

Pine Grove Area School District



Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, June 19, 2025 @ 6:30pm
Middle School Library

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Donald E. Brown, Jr. Amanda Daubert
Genavieve Moyer ~~Sascha Primeau~~
Dave Lukasewicz

Dave Frew ~~J.T. Herber~~
Lauren Potter Randy Stump
(arrived at 6:38pm)

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Brittney Harner, Rich Dunkelberger, Corey Mentzer, Sandy Burns, Mike Janicelli, Victoria Luckenbach and family, Nick Quinn, Kim Pribilla, Scott Dimon, Alexis Butler and family, and members of the PGA Softball team.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Heath Renninger talked about the having a positive school year of growth and gave thanks to those involved. He also talked about having an effective start to the summer.

Mike J. – Introduced Victoria Luckenbach as the most decorated athlete in the school district. Congratulated the softball team for a successful season. Congratulated Lexi Butler on becoming a State Officer for the FFA and went over what that process looked like.

Scott Dimon – Congratulated Coach Keith Lehman on his retirement as Head Baseball Coach after 25 years. He had 375 wins and 180 losses. He went over Victoria Luckenbach's successes in Track and Field and her winning records. He also went into detail on the softball team's season.

5. **BOARD BUSINESS**

D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Items A and B.

A. Approve to authorize the Superintendent to hire from this meeting until the end of August 2025, if necessary.

- B. Approval to appoint Zofia Fegley as the Student Representative to the School Board for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Vote was Unanimous.

INFORMATIONAL: The Board met in an Executive Session after the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 which is required under Section 1309-B of the PA Public School Code in order for the school Safety and Security Coordinator to report on current Safety and Security practices and discuss strategies for improvement.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve Item A.

- A. Approval of the May 13, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, and the May 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Vote was Unanimous.

8. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Dave Frew, Chairperson

D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Item A.

- A. A motion is requested to approve contracting services with Mr. D's interiors LLC to replace the ES Room A105 Pre-K floor at a cost not to exceed \$3,922.50. This cost will be taken from the Pre-K Grant.

Vote was Unanimous.

INFORMATIONAL: The Little Cardinals Football Organization has been granted approval through the facility request process to use the football practice field directly above the Elementary School for their 2025 season. The organization has agreed to closely monitor parking and safety concerns.

9. CURRICULUM – Genavieve Moyer, Chairperson

G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by L. Potter to approve Item A.

- A. A motion is requested to approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement with Kutztown University as found in the Board Packet

Vote was Unanimous.

10. FINANCE/AUDIT – Dave Frew, Chairperson

- A. *D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve adopting the resolution for the Levy of School District taxes for the school year 2025-2026. The tax rates have increased 2.42 mills over prior year. Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 47.17 mills on real property on each dollar of assessed valuation.*

Revenues

\$31,215,700

Expenditures

\$31,215,700

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

- B. *D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the 2025-2026 Pine Grove Area School District Proposed Final Budget. The budget is open for public inspection. The proposed final budget is balanced.*

Revenues

\$31,215,700

Expenditures

\$31,215,700

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Items C through X.

- C. A motion is requested to adopt the resolution for the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget.
- D. Approval to request a \$250.00 tax levy on the occupation of individuals within the district.
- E. Approval to request a 1% tax levy on earned income under Act 511 (to be shared with the component municipalities).
- F. Approval to request a 1% levy on transfer of real estate under Act 511 (to be shared with municipalities).
- G. Approval to request a \$10.00 tax levied on the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the Pine Grove Area School District.
- H. Approval to adopt the 2025-2026 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.
- I. Approval to extend the discount due date on the 2025 School District Real Estate Tax Bill from 8/31/2025 to 9/30/2025 and the face period due date from 10/31/2025 to 11/30/2025. The penalty period will be after 11/30/2025 until 12/31/2025.
- J. Approval of the bills for payment.
- K. Approval of the treasurer's report.
- L. A motion is requested to authorize a settlement agreement pertaining to student #8787
- M. A motion is requested to approve the Disposition of Assets as found in the Board Packet and to dispose of them as per Board Policy.
- N. Approval to contract with Thomas Piano Service to tune the district pianos. The cost of tuning each piano is \$95.00 per piano when tuning multiple pianos per visit. The cost of tuning a single piano per visit, such as the grand piano for a concert, drama event, etc. is \$132.00.
- O. Approval to contract with Mangat Family Dentistry for dental services for the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$3.00 per dental exam.
- P. Approval to contract with Dr. Bajwa as the school physician for the 2025-

2026 school year. He will be paid \$10.00 for each student physical.

- Q. Approval to appoint Jodie Dermo, Business Administrator as the Management Trustee to the Berks County School District Healthcare Trust for the 2025-2026 school year.
- R. Approval to transfer \$2,031,465 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. This transfer is part of the 2024-25 budget.
- S. Approval of the 2025-2026 Berks County Schools Districts Health Trust: Single - \$988.39 per month; Two-Party - \$2,105.26 per month; Family - \$2,866.36 per month. This is an increase of 9.99% over prior year.
- T. Approval of the 2025-2026 rates for the Schuylkill County School Employees Health and Welfare Trust: Dental – increase of 1.51% over last year. Single - \$34.35; Husband and Wife - \$68.70; Parent and Child - \$68.70; Parent and Children - \$85.88; Family - \$85.88; Composite - \$66.57.
- U. Approval of the 2025-2026 PSEA Health and Welfare Trust for Vision insurance coverage. The rates will be the same as our 2024-2025 PSEA vision insurance rates; Single - \$7.70 per month; Husband and Wife - \$15.40 per month; Parent and Child - \$15.40 per month; Parent and Children - \$19.25 per month; Family - \$19.25 per month; Composite 0 \$14.81 per month.
- V. Approval to authorize the Business Administrator to make the necessary budgetary transfers for the 2024-2025 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 Auditors General's Office.
- W. A motion is requested to approve a Multiple Disabilities Support Program tuition agreement with the Blue Mountain School District for the 2026-2026 school year, and for any Extended School Year ("ESY") program, at the annual rate of \$41,580, exclusive of ESY programming, or \$231 per day, per student. Related services, as appropriate, shall be billed at an additional hourly rate of Physical Therapy (\$75 per hour), Skilled Nursing LPN (\$19.75 per hour), Skilled Nursing RN/CSN (\$36 per hour), Speech and Language Therapy (\$65 per hour), and Occupational Therapy (\$60 per hour) per hour.
- X. A motion to approve the 2025-2026 LIEP Service Agreement with the Schuylkill IU#29 for a total of \$15,230.00.

Vote was Unanimous.

11. EXTRA-CURRICULAR – Randy Stump, Chairperson

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Items A through F.

- A. Approval to hire Scott Dimon as Athletic Director for the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend of \$10,780.

- B. Approval to hire Jamie Hitz and Paul Felty as Assistant Athletic Directors for the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend of \$3,987.50 each.
- C. Approval to hire the following coaches for the Boys' Soccer team for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - Kaden Lenge, assistant, at a stipend of \$3,300.
 - Karen Unger, Jr. High, at a stipend of \$3,300.
 - Bobby Wolfgang, Jr. High, at a stipend of \$3,300.
 - Volunteers: Mark Frankenfield, Brett Weber, Bryce Weber.
- D. Approval to hire the following coaches for the Boys' Basketball team for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - Jamie Campbell, Varsity Assistant, at a stipend of \$3,300.
 - John Mika, JV Coach, at a stipend of \$3,300.
 - Abe Hitz, JV/Varsity Assistant, at a stipend of \$3,300.
 - Andrew Griffiths, Jr. High, at a stipend of \$3,300.
 - Volunteers: Scott Delinko
- E. Approval to hire Ryan Leffler as Head Softball Coach for the 2025-2026 season at a stipend of \$5,775.
- F. Approval to hire Lynne Delinko as Head Track and Field Coach for the 2025-2026 season at a stipend of \$5,500.

Vote was Unanimous.

INFORMATIONAL: Regretfully, we would like to thank and congratulate Coach Keith Lehman on his successful 25-year career as Head Baseball Coach. Coach Lehman has chosen not to return next season. We are grateful for his impact as a coach, role model and mentor for so many young athletes.

12. PERSONNEL – Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Items A through BB.

- A. Approval to grant Maternity Leave/FMLA Leave to employee #95999 beginning approximately August 12, 2025 and returning approximately December 2, 2025.
- B. Approval to grant Maternity Leave to employee #96826 beginning approximately August 12, 2025 and returning approximately November 7, 2025.
- C. A motion is requested to approve the Letter of Resignation from Lindsey Semar from her position as 8th grade Reading Teacher in the Middle School, effective June 18, 2025.
- D. A motion is requested to approve the revised Payroll Specialist/PIMS Supervisor contract as found in the Board Packet.
- E. A motion is requested to approve the Payroll Specialist/PIMS Supervisor job description, as found in the Board Packet.

- F. A motion is requested to approve hiring Kaitlyn Ruhl as a Temporary Professional starting with the 2025/2026 school year. Kaitlyn will be paid Bachelor's Step 1 for a salary of \$49, 590 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach Special Education and will be assigned to Grades 5-8 Autistic Support.
- G. A motion is requested to approve hiring Joshua Tuite as a Temporary Professional starting with the 2025/2026 school year. Joshua will be paid Bachelor's Step 1 for a salary of \$49, 590 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. He will teach Special Education, assignment to be determined.
- H. A motion is requested to approve hiring Kamryn Stine as a Speech and Language Pathologist starting with the 2025/2026 school year. Kamryn will be paid Master's Step 1 for a salary of \$52,715 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract.
- I. A motion is requested to hire Kelly Wagner for the position of Paraprofessional II. Kelly will be paid \$13.80 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance to the current AFSCME contract, pending clearances.
- J. A motion is requested to hire Amanda Stortz as Paraprofessional I. Amanda will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance to the current AFSCME contract.
- K. A motion is requested to hire Megan Strouphauer as Paraprofessional I. Megan will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance to the current AFSCME contract.
- L. A motion is requested to hire Becky Readinger as Custodian. Becky will be paid \$15.00 and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME contract, pending clearances.
- M. A motion is requested to hire Jenny Lyons, RN as Health Room Technician. Jenny will be paid \$21.50 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME contract.
- N. A motion is requested to approve moving Darcy Brommer from Paraprofessional to Elementary Secretary effective July 2, 2025. Darcy will be paid \$18.50 per hour.
- O. A motion is requested to approve hiring Meghan Sarge as a paraprofessional for the ESY Program for the summer of 2025. Meghan will be paid \$12.35 per hour.
- P. A motion is requested to approve hiring Jess Enge as a teacher for the ESY Program for the summer of 2025. Jess will be paid at the contractual rate for professional staff.

- Q. A motion is requested to approve hiring Kamryn Stine as Related Service Staff for the ESY Program for the Summer, 2025. Kamryn will be paid at the contractual rate for professional staff.
- R. Approval to pay the following professional staff the contractual rate to teach ESY for the Summer, 2025: Mary Jo Nabholz
- S. Approval to pay the following Nurses their contractual rate to cover ESY for the Summer, 2025: Kelly Jochems, Jess Lyons, Leigh Herber
- T. Approval to pay the following Related Service Staff for the ESY Program for the Summer, 2025: Suzanne Dubbs
- U. Approval to ratify hiring the following summer workers for Buildings and Grounds effective May 30, 2025: Nicole Neidlinger, Lola Dermo, Ian Brown, Owen Hatfield, Quincy Allen, Brady Gehres, Torren Crochunis. They will work 25 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour.
- V. Approval to ratify hiring the following summer workers for Buildings and Grounds effective June 2, 2025: Cathy Burns and Nikita Merwine. They will work 25 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour.
- W. A motion is requested to approve the Paraprofessional Job Description, as found in the Board Packet.
- X. A motion is requested to approve the Paraprofessional Evaluation Form, as found in the Board Packet.
- Y. A motion is requested to approve the Mentor Job Description, as found in the Board Packet.
- Z. A motion is requested to approve the Mentor Evaluation Form, as found in the Board Packet.
- AA. A motion is requested to approve the Data/Child Accounting Secretary Job Description, as found in the Board Packet
- BB. A motion is requested to approve the Data/Child Accounting Secretary Evaluation Form, as found in the Board Packet.

Vote was Unanimous.

13. POLICY – J.T. Herber, Chairperson

14. TRANSPORTATION – Lauren Potter, Chairperson

15. TECHNOLOGY – Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson

- A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve disposing of old technology as listed in the Board Packet. All equipment is disposed of through an electronic cycling program. All data containing devices will be sanitized to Department of Defense standards using DoD 5220.22-M method.

16. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – *Dave Frew, Representative*

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS

18. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm into an Executive Session for personnel.

Brittney Harner

Brittney Harner, Board Secretary