

Pine Grove Area School District



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2024
Middle School Library

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Amanda Daubert	Dave Frew	J.T. Herber
Genavieve Moyer	Sascha Primeau	Lauren Potter	Randy Stump
Dave Lukasewicz			

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Attorney Nick Quinn, Mike Janicelli, Corey Mentzer, Rich Dunkelberger, Bill Kimber, Todd Lengle, Jacob Herring, Scott Dimon, Shannon Shughart, Sandy Burns, Keith Lehman, Tanya Burke, Bill and Jennifer Hall.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by L. Potter to approve the 2024-25 Pine Grove Area School District Health and Safety Plan as required by the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Act.

Vote was Unanimous

5. **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to approve the Pine Grove Area School Board Resolution 2024-01 to establish a mechanism for the PIAA to create separate playoffs for boundary and non-boundary schools in post-season games. **Vote was Unanimous**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by L. Potter to approve the June 18, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes and June 20, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

8. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Dave Frew, Chairperson

A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by L. Potter to revise the motion approved in May to contract services with D’S Painting Services to paint the High School Auditorium walls at a cost not to exceed \$11,050.00. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account, to state the cost not to exceed \$12,000 due to some changes. **Vote was Unanimous**

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve Items B and C.
Vote was Unanimous

B. Approval to dispose of various furniture including old tables at the High School. Furniture was replaced during the classroom renovations in D Wing.

C. Approval of final payment to DS Painting in the amount of \$5,085.00.

9. CURRICULUM – Genavieve Moyer, Chairperson

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to approve Items A through C.
Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval of the Curriculum Facilitators for the 2024-2025 School Year as found in the Board Packet.

B. Approval of the Targeted Support and Improvement Plan (Title One School-wide Plan) for the Elementary School.

C. Approval of the 2024-2025 Middle School Student Handbook, 2024-2025 High School Student Handbook and 2024-2025 Elementary School Student Handbook.

10. FINANCE/AUDIT – Dave Frew, Chairperson

J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Items A through G.
Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval of the bills for payment.

B. Approval of the treasurer’s report.

C. Approval of the 2024-2025 LIEP Service Agreement between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Schuylkill IU 29.

D. Approval of the LIEP plan.

E. Approval of the 2024-2025 Title I Letter of Agreement between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29.

F. Approval to allow Portnoff Law Associates, LTD to move forward with the writs of execution for Parcels 67-03-0166, 33-15-0023, 12-07-0071.

G. Approval of the Disposition of Assets Form as found in the Board Packet and dispose of them as per Board Policy.

11. EXTRA-CURRICULAR – Randy Stump, Chairperson

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by L. Potter to ratify hiring Kristen Owens as an assistant girls' soccer coach, she will receive a stipend \$1,650.

Vote was Unanimous

Motion was made by L. Potter seconded by J.T. Herber to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 6:43 pm. The meeting resumed at 7:17 pm.

12. PERSONNEL – Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson

- R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve Items A through Y.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Rebecca Cochran from her position as Life Skills Teacher in the Elementary School effective July 19, 2024.
- B. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Melissa LaSalle as 6th Grade Math Teacher in the Middle School effective July 25, 2024.
- C. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Katie Cook from her position as High School English Teacher effective July 31, 2024.
- D. Approval to ratify accepting the retirement of Denise Lehman from her job as paraprofessional effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- E. Approval to ratify hiring Marisa Zook as a Temporary Professional starting with the 2024-2025 school year. Marisa will be paid Masters' Step 3 for a salary of \$51,515 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach Math in the High School.
- F. Approval to ratify hiring Lisa Ferguson, PhD as a Professional Employee starting with the 2024-2025 school year. Lisa will be paid Masters' +60, Step 20 for a salary of \$72,835 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach PSSA Math in the Middle School.
- G. Approval to ratify hiring Kaley Greenya as a Professional Employee starting with the 2024-2025 school year. Kaley will be paid Masters' Step 9 for a salary of \$55,795 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach Physical Education in the High School.
- H. Approval to ratify hiring Tiffany Kohr as a Temporary Professional starting with the 2024-2025 school year. Tiffany will be paid Bachelors' Step 1 for a salary of \$47,390 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach the Life Skills Class in the Elementary School.
- I. Approval to ratify hiring Mary Pleva as a Professional Employee starting with the 2024-2025 school year. Mary will be paid Masters' Step 23 for a salary of \$71,755 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach Emotional Support in the Elementary School.

- J. Approval to ratify hiring David Kriston as a Temporary Professional starting with the 2024-2025 school year. David will be paid Bachelors' Step 1 for a salary of \$47,390 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. He will teach 6th Grade Math in the Middle School.
- K. Approval to hire William Hall as a Professional Employee starting with the 2024-2025 school year. Bill will be paid Master's Step 12 for a salary of \$59,215 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. He will teach the Middle School Emotional Support Classroom.
- L. Approval to change the Salary Pay Step for employee number 98419 to Step 28 M+36 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.
- M. Approval to hire Shania Thomas as a paraprofessional II starting with the 2024-2025 school year. She will be paid \$13.80 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract.
- N. Approval to hire Emily Brown as a paraprofessional I starting with the 2024-2025 school year. She will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract.
- O. Approval to hire Gloria Moeller as a paraprofessional I starting with the 2024-2025 school year. She will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract.
- P. Approval to hire Laura Natale as a paraprofessional II starting with the 2024-2025 school year. She will be paid \$13.80 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract.
- Q. Approval to hire Edward Daubert as a paraprofessional I starting with the 2024-2025 school year. He will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract.
- R. Approval to hire Debora Selimovic as a paraprofessional I starting with the 2024-2025 school year. She will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract.
- S. Approval to ratifying the following people as mentors for new employees, each mentor will receive a stipend of \$400:

Lindsey Semar for Courtney Krise
Michelle Brand for Noah Allegretta
Tracey Bohn for Victoria Krumanocker
Malarie Casagrande for Vicki Martinez
Renee Hughes for Dillon Kintzel
Jen Heming for Danielle Readinger
Shannon Shughart for Grace Young
Dawn Reiter for Joelle Bretz
Jen Heming for Jill Gattens
Brittney Shelton for Joshua Lisi
Deanna Shanahan for Melissa Hannevig
Lindsey Semar for Nicole Mancer
Myranda Aponte for Tiffany Kohr

Mackenzie Sterner for David Kriston
Kerri Clauser for Makayla Backo

- T. Approval to accept the resignation from Cathy Burns as Cleaning Person. She will be returning to her position with Metz for the school year.
- U. Approval of the cleaning/custodial substitutes and paraprofessional substitutes for the 2024/2025:
Cleaning/Custodial: Cathy Burns, Cathy Dallago, Tiana Masser (Student), Nick McGrath, Robert Wolfe and Nikita Merwine (pending clearances).

Paraprofessionals: Kim Umbenhauer, Brittany Noecker, Ashley Greeninger and Samantha Zerbe (will be moving from Paraprofessional to substitute).
- V. Approval of the game workers for the 2024/2025 school year:
Nonemployees: Bruce Kosack, Denise Felty, Kelly Wolfe, Linda Dietrich, Mike Culbert, Stephanie Dimon, Tessa Bohn, Will Shiffer.
- W. Approval of the job descriptions for Curriculum Facilitators and Advisors as found in the board packet.
- X. Approval of the list of advisors for the 2024-2025 school year as found in the board packet.
- Y. Approval of Meghan Grady's contracted assignment as Pine Grove Area School District's Truancy Prevention Specialist. This position is employed by JusticeWorks Youth Care, Inc., Minersville, PA and fully grant funded by Schuylkill County Children & Youth.

13. POLICY – J.T. Herber, Chairperson

14. TRANSPORTATION – Lauren Potter, Chairperson

L. Potter made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to approve Items A and B.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of the Transportation Contract between Pine Grove Area School District and Patricia Snyder who will provide transportation for her grandson who is in a wheelchair. This is the same contract as last school year.
- B. Approval of the 2024-2025 Drivers List.

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

- A. S. Primeau made a motion, seconded by L. Potter to approval to dispose of old technology as listed in the Board Packet. All equipment will be disposed of through an electronic cycling program. All data containing devices will be sanitized to Department of Defense standards using the DoD 5220.22-M method. **Vote was Unanimous**

16. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – Dave Frew, Representative

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS

18. **ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by J.T. Herber the meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary