

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2019

5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting

Pine Grove Area Middle School

Pine Grove, PA 17963

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz **Mr. Heath W. Renninger**
Board President **Superintendent**

CALL TO ORDER – The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.

In attendance: Dave Lukasewicz, Dave Frew, Alethea Wessner, Randy Stump, Donald Brown, Jr., Jodie Dermo, Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, J.T. Herber, Sandy Burns, Melissa Mekosh, Pam Watts, Mary Figura, Mike Janicelli, Scott Dimon, Angela Keller, Henry Snyder, Andy Diehl, Brad Fessler, Melissa LaSalle, Becky Griffiths, Joshua Hewes.

Don Brown stated that Evelyn Wassel would like the public to know that she left her position on the school board because her husband has retired and they moved to Florida.

D. Brown made a motion to appoint Angela Keller as a Pine Grove Area School Board Member for Region 1, seconded by D. Frew. Vote was Unanimous

Oath of Office was administered to Angela by Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary.

D. Frew nominated D. Brown for the position of vice-president. Vote was Unanimous

J.T. Herber nominated Dave Frew for the office of School Board Treasurer for the fiscal year 2019–2020. Vote was Unanimous

Athletic Coaches – Scott Dimon– Dave Frew announced that Extra Curricular Chairperson Wes Ney could not make it to the meeting tonight and asked that all the coaches that are on the agenda for recommendation be tabled until he can be at the meeting. The Board will hold a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the district office conference room at which time coaches will be discussed.

Discussion on Donation from Ed. Foundation for Lights – Dave Frew said that he appreciates this donation but would like to discuss some of the other conditions that are part of the donation. After some discussion a motion was made by Dave, seconded by Alethea to put on the board agenda to accept the donation from the PGA Education Foundation from the Stump Family to be used for lighting on the softball field. More discussion on bleachers, etc. will be discussed at a later meeting.

Dave said that the middle school cafeteria dishwasher will be on tonight's agenda and will be installed during the summer for the start of the new year.

Policy Updates – Attendance Policy is part of the truancy policy which has been updated. Title I updated per regulations.

Preliminary Budget – Jodie said currently the preliminary budget has a deficit with 2 positions built in, and a tax increase, this is just preliminary and will be discussed further at the May 22 meeting before voting on the final budget.

New Math Series – Mary Figura with teachers Melissa LaSalle, Becky Griffiths and Joshua Hewes gave a presentation on the new math series which will be on the agenda tonight for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm. The Board took a short break before starting the regular meeting.

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1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.
 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 3. ROLL CALL

Steve Brill (Absent)	Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Dave Frew
J.T. Herber	Angela Keller	Wes Ney (Absent)
Randy Stump	Alethea Wessner	Dave Lukasewicz
Hannah Reiter, Student Representative		

Others in Attendance: Jodie Dermo, Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Sandy Burns, Melissa Mekosh, Pam Watts, Mary Figura, Mike Janicelli, Henry Snyder, Andy Diehl, Brad Fessler, Melissa LaSalle, Becky Griffiths, Joshua Hewes, Rachel Frew and mother, Isaac Kocher with parents and sisters, Curtis LaSalle, Dawn and Steve Reiter, Noah Holden, Jaxon Lenge, Carter Hitz, Kutter Kroh, Logan Kurtz, Brayden Natale, Nathan Barry, Hayden Windle, Joseph Matuella, Austin Abrams, Gage Klinger.

4. GUESTS

Mike Janicelli, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored May Seniors of the Month – Rachel Frew and Isaac Kocher
Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored May 8th Grader of the Month – Curtis LaSalle
Dave Lukasewicz and Heath Renninger recognized Student Representative– Hannah Reiter for her year on the Board, presented her with a framed drawing of the high school and thanked her for her participation.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

D. Frew made a motion to the scheduled COW/Board Meeting from June 20th to June 13, 2019. The Committee of the Whole meeting will begin at 5:30 pm followed by the Board Meeting at 6:30 pm in the middle school library, seconded by D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Heath announced that the Spartan games will be held on May 21st and thanked North Schuylkill for continuing these games for our special needs students.

End of year dates: May 30th, Baccalaureate, June 3, Class Night, June 6th, last day, graduation.

Josh Hewes and his 2nd Graders "Guys with Ties" Noah Holden, Jaxon Lingle, Carter Hitz, Kutter Kroh, Logan Kurtz, Brayden Natale, Nathan Barry, Hayden Windle, Joseph Matuella, Austin Abrams, Gage Klinger, did a presentation for the Board.

7. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to approve the minutes.

Vote was Unanimous

April 11, 2019 COW/Board Meeting Minutes

May 08, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

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

A. D. Frew made a motion to accept the donation from the Pine Grove Area Education Foundation to purchase lighting for the softball field, seconded by J. T. Herber.

Vote was Unanimous

B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the lease agreement between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 to rent space in the district for the pre-school program at a cost of \$850.00 per month for the 2019-2020 school year. Vote was Unanimous

C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to purchase Cafeteria Tables from Tanner Furniture for the ES at a cost not to exceed \$29,679.00. The pricing is per COSTARS #035-025 and will be paid from the Cafeteria Account.

Vote was Unanimous

D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to purchase a replacement dishwasher for the MS kitchen at a cost not to exceed \$29,273.10. This pricing is per COSTARS #4400019499 and will be paid from the Cafeteria Account.

Vote was Unanimous

E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump for ancillary materials and services to install the MS dishwasher not to exceed \$4,000. These funds will be taken from the Cafeteria Account. Vote was Unanimous

F. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to purchase Music Chairs from School Furniture 4 Less for the MS at a cost not to exceed \$3,615.00. This will be paid from the General Fund. Vote was Unanimous

10. CURRICULUM

- A. A. Wessner made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to purchase enVision Algebra I, math series by Kennedy, et al, published by Pearson, copyright 2018 for grades 9 through 12. This purchase has been recommended by the high school math department at a cost of \$15,577.83 which covers school years 19/20, 20/21, 21/22, 22/23. Vote was Unanimous
- B. A. Wessner made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to purchase enVision Mathematics 2020 Common Core Textbooks math series by Charles, R., et al, published by Pearson Education, copyright 2020 for grades 5 through 8. This purchase has been recommended by the elementary and middle school math departments at a cost of \$47,639.65 which covers school years 19/20, 20/21, and 21/22. Vote was Unanimous
- C. A. Wessner made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to purchase Everyday Math Series by Bell, J., Et al., University of Chicago, published by McGraw Hill Education, copyright 2020 for grades K through 4. This purchase has been recommended by the elementary and middle school math departments at a cost of \$80,774.50 which covers school years 19/20, 20/21, and 21/22. Vote was Unanimous
- D. A. Wessner made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the FBLA trip to Nationals in San Antonio, Texas on June 27, 2019 through July 3, 2019.
Vote was Unanimous
- E. A. Wessner made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to revise the 2019-2020 School Year Calendar to use Feb. 14th as a snow make up day, Feb. 17th as a snow make up day, revise the snow make up days for Spring Break, add May 1st as an In-Service Day and snow make up day and move the last day of school from June 2nd to 3rd with the last teachers day being June 4th. Vote was Unanimous

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the 2019-2020 Pine Grove Area School District proposed final budget and announce that the budget is open for public inspection.

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$24,802,693	\$25,114,414

Roll Call Vote, 5 yes, 1 no (Herber), 1 abstention (Keller)

- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the bills for payment.
Vote was Unanimous
- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Vote was Unanimous
- D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to contract with Mangat Family Dentistry for dental services for the 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$3.00 per dental exam.
Vote was Unanimous

E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to contract with Dr. Bajwa as the school physician for the 2019–2020 school year. He will be paid \$10.00 for each student physical. Vote was Unanimous

F. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown the request from the Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau to remove tax records that no longer exist. This removal requires a compromise in full of all delinquent taxes due to the District for Parcel Tax Map #s 12–06–0056.001, 21–05–0060.012, 21–10–0050.005, and 33–10–0024–004. Vote was Unanimous

G. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to dispose of the following items by taking them to a local public auction: Vote was Unanimous

- Cub Cadet HDS2185 Riding Mower – Poor Condition/Engine Problems/Old
- Western Products Salt Spreader – pre ash spreader for parking lots/25 years old/not used/poor condition

H. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to dispose of the items listed on the disposition list found in the board packet. They will be sold, recycled or refuse if unusable. Vote was Unanimous

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

D. Frew made a motion to table all items listed under extra-curricular at the request of Wes Ney until he has a chance to ask some questions concerning some of the motions. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd to address these concerns, seconded by J. T. Herber. Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of the following cheerleading advisors for the 2019–2020 school year: Denise Schneck at a stipend of \$3,375.00; Kelsey Hughes at a stipend of \$2,025; and Vanessa Rittenbaugh as a Volunteer.
- B. Approval of the following football assistants for the 2019–2020 school year: Trent Mars at a stipend of \$2,925; Steve Zimmerman at a stipend of \$2,700; Jeremy Gaffney at a stipend of \$2,700; Tom Renninger at a stipend of \$2,970 and Joe Barra at a stipend of \$1,350.
- C. Approval of the following boys' soccer assistants for the 2019–2020 school year: Mike Lengel at a stipend of \$2,835; Marvin Weber at a stipend of \$1,890, Brandon Witmer and Jamie Shollenberger as volunteers.
- D. Approval of the following girls' soccer assistants for the 2019–2020 school year: Samantha Hoover at a stipend of \$2,700 and Clint Warner at a stipend of \$1,800 (pending all clearances).
- E. Approval to hire Chris Coombe as a golf assistant at a stipend of \$1,000.
- F. Approval of the following Jr high girls' basketball coaches for the 2019–2020 school year: Lauren Thompson at a stipend of \$1,350 and Becky Evans at a stipend of \$1,350.

- G. ~~Approval of the following girls' basketball coaches for the 2019-2020 school year: Bill Evans, head coach at a stipend of \$4,500; Lauren Thompson at a stipend of \$1,462.50; Becky Evans at a stipend of \$1,350 and Joe Newhouser as a volunteer.~~
- H. Approval of Frank D'Agostino as head boys' basketball coach for the 2019-2020 school year at a stipend of \$4,500.

13. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to hire Katie Deegan as a temporary professional beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Katie will be paid at Step 1 with a bachelor's degree for a salary of \$41,315 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach math in the high school.
Vote Was Unanimous
- B. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to approve the Intent to Retire from Sandra Schwartz from her position as Paraprofessional effective the last day of the 2018-2019 school year. Vote was Unanimous
- C. A. Wessner made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to grant FMLA leave to Mary Franko from May 20, 2019 thru the end of the school year. Vote was Unanimous
- D. A. Wessner made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to grant Maternity Leave to Katlin Patches, her leave will begin on August 29, 2019 and she will return on January 8, 2020. She will use her sick and personal leave followed by FMLA leave.
Vote was Unanimous
- E. A. Wessner made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to grant Maternity Leave to Megan Bux, her leave will begin on August 20, 2019 and she will return on December 9, 2019. She will use her sick and personal leave with the exception of 5 days and then FMLA leave. Vote was Unanimous
- F. A. Wessner made a motion to table this motion until it can be discussed more at the May 22nd meeting, seconded by J. T. Herber. ~~Approval to create a new position "Crisis Intervention Counselor".~~ Vote was Unanimous
- G. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to add Emily Brown to the list of substitute paraprofessionals. Vote was Unanimous
- H. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to accept the resignation of Missy Kimmel from her position as paraprofessional effective May 24, 2019.
Vote was Unanimous
- I. A. Wessner made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to ratify the following school volunteers: Erika VanTries, Virginia Mingle, Jesse Wagner, Bradley Tobin, Megan Tobin, Valerie Schaeffer, Benjamin Scheider, Amanda Miller, Amanda Reichert, Amy West.
Vote was Unanimous
- J. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the following chaperones for the JROTC Trip to France: Bates, Leroy (JROTC Army Instructor); Brown, Don (School Board Representative); Brown, Rodger (Brother of Don Brown); Mindy, Mark (Father of Cadet AJ Mindy); Mindy, Susan (Mother of Cadet

AJ Mindy); Tice, Todd (Father of Cadet Meredith Tice); Tice, Justine (Mother of Cadet Meredith Tice); Nuske Darrick (Father of Cadet Peyton Nuske); Gibellino, Carrie (Mother of Cadet Peyton Nuske); Moyer, Genavieve (Mother of Cadet Isabella Moyer); Readinger, Jennifer (Mother of Cadet Faith Steffanic); Shiffer, Tadd (Father of Cadet Ethen Shiffer); Nurse/Chaperone – Koch, Michelle (Mother of Cadet McKoy Koch); Nurse/Chaperone – Christensen, Dawn (Mother of Cadet Nick Christensen). Vote was Unanimous

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

A. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump for the first reading of Policy 204 “Attendance.” Vote was 6 in favor, 1 no (Frew)

B. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Frew for the first reading of Policy 150 “Title 1 Comparability of Services.” Vote was Unanimous

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

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

A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to purchase 50 Lenovo ThinkPads for the Middle School from GDC in the amount of \$22,285. This is a 2018–19 budgeted item from Technology and Middle School funds. Vote was Unanimous

17. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – (*Hannah Reiter*)


Hannah reported on the activities happening in all three schools. This was her final meeting; the Board thanked her for her time and wished her well.

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

- Four Pine Grove Area Vo-Tech Students received awards.
- Heavy Equipment training will be moving to the North Campus
- Encouraged everyone to fill out the Technology Center Board of Directors Ballots

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

20. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by D. Frew, seconded by D. Brown the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.


Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary