Pine Grove Area School District <u>Committee of the Whole Meeting</u> Thursday, May 10, 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. In attendance were: Evelyn Wassel, Wes Ney, Heath Renninger, Dave Lukasewicz, Randy Stump, J.T. Herber, Alethea Wessner, Dave Frew, Steve Brill, Donald Brown, Andy Diehl, Andrea Hatter, Jill Hlavaty, Jody Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Joan Schwer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. On a motion by D. Frew, seconded by D. Brown the Board adopted the 2018-2019 Pine Grove Area School District proposed final budget and announced that the budget is open for public inspection.

Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 no

	Revenues	Expenditures
General	\$23,853,233.00	\$23,853,233.00

2. Discussion on open budget items: Jodie gave the Board a 5 year projection on the Revenues and Expenditures. If the Board decides not to raise the taxes, the projection is in the 5th year there will be a \$2,788,029 deficit. The packet showed if the Board raised taxes .25, .50, 1.0 or .85 over the next 5 years or even for one year what the deficit would look like.

This was followed by a lot of discussion on whether or not to raise taxes and whether or not to payback the district for the HVAC project which was just completed. After discussion the Board took a straw poll and unanimously decided that it would not be repaying the district for the HVAC project.

Further discussion went on about tax increase. Five Board members are in favor of raising taxes, possibly 1.0, one Board member will raise taxes but not by that much and three Board members will not vote to raise taxes.

This will be discussed more at the June Committee of the Whole Meeting.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – On a motion by D. Lukasewicz, seconded by D. Frew the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm into an executive session to discuss a legal issue. The Board ended the executive session at 8:20 pm.

Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary