

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, May 17, 2018

6:30 PM

Pine Grove Area Middle School

Pine Grove, PA

Dr. Evelyn Wassel
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Evelyn Wassel.
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
Gabrielle Lutz, Student Rep. **All Board Members were present.**

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Attorney Nick Quinn, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Gerald Salen with the Quiz Bowl Team, Bernie Kelly, Pam Watts, Sandy Burns, Mary Figura, Henry Snyder, Alexia Shiffer with her parents and brothers, Erika VanTries with her parents and brothers, Brett Anspach with his father, Kylie Turner with her parents and brother and sister, Andrew Trate with his mom.

4. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mike Janicelli, Evelyn Wassel and Heath Renninger honored May Seniors of the Month – Alexia Shiffer, Erika VanTries, Brett Anspach.

Melissa Mekosh, Evelyn Wassel and Heath Renninger honored May 8th Graders of the Month– Kylie Turner and Andrew Trate.

Evelyn Wassel presented the Sportsmanship Award given out by the PIAA to Melissa Mekosh for the Pine Grove Area Middle School.

Mike Janicelli, Evelyn Wassel and Heath Renninger honored Gabrielle Lutz, Student Representative, this was her last meeting. She was given a framed picture of the high school from the School Board.

5. BOARD TREASURER

- A. Dave Lukasewicz made a motion to appoint Dave Frew as Board Treasurer for the fiscal year 2018–2019, seconded by Wes Ney. Dave Lukasewicz motioned to close the nominations, seconded by J. T. Herber. **Roll Call Vote 9 yes, 0 no**

B. S. Brill made a motion to appoint Evelyn Wassel and Dave Lukasewicz as voting delegates to the PSBA voting assembly to consider proposals recommended by the PSBA Platform Committee and adopt the legislative platform for the coming year. The delegates will vote on Friday, October 19, 2018 at the leadership conference. This was seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Teacher and staff appreciation week
- Public Performances held this week were amazing
- MS/HS Art and Woodshop Shows were outstanding
- \$6,000 donated for prize money for Woodshop
- Envirothon sent HS, MS and Elementary students and placed in the top 3 levels
- Archery Team is back and had done well
- Softball team playing in league championship.
- Important dates, May 30th at 7 pm Baccalaureate, May 31st at 7 pm Class Night and June 6th at 7pm Graduation.

Recognition of Quiz Bowl Team – Gerald Salen and the majority of the team attended the meeting. Mr. Salen stated that they had 3 goals this year: to win leagues (they went 11-1); 2) to beat Blue Mountain in the county competition and 3) to attend states. They accomplished all three ending up 12th out of 24th. Three members of the team Avery Levan, Dave Krammes and Trent Machmer spoke on how they started with the team as freshmen and how the team has grown together and how much fun it is. They also thanked Mr. Salen for all his support.

7. REVIEW OF AGENDA

8. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

9. CONSENT AGENDA

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by D. Lukasewicz, seconded by W. Ney the Board approved the minutes as listed. **Vote was Unanimous**

- April 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- April 19, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes
- April 26, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting

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

On a motion by D. Frew, seconded by D. Brown the Board approved Items A and B.
Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to pay McClure Application and Certificate for Payment #7 in the amount of \$27,082.76. This will be the final payment on the Performance Based Energy Savings Agreement Amendment 2 and will close out the first phase of the Elementary/Middle School HVAC project.

- B. Approval of 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 2018-2019 school year.

12. CURRICULUM (*Evelyn Wassel, Chairperson*)

On a motion by D. Lukasewicz, seconded by D. Frew the Board approved Items A through D. **Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval of the Band trip to Orlando Florida on April 14 through 23, 2019.
- B. Approval of the US Film and Honors Students field trip to Washington, DC. on June 11, 2018.
- C. Approval of the FFA trip to Penn State University for the FFA State Competition on June 12 thru 14, 2018.
- D. Approval of the list of anticipated PGASD graduates.

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

On a motion by D. Frew, seconded by D. Lukasewicz the Board approved Items A through E. **Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval of bills for payment.
- B. Approval of the Treasurer's Report.
- C. Approval of Mangat Family Dentistry for dental services for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$3.00 per dental exam.
- D. Approval of the Disposition of Assets form found in the Board packet to dispose of unusable items as per Policy 706.1.
- E. Approval to investigate and potentially institute reassessment against Parcel #21-09-0169.005.

Some discussion was held on whether to pay back the money spent on the HVAC project and some discussion was held on whether to raise taxes and if so how much. This discussion will continue at the June Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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

W. Ney made a motion to allow the Track and Field team to attend and spend the night at Shippensburg University for the state track meet on May 24th and 25th 2018, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**

15. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- D. Lukasewicz made a motion to approve Items A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, J, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- A. Approval to allow Joy Thompson five (5) days off without pay in June, 2018.
 - B. Approval of the resignation of Michelle Rose as District Office Secretary effective May 18, 2018 and to advertise for this position.
 - C. Approval to change the title of Mary Figura from Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology to Director of Curriculum and Instruction. This will also remove any extra benefits.
 - D. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to approve the contract between the Pine Grove Area School District and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 pending ratification by the union, seconded by D. Brown. **Roll Call Vote 9 yes, 0 no**
 - E. Approval of the revised Organizational Chart.
 - F. Approval of the new position and job description for Utility Worker and to advertise for this position.
 - G. Approval of the new position and job description for Supervisor of Buildings, Maintenance, and Grounds.
 - H. Approval of Monica Breiner as the advisor for the Social Studies Club in the high school.
 - I. Approval of the letter of intent to retire from Kerry Spittler from his position as custodian effective June 30, 2018.
 - J. Approval to ratify adding the following to the district volunteer list: Marc Griffiths, Antonio Joseph, Andrea Kimmel, Renee Bressler, Carolyn Keefer, Kortnee Wagner, Kimberly Tobin, Angela Frank, Shirley Wagner, Jennifer Guidas, Jeramiah Arnold, Sarah Delp, Amanda Lutz, Melissa Dockey, Danielle Kocher, Heather Leininger, Daniel Bonawicz, Edward Turner, Rebecca Miller, Joshua Ott, Jeff Sampson, Christopher Barry, Amy Kimmel, Jessica Lyons, Ashley Bayer, Fawn Brucker, Chelsea Crary-Klinger, Ann Felty, Jodi Harris, Stacey Harris, Sherri Koppenhaver, Jenny LeBouf, Courtney Lingle, Patricia Lewis, David Lukasewicz, Jessica Lyons, Jena Merwine, Melissa Miller, Cathy Nagle, Regina Pompei, Wendy Raber, Trudy Reichert, Aimee Reiter, Amanda Renninger, Justine Schach, Jennifer Sohn, Greg Warg, Ann Marie Wildermuth, Brandon Witmer, Jessica Wolfe, Jennifer Zimmerman, Leighann Higgins, Theodore Kemmerling II, Angela Williams, Maureen Austin, Hunter Madison, Amy Kimmel, Janel Aungst.

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

A. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of the Wellness Policy, seconded by D. Lukasewicz. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

Dave Lukasewicz announced that there is progress being made with the communication problems for bus radios around the Echo Valley Area.

18. TECHNOLOGY - (*Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson*)

Don Brown announced that some of the equipment submitted for Erate has been approved and the work will start over the summer. Approximately \$76,000 will be saved by the district.

19. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - (*Gabrielle Lutz*)


This was Gabrielle's final meeting. She gave her monthly update on the happenings in all the schools and thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to serve as Student Rep.

20. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT - (*Dave Frew, Representative*)

Dave Frew announced that they have hired an assistant Executive Director. This person will be in charge of the trade school.

21. PUBLIC COMMENTS

22. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm on a motion by D. Lukasewicz and seconded by D. Brown.


Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary