

Pine Grove Area School District
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Thursday, March 08, 2018

6:30 pm

Pine Grove Area District Middle School Library

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Evelyn Wassel. She immediately asked for an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The Board returned from executive session at 6.38 pm.

In attendance: Steve Brill, J.T. Herber, Wes Ney, Dave Frew, Evelyn Wassel, Randy Stump, Dave Lukasewicz, Donald Brown, Jr., Alethea Wessner, Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Scott Dimon, Mike Janicelli, Mary Figura, Melissa Mekosh, Pam Watts, Sandy Burns, Sgt. Bates, Cadet Yesnosky, Lt. Col. Stefanchik, Andrea Hatter, Jill Hlavaty, Joan Schwer, Andrew Diehl and family.

PERSONNEL

1. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to hire Andrew Diehl as Director of Technology. Andrew will receive a salary of \$64,000 pro-rated and all benefits in accordance with the administrators' contract, seconded by D. Frew. Vote was Unanimous

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Tremont Area Free Public Library Fund Drive – some discussion was held and it was decided to consult Attorney Quinn about making donations.
2. 16-17 Audit Update – (Dave Frew) – Dave said the audit was complete and Ed Ebling gave some management comments which we are now in compliance with. All audits are now complete and we can move forward. Heath thanked the Board for being patient during this time of cleaning up and catchup.
3. IU Roof Update (Dave Frew) – Bids were accepted and the savings overall will be approximately 900,000 and the savings for Pine Grove approximately 100,000.

CURRICULUM

1. JROTC Field Trip – (JROTC) – Lt. Col. Stefanchik explained to the Board a trip he would like to take the cadets on next June to France for the D-Day Anniversary. He would like to begin fundraising immediately if the Board approves the trip. On a motion by D. Brown, seconded by J.T. Herber the Board approved to allow the JROTC to begin fundraising and to take the trip in June of 2019. Vote was Unanimous

2. Science Purchases – (Mary Figura) – Mary handed out a list of purchases already completed for the high school and middle school for science and a proposed list of science expenditures for the high school, middle school and elementary school which will be purchased before the end of the school year. The biggest purchase is the FOSS kits for grades 2 through 8. She had a small of the kit for the Board to look at. This purchase will be on the agenda for approval next week.
3. Courses – (Mary Figura) – Mary discussed changes which will be made to the high school course lists in the near future and also discussed looking at the grade requirements. Discussion was held on the Career Readiness. Foundations a curriculum focusing on Phonics will be purchased and implemented in kindergarten and first grade next year.
4. 17-18 School Calendar – (Heath Renninger) – Next week an item will be placed on the agenda to update this year's calendar.
5. 18-19 School Calendar (Heath Renninger) – Looking at revising next years calendar to include more snow days. Will be on the agenda in April.

SUPERINTENDENT

1. Discussion on combining the two October meetings into one, to be held on October 11th and the November meetings into one on November 8th. Heath asked if we could make these changes to the Board Meeting calendar. The Board agreed to vote to change the calendar next week.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by D. Lukasewicz, seconded by W. Ney the Board adjourned the meeting into an executive session to discuss a policy issue at 7:57 pm.
Executive Session ended at 8:36 pm.



Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary