to accept the grant to implement the Botvin Life Skills Training Middle School Program. **Vote was Unanimous**

#### **11. EXTRA-CURRICULAR** (*Randy Stump, Chairperson*)

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to hire Abe Hitz as the Head Golf Coach for the 2022 season. Abe will be paid a stipend of \$2,730. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to ratify accepting the resignation of Frank Gaffney as Head Football Coach. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to hire David Shiffer as the Head Football Coach for the 2022 season. David will be paid a stipend of \$4,550. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the formation of a Junior High Football program, grades 7 & 8, to begin play at the start of the 2022-2023 season. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the formation of a Junior High Cheerleading Program, grades 7 & 8, to begin events at the start of the 2022-2023 season.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- F. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to ratify adding Pam Ryan and Kalene Anderson as volunteers for the Girls' Basketball Program. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to ratify splitting the archery assistant position between Ted Butler and Daniel Kassab. They will both receive a stipend of \$796.25 each.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- H. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to add Ayden Ney to the list of volunteers for wrestling (pending clearances). **Vote was Unanimous**
- I. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to add Jacob Leininger and Ryan Culbert as baseball volunteers (pending clearances). **Vote was Unanimous**

#### **12. PERSONNEL** (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to ratify accepting the resignation of Jennifer Hall from her position as Paraprofessional effective January 14, 2022. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to ratify accepting the resignation of Tara Miller from her position as Middle School Secretary effective December 23, 2021. **Vote was Unanimous**

- C. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to ratify accepting the resignation of Eric Cofield from his position as custodian effective December 23, 2021. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to ratify hiring Michael Hallick as a custodian. Michael will receive \$13.50 per hour and benefits as per the AFSCME contract. Michael started January 6, 2022. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to ratify accepting the letter of intent to retire from Ronald Stump from his position as cleaning person effective January 14, 2022.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- F. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to grant tenure to Laurene Stolz, Katherine Rogers, Elaine Myers and Alison Gimbi. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to grant FMLA leave to employee #81367 from 1/14/2022 for six weeks or until cleared by her doctor. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to grant FMLA leave to employee #96166 from 2/08/2022 for six weeks. **Vote was Unanimous**
- I. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to add Trudy Reichert, Steven Slackus, Jeffrey Cleary, Jenel Grunwald, Ryan Wildermuth and Amber Jo Bressler to the list of school volunteers.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- J. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded A. Daubert to add Melissa Hannevig to the list of game workers.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- K. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to add Hailey Aungst to the list of substitute cleaners.  
**Vote was Unanimous**

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

Sascha Primeau asked about the district quarantine policy. Heath Renninger stated that we are still following the CDC Guidelines.

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

- A. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to add Heather Fischer and Julie Huntzinger to the list of approved substitute van drivers for the 2021-2022 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

**16. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** (*Karissa Morgan*)

Karissa gave an update on the happenings in the elementary school, middle school and high school including the sports teams.

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

**18. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 19. ADJOURNMENT –** On a motion by J.T. Herber, seconded by A. Daubert the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

  
Joanne Brindle. Board Secretary