

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Tuesday, June 19, 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 – Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice President Dave Lukasewicz.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Steve Brill

Donald E. Brown, Jr.

Dave Frew (**Absent**)

J.T. Herber

Dave Lukasewicz

Wes Ney

Randy Stump

Alethea Wessner (**Arrived 7:30**) Evelyn Wassel (**on the phone**)

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Andy Diehl, Henry Snyder, Mary Figura, Sandy Burns, Pam Watts, Angela Bender, Andrea Hatter, Gerald Salen, Mary Debus, Susan Seavey, Alexis Kitchen with mother and mothers' boyfriend, Mike Janicelli, Holly Gaydos.

4. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz recognized Eighth Grade student of the Month – Alexis Kitchens

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Sandy Burns, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz recognized Holly Gaydos, along with Mary Debus and Susan Seavey Elementary PTO for all the hard work the PTO does for the school.
- Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz recognized Angela Bender, Middle School PTO for all the hard work the PTO does for the school.

Informational: The contract between the Pine Grove Area School District and the AFSCME Employees has been approved by both the district and union employees and will take effect July 1, 2018.

Heath and Jody met with the Borough to discuss and MOU for part-time police officer.

The Auditor General's Office will begin their audit of the district July 2nd.

Our Single Audit Report was in compliance.

6. BOARD BUSINESS

- A. R. Stump made a motion to appoint Hannah Reiter as Student Representative to the Board of Directors for the 2018/2019 school year, seconded by J.T. Herber.

Vote was Unanimous

7. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- Committee of the Whole 5-10-18
- Board Meeting 5-17-18

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

- A. D. Brown made a motion to replace the floors in the high school rooms D103 and D117 at a total cost of \$9,070.00 to be paid from capital projects, seconded by S. Brill. **Vote was Unanimous**

- B. D. Brown made a motion to purchase 150 student desks and chairs for the middle school at a cost of \$24,401.00 to be paid from capital projects. This is a CoStars Price #035-025, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**

10. CURRICULUM (*Evelyn Wassel, Chairperson*)

DISCUSSION: Mary Figura talked about:

1. Purchase of Special Education Math Series – Math 180 (HS & MS); Saxon Math (ES)
2. Wellness Report
3. CVC Program Update
4. Update on Summer Programs

- A. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the list of PGASD graduates, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

- B. J.T. Herber made a motion to revise the 2018/2019 school year calendar, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

- C. J.T. Herber made a motion to purchase student license packets of Course 1 and 2 of Math 180. This is will be used for special education math in the middle school and high school and for any other at risk students. This also includes 10 teacher packets with manipulatives and differentiated instruction at a cost of \$31,804.18. This money will be taken from the Curriculum Special Education Instruction Budget, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. S. Brill made a motion to adopt the resolution for the Levy of School District taxes for 2018–2019. The tax rates are an increase of 1.0 mills from the 2017–2018 year. Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 40.75 mills on real property on each dollar of assessed valuation, seconded by D. Brown.

Roll Call Vote, 7 yes, 0 no 2 absent (Frew, Wessner)

- B. D. Brown made a motion to adopt the resolution for the 2018–2019 general fund budget, seconded by S. Brill: **Vote was Unanimous**

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund Budget	\$24,072,527	\$24,072,527

- C. S. Brill made a motion to request a \$250.00 tax levied on the occupation of individuals living within the district, seconded by R. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

- D. S. Brill made a motion to request a 1% levy on earned income under Act 511 (to be shared with component municipalities). A 1% levy on transfer of real estate under Act 511 (to be shared with component municipalities), seconded by D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous

- E. D. Brown made a motion to request a \$10.00 tax levied on the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the Pine Grove Area School District (to be shared with component municipalities), seconded by S. Brill.

Vote was Unanimous

- F. J. T. Herber made a motion to adopt the 2018–2019 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**

- G. S. Brill made a motion to approve the bills for payment, seconded by W. Ney.

Vote was Unanimous

- H. S. Brill made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous

- I. S. Brill made a motion to approve the 2017 tax exemptions as found in the Board Packet, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**

- J. S. Brill made a motion to approve the Disposition of Assets form found in the Board packet to dispose of unusable items as per Policy 706.1, seconded by D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous

- K. S. Brill made a motion to approve the 2018–2019 rates for the Berks County Schools Health and Welfare Trust: Single – \$698.92 per month; Two–Party – \$1,488.70 per month; Family – \$2,026.89 per month. This is a 9.5% increase over last year, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- L. S. Brill made a motion to approve the 2018–2019 rates for the Schuylkill County Schools Health and Welfare Trust. Dental .92% raise over last year. Single \$30.86; Husband and Wife \$61.72; Parent & Child \$61.72; Parent and Children \$77.15; Family \$77.15; Composite \$60.63. Vision 0.73% decrease over last year. Single \$6.80; Husband and Wife \$13.60; Parent and Child \$13.60; Parent and Children \$17.00; Family \$17.00; Composite \$13.32, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- M. S. Brill made a motion to authorize the Business Administrator to make the necessary budgetary transfers for the 2017–2018 school year expenditures to avoid budgetary line item categorical over–under expenditures resulting from local audit reclassifications. This blanket authorization is restricted to those transfers required as a result of local audit reclassifications and will be reported as required at subsequent school board meetings in accordance with the directives received from the Auditor General’s Office, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**
- N. S. Brill made a motion to approve the service agreement with Rodney Zechmen to maintain the shop equipment in the high school and middle school. This will not exceed \$1,600 quarterly, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**
- O. S. Brill made a motion to award the following bids, seconded by R. Stump:
Vote was Unanimous
Municipal Waste Removal Bid to Waste Management in the amount of \$13,188, extra waste pickup \$50.00, extra recycle pickup \$35.00.
Propane Bid to Koppy’s Propane in the amount of \$1.245/gallon non–escalating.
Coal Bid to Reading Anthracite in the amount of \$134.00/ton.
- P. R. Stump made a motion to approve the annual contract with CSIU for accounting and personnel software in an amount not to exceed \$21,500, seconded by S. Brill. **Vote was Unanimous**
- Q. S. Brill made a motion to approve the contract with Thomas Piano Service to tune the 6 pianos in our district. The cost is \$73.00 for multiple piano tuning and \$120.00 for single, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- R. W. Ney made a motion to award the lumber bid, after the bid opening June 20, 2018 to the lowest bidder, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. W. Ney made a motion to hire Lindsey Petrousky as Assistant Cross Country Coach at a stipend of \$1,800, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. W. Ney made a motion to hire Denise Schneck as Cheerleading Advisor at a stipend of \$3,375, seconded by S. Brill. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. W. Ney made a motion to hire Vanessa Rittenbaugh as Assistant Cheerleading Advisor at a stipend of \$2,025, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. W. Ney made a motion to hire Kalene Anderson and Lauren Thompson as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coaches for the junior high team at a stipend of \$1,350 each, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. W. Ney made a motion to hire Samantha Hoover as Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach at a stipend of \$2,700, seconded by S. Brill. **Vote was Unanimous**

13. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. W. Ney made a motion to approve the resignation of Kimberly West from her position as High School English Teacher and Student Council Advisor effective June 14, 2018, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. W. Ney made a motion to approve the resignation of Kaitlin Rando from her position as High School English Teacher effective June 14, 2018, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. W. Ney made a motion to approve the resignation of Lucas Frey from his position as High School Mathematics Teacher effective June 30, 2018, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Brown made a motion to change Jacob Herring's mentor from Eric Kurtz to Lori Roshannon for the 2017/2018 school year. Lori will receive a stipend of \$400, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. W. Ney made a motion to transfer Allen Aungst from his current position as Maintenance Worker HVAC to Supervisor of Buildings, Maintenance and Grounds, effective July 1, 2018. Art will receive \$55,000 and all benefits in accordance with the Administrators Contract, seconded by D. Brown.
Vote was Unanimous
- F. R. Stump made a motion to ratify adding the following to the district volunteer list: Amy Salviano, Anthony Fisher, Dawn Christensen, Teri Fegley, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**

- G. R. Stump made a motion to allow the Superintendent to interview and hire necessary employees who will be Board approved at the August Board Meeting, seconded by S. Brill. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. R. Stump made a motion to implement the Pre-Employment Screening to be conducted at the Lehigh Valley Health Network, seconded by S. Brill.
Vote was Unanimous
- I. S. Brill made a motion to ratify hiring the following summer workers: Nicholas Kreiser (pending clearances); Cody Wike (pending clearances); Kamryn Felty (pending clearances); Karson Felty; Mitchell Lesh; Canter Zimmerman; Jeremy Klinger. They began their employment June 15, 2018, seconded by J.T. Herber.
Vote was Unanimous
- J. D. Brown made a motion to pay the following teachers to run the summer programs for Summer Scholars and Pre-K. They will be paid \$27.00 per hour as per the teacher's contract: Courtney Boone, Donna Medeiros, Abe Hitz, Josh Hewes, Glen Gray and Amber Holland, seconded by W. Ney.
Vote was Unanimous
- K. R. Stump made a motion to pay the following aides to help the summer programs. They will be paid their regular hourly wage: Joelle Bretz and Tina Niemi, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**
14. POLICY- (*J.T. Herber, Chairperson*)
J. T. Herber made a motion to approve Items A through C, seconded by R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous
- A. Approval of the first reading of Policy 138 "English as a Second Language/Bilingual Program"
- B. Approval of the first reading of Policy 105 "Curriculum"
- C. Approval of the first reading of Policy 210.1 "Possession/Administration of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors."
15. TRANSPORTATION- (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)
Contract will be up on June 20, 2019.
Dead radio area has been resolved.
16. TECHNOLOGY - (*Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson*)
Andy: Fiber project has begun, ordering switches, project should be complete by end of July.
Met with Intermixit and have had good conversations, should end with good relationship.

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

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS

19. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned and Board went into executive session at 7:47 pm for personnel reasons.



Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary