

# *Pine Grove Area School District*



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2019

5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting

Pine Grove Area Middle School

Pine Grove, PA 17963

**Dr. Evelyn Wassel    Mr. Heath W. Renninger**

**Board President**

**Superintendent**

CALL TO ORDER – D. Lukasewicz called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

All Board Members were present except Evelyn Wassel.

Others present: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Andy Diehl, Mary Figura, Henry Snyder, Melissa Mekosh, Sandy Burns, Brad Fessler, Kim Pribilla, Gerald Salen, Pam Watts, Mike Janicelli, Andrea Hatter, Hayden Keilbowick and parents, Bernie Kelly, Keith Lehman.

- A. Hayden Kielbowick – High School Freshmen – explained to the Board that he had been nominated by a teacher to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders to be held in June in Boston. He talked about the 3 day conference and explained to the Board that his family would not be able to cover the cost needed to attend, approximately \$1,585. He asked the Board for help. Heath Renninger said the Board will discuss it and he will talk to Hayden sometime next week.
- B. Mary Figura presented a PowerPoint on the Districts 2017–2018 Future Ready Data.
- C. Heath explained that the Stump Family has offered a donation to be used for lighting at the Softball Field. The Board decided to talk about this more at the Finance Committee Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Mary talked about the summer programs she is planning. The Pre-K Camp will run again this year along with the Summer Scholars. Next month the teachers will be approved for these programs. She is also looking at running a Stem Camp this summer. All expenses will be paid through the Ready to Learn Grant.
- E. Municipal Revenue Service Tax Sale – Jodie suggested that we gradually back out of this service. Dave Frew agreed but feels we should just get out. More discussion on this will be held at the Finance Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

- F. Jodie explained the two new items added to the agenda. Items D and E are tax parcels that we were placed in the repository for unsold properties and are now being sold. We lose the delinquent taxes but will still receive something after the properties are sold.
- G. Andy spoke about the Wireless E-rate Project. He gave the Board an update on the projected proposals and what it entailed. This is a motion on the agenda to approve this project.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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1. CALL TO ORDER – D. Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Steve Brill	Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Dave Frew
J.T. Herber	Dave Lukasewicz	Wes Ney
Randy Stump	Alethea Wessner	Evelyn Wassel (Absent)

Hannah Reiter, Student Representative

Others present: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Andy Diehl, Mary Figura, Henry Snyder, Melissa Mekosh, Sandy Burns, Brad Fessler, Kim Pribilla, Gerald Salen, Pam Watts, Mike Janicelli, Andrea Hatter, Hayden Keilbowick and parents, Bernie Kelly, Keith Lehman, Sydney Griffiths and parents, David Krammes and girlfriend, Eli Holden and parents, Autumn Gantz with parents and brother.

4. GUESTS

Mike Janicelli, Heath Renninger and David Lukasewicz honored February Seniors of the Month – Sydney Griffiths and David Krammes.

Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and David Lukasewicz honored February 8<sup>th</sup> Graders of the Month – Eli Holden and Autumn Gantz.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Heath thanked the Boroughs, Townships and the district staff for the great work in keeping the roads clear after the storms.

Heath thanked Andrea Hatter and Jason Dusko the Journalism Teachers in the high school and their staff for doing a great job with their first newsletter.

6. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS



7. BOARD BUSINESS

- A. D. Brown made a motion to appoint David Lukasewicz as the PSBA Board Liaison for the 2019 calendar year, seconded by J.T. Herber.

**Vote was Unanimous**

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- R. Stump made a motion to approve the January 17, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

Dave mentioned that Henry has been working with McClure to get some pricing on having the roof done as the next phase of the project is taking place. The pricing looks good and it would make sense to have the roof done now while they are replacing the units rather than patching and then doing the roof at a later time. This will be discussed more at the Finance Meeting and possibly voted on.

10. CURRICULUM (*Evelyn Wassel, Chairperson*)

- A. A. Wessner made a motion to ratify revising the 2018/2019 School District Calendar to reflect making up the snow days. The last student day has now changed from May 31, 2019 to June 5, 2019 this day will also be graduation, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the JROTC Academic Teams trip to Fresh Meadows, NY on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 to compete in the regional competition, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. A. Wessner made a motion to ratify adding a "Gaming Club" to the high school. The advisors are Samantha Hoover and Jim Hull. There are no expenses to this club, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the resignation of Ken Gibson from his position as Curriculum Facilitator and to replace him with Eric Mansilla. Eric will receive the stipend of \$500 pro-rated from the time he starts, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A.D. Frew made a motion to approve the bills for payment, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Frew made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

- C. D. Frew made a motion to approve to compromise the District's portion of delinquent taxes with reference to Tax Parcel 12-07-0043. (NOTE: Frailey Township acquired the property to raze structure which is in disrepair. The District's portion of delinquent taxes = \$1,357.56. Total delinquent is \$2,600.01), seconded by S. Brill.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- D. D. Frew made a motion to approve to compromise of the District's portion of delinquent taxes with reference to Tax Parcel 67-3-166. The property was placed in the repository for unsold properties and is now being sold, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**

- E. D. Frew made a motion to approve to compromise the District's portion of delinquent taxes with reference to Tax Parcel 58-4-21. The property was placed in the repository for unsold properties and is now being sold, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- F. D. Frew made a motion to accept the Schuylkill Technology Center Program Budget for 2019-2020. Pine Grove Area School District payment will be \$550,663, seconded by D. Brown.

**Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Wassel)**

- G. D. Frew made a motion to approve the contract between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Pine Grove Area Education Association beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023, seconded by D. Brown. **Roll Call Vote, 5 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain, (Herber, Wessner, Brill) 1 absent (Wassel)**

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

Wes congratulated Gerald Salen and the Quiz Bowl team on their back to back great seasons.

- A. W. Ney made a motion to add Morgan Aulenbach as a softball volunteer, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. W. Ney made a motion to approve the following head coaches for the fall season, seconded by D. Frew:
- Mark Wyllie, Boys Soccer at a stipend of \$4,207.50  
Brittney Shelton, Cross Country at a stipend of \$2,700.  
Frank Gaffney, Football at a stipend of \$4,500.  
Lexi Towne, Girls Soccer at a stipend of \$3,825.  
Paul Felty, Golf at a stipend of \$2,835.

**Vote was Unanimous**

Informational: Daryl Wessner has resigned as head volleyball coach, the position will be advertised.



13. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Brown made a motion to ratify hiring Erin Stramara as the Behavior Support Person. Erin will be paid \$17.00 per hour and will work no longer than 29 hours per week. She will begin on February 12, 2019 and end in June 2019. Her wages are being paid through the Title IV grant, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Brown made a motion to ratify accepting the resignation of Courtney Lingle from her position as Paraprofessional I effective February 8, 2019, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Brown made a motion to ratify accepting the resignation of Kristina Wilde from her position as Paraprofessional I effective February 8, 2019, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Brown made a motion to accept the intent to retire from Debra Levan, 4 hour Paraprofessional I effective March 29, 2019, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Brown made a motion to hire Jennifer Lewis as a 4 hour Paraprofessional I. Jennifer will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive all applicable benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. She will begin as soon as all paperwork is completed, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. D. Brown made a motion to ratify changing the advisor of the Odyssey of the Mind Group from Katie Brown to Samantha Hoover for this year. Samantha will receive a stipend of \$1,815, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. D. Brown made a motion to ratify adding Katie Rodgers as a teacher in the Achieve Program in the middle school, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. D. Brown made a motion to ratify granting intermittent FMLA Leave to employee #81074, from January 25, 2019 for one year, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- I. D. Brown made a motion to grant paternity leave to Jack Drey beginning approximately May 8, 2019 and ending approximately May 24, 2019. He will be using his sick leave, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- J. D. Brown made a motion to ratify adding Jessica Lyons and Ashley Gaffney to the list of substitute nurses, seconded by R. Stump.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- K. D. Brown made a motion to ratify the following school volunteers: Keith Heinbach, Brittany Lizewski, Edward Lizewski, Amy Readinger, Brittany Bain, Alice Felty, Stacy McElroy, Candace Schaeffer, Melissa Yoder, Carl Bohler, Sarah Limbert, Matthew Daubert, Jeremiah Saltzer, Victoria Saltzer, Paige Kalbach, and Cindy Stone, seconded by J.T. Herber.

**Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve Approval of the second reading and final adoption of revisions to Policy 222 Tobacco/Nicotine, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve Approval of the second reading and final adoption of revisions to Policy 323 Tobacco/Nicotine. (This Policy eliminates our current policy 323, 423 and 523), seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve Approval of the second reading and final adoption of revisions to Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve Approval of the second reading and final adoption of revisions to Policy 904 Public Attendance at School Events, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve Approval of the second reading and final adoption of revisions to Policy 103 Nondiscrimination/ Discriminatory Harassment – School and Classroom, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve Approval of the second reading and final adoption of revisions to Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities, seconded by R. Stump.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- G. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of revisions to Policy 104 Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

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

Wireless E-Rate Project – Andy

A. D. Brown made a motion to approve Kit Communications as the vendor for the Pine Grove Area School District E-Rate Wireless Upgrade at a price not to exceed \$105,000 and pending E-Rate approval, seconded by J.T. Herber.

Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no

17. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – *(Hannah Reiter)*


- Hannah gave an update on the happenings in the Elementary School, Middle School and High School.

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

- The Act 93 employees at the IU which are not principal's, would like to be removed from the Act 93 contract and become part of the Teamsters Union.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

20. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by w. Ney, seconded by R. Stump the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

  
Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary