

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting
Thursday, July 30, 2020
5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting
6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent

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

In attendance: Randy Stump, Dave Frew, Dave Lukasewicz, Genavieve Moyer, Alethea Wessner, Donald E. Brown, Jr., J.T. Herber, Heath Renninger, Bernie Kelly, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Jill Hlavaty, Vince Hoover, Henry Snyder, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Sandy Burns, Melissa Mekosh.

- Heath announced that we interviewed today for an elementary school nurse, and he asked that we move to the agenda at 6:30 pm for board of approval of the candidate the committee has chosen.
- Heath gave a brief overview of the 4 items in red that will be discussed at this meeting: Pine Grove Area School District Health & Safety Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Emergency Instructional Time Template and the COVID-19 Emergency Resolution. Application to state for Flexible Instruction Days for 2020-2021 and the approval of the Joint School Agreement for Provision of Facilities.
- School Reopening Plan will be presented tonight and must be approved and sent to PDE before the beginning of school. Vince Hoover and Heath Renninger presented a PowerPoint Presentation of the plan to the Board. The pandemic team consisting of administration, teachers, support staff, health officials, and community members came up with the plan. We need to get the plan approved by the Board and send to PDE so Heath will be asking the Board to move it to the meeting agenda for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Dave Lukasewicz opened the meeting at 6:40 pm and announced that the July 30, 2020 Committee of the Whole and School Board Meeting is physically closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting is being held virtually by using the ZOOM Webinar platform. The public is invited to attend this virtual meeting by going to www.pgasd.com and following the directions under the School Board Meeting Alert heading. Public comment on the agenda will be accepted by email up to 10 minutes before the official start of the meeting. He also announced that an Executive Session was held after the June 18th meeting from 7:00-8:30 pm for personnel reasons.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Steve Brill	Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Dave Frew
J.T. Herber	Genavieve Moyer	Wes Ney
Randy Stump	Alethea Wessner	Dave Lukasewicz

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Bernie Kelly, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Jill Hlavaty, Vince Hoover, Henry Snyder, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Sandy Burns, Melissa Mekosh, Attorney Nick Quinn.

4. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS: During this time, written public comment on agenda items will be accepted electronically via email at public_comment@pgasd.com. All public comments must be posted no later than ten minutes prior to the official start of the meeting on the day of the meeting. Dave Lukasewicz, Board President asked Joanne Brindle Board Secretary if there have been any public comments. Yes, there were three comments. Joanne read the first comment from parent Erin Aungst, she stated that it would be a good idea for the students on their day when they are not in school to be able to participate with their class via Zoom. Heath stated that we are not at that point yet but are working towards being able to do that. The second comment was from Brad Tucker who stated that he would like to see the students going two days in a row, having a day off for deep cleaning and then having the others students in for the next two days. Henry Snyder, Director of Buildings and Maintenance said the buildings will be totally disinfected every night. The third comment was from Andrea Primeau who stated that she would like to have the Board make a decision ASAP so parents can start planning. The Board is discussing that tonight.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Discussion was held on the Health and Safety Plan and opening school in a hybrid state among the Board. Board members had questions on having athletics while we are not fully opening school. Scott Dimon was on Zoom and explained what the PIAA recommendations are.

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the Pine Grove Area School District Health & Safety Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. G. Moyer made a motion to put on the agenda, seconded by D. Frew to approve the plan to start the school year in a blended learning format. **Vote was Unanimous**

- C. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to approve the plan to start the school year in a blended learning format. **Roll Call Vote, 5 yes, 2 no (Herber, Frew)**

- D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the Emergency Instructional Time Template and the COVID-19 Emergency Resolution as submitted to the state. **Vote was Unanimous**

- E. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to apply to the state for flexible instruction days for the 2020–2021 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the “Joint School Agreement For Provision Of Facilities” by and between the member School Districts of the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29, whereas the member School Districts, parties hereto, desire to provide, equip, furnish and maintain a facility for the provision of educational services within the County which can be operated equitably and economically on a cooperative basis. **Vote was Unanimous**

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the June 18, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to contract services with Mr. D's Interiors LLC to install new VCT in the High School cafeteria at a cost not to exceed \$8,950.00. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account.
Vote was Unanimous

8. CURRICULUM (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to revise the 2020–2021 school year calendar. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the Letter of Agreement for the provision of a Student Assistance Program Service between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Child and Family Services, Inc. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the Letter of Agreement for Individual Elementary Student Assistance Assessments between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Child and Family Support Services, Inc.
Vote was Unanimous
- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to authorize Attorney Nick Quinn to file any and all appeals in accordance with Board Policy of appealing parcel sale transactions generating \$10,000 or more in additional tax revenues for the following parcels: 29–1–30(1) and 21–9–86(4) and any other parcels that come available.
Vote was Unanimous
- D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to ratify accepting the disposition of assets sheets as found in the board packet and to dispose of them as per policy.
Vote was Unanimous
- E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the 2020–2021 LIEP Service Agreement between the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and the Pine Grove Area School District. **Vote was Unanimous**

Informational: Pine Grove Area Elementary has been accepted into the 2020-2021 Response to Intervention/Specific Learning Disability (RTI/SLD) Cohort Series through PaTTAN, which includes virtual professional development and a stipend of \$10,000.

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

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to hire Denise Schneck as Cheerleading Advisor for the 2020-2021 season at a stipend of \$3,543.75.

Vote was Unanimous

11. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to hire Kelly Jochems as a temporary professional beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Kelly will be paid Masters Step 1 for a salary of \$44,705 and any benefits as per the professional staff contract. She will be the elementary school nurse replacing Heather Winn who retired. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to allow Keith Lehman, Director of Grounds to retire under the PGASD Employee Retirement Incentive effective, December 31, 2020. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to hire Susan Seavey as a temporary professional beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Susan will be paid Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$42,455 and any benefits as per the professional staff contract. She will teach first grade replacing Kim Pribilla who retired. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to ratify hiring Lauren Thompson as a Secretary Level III. Lauren will be paid \$13.80 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. She replaces Joy Thompson who retired. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to ratify hiring Karna Fulling as a Secretary Level III. Karna will be paid \$13.80 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. She will be the middle school principal's secretary. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to ratify hiring Eric Cofield as a custodian. Eric will be paid \$13.50 per hour and receive all benefits per the AFSCME contract. His first day was July 20, 2020. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to ratify accepting the intent to retire from Emma Noll, cleaning person, effective June 30, 2020. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to ratify hiring Kristen Haller as a cleaning person. Kristen will be paid \$12.00 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. She is replacing Emma Noll who retired. **Vote was Unanimous**

- I. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to ratify hiring Linda Donmoyer as a cleaning person. Linda will be paid \$12.00 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. She is replacing Diane Jones who retired.

Vote was Unanimous

- J. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to hire the following teachers as mentors for the 2020–2021 school year:

Dana Sabaday for Tyler Cann at a stipend of \$400

Michelle Brand for Molly Zwiebel at a stipend of \$400

Dawn Reiter for Susan Seavey at a stipend of \$400

Vote was Unanimous

- K. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the new job descriptions for Crisis Intervention Counselor, Social Worker and Part-Time Technology Integration Specialist. **Vote was Unanimous**

- L. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to appoint Joanne Brindle as the Title IX Coordinator for the Pine Grove Area School District. **Vote was Unanimous**

- M. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to grant maternity leave to Jena Kramer beginning approximately October 9, 2020 and lasting until approximately the return from winter break in January of 2021. **Vote was Unanimous**

- N. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to grant tenure to Corrine Ryan, Malerie Munden and Jacob Herring. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

Dave has been attending meetings by Zoom. Dr. Koons and IU Team have been putting a lot of work into planning the school year opening of the Vo-Tech and the IU. The Vo-Tech may open in full because class sizes are small.

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS The board is not accepting public comments at this time on non-agenda items. All comments of this nature should be directed to the Superintendent.

17. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by J.T. Herber the Board adjourned the meeting into an executive session for legal reasons.


Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary