

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 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 Evelyn Wassel, Board President.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Steve Brill

Donald E. Brown, Jr.

Dave Frew

J.T. Herber (7:16)

Dave Lukasewicz

Wes Ney

Randy Stump

Alethea Wessner

Evelyn Wassel

Hannah Reiter, Student Representative

All members were in attendance. Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Attorney Nick Quinn, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Vicki (Pottsville Republican); Mike Janicelli, Barry Newswanger, Andy Diehl, Melissa Mekosh, Sandy Burns, Pam Watts, Henry Snyder, Andrea Hatter, Jill Hlavaty, Bernie Kelly, Joan (South Schuylkill), Trisha Kopinetz with parents and grandparents, Joshua Gantz with parents and sister, Wyatt Geisinger with mom, Hannah Gilbert with parents, siblings and grandmother.

4. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- Mike Janicelli, Heath Renninger and Evelyn Wassel honored Seniors of the Month – Trisha Kopinetz and Joshua Gantz
- Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and Evelyn Wassel honored Eighth Grade Students of the Month: Wyatt Geisinger and Hannah Gilbert

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Good opening to the start of school, good things are happening with fall sports; tomorrow will start our Homecoming Festivities.

6. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of the 08/09/18 COW Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the 08/16/2018 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the 08/07/18 Buildings & Grounds/Extra-Curricular Minutes

Motion by D. Frew, seconded by D. Lukasewicz.

Vote was Unanimous

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

Motion by D. Frew, seconded by D. Lukasewicz.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to reject all bids for the ash hoist project on the basis that they were cost-prohibitive at this time.

9. CURRICULUM (*Evelyn Wassel, Chairperson*)

Motion by D. Lukasewicz, seconded by W. Ney to approve Items A through H.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to hire Erin Frantz as the Physical Education Curriculum Facilitator at a stipend of \$500.
- B. Approval of the Travel Club field trip to Folger Shakespeare Theatre in Washington DC on February 21, 2019.
- C. Approval of the AP Environmental Science/AP Biology trip to Smyrna DE on May 22 and 23, 2019.
- D. Approval of the Art Class/Art Club trip to New York City for art education on November 5, 2018.
- E. Approval of the Journalism Class trip to New York City for Columbia Scholastic Press Association on November 5, 2018.
- F. Approval of the Travel and Art Club trip to Garden of Eatin and Sculpture Garden in New Jersey on October 26, 2018.
- G. Approval of the Professional Staff Supervision Plan for 2018-2019.
- H. Approval of the revision to the 4th grade report card to remove the spelling grade. This will align the report card with the other grades.

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

Motion by D. Frew, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to approve Items A through E.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of bills for payment.
- B. Approval of the Treasurer's Report.
- C. Approval of the Disposition of Asset Forms as found in the Board Packet.
- D. Approval of the 2018-2019 Special Education Service Agreement.
- E. Approval of the contract between Behavioral Health Associates and the Pine Grove Area School District.

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

Motion by W. Ney, seconded by S. Brill to approve Item A.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to add Linda Dietrich to the list of approved game workers.

Motion by D. Lukasewicz, seconded by S. Brill to table Item B.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. Approval of the 5-year agreement between Williams' French Fries and the high school football booster organization to sell fresh cut fries at home games. The contract is for 2018 through 2022.

Motion by W. Ney, seconded by S. Brill to approve Item C.

Vote was Unanimous

- C. Approval to grant permission for AJ Funnel Cakes to sell funnel cakes at Homecoming on September 22, 2018, the profits will benefit the PGA Girls' Soccer Boosters.

12. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

Motion by D. Lukasewicz, seconded by S. Brill to approve Items A through P

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to ratify hiring Jessica Mies as a temporary professional beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Jessica will be paid at Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$40,983 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She is teaching English in the high school. She began the first in-service day.
- B. Approval to ratify hiring Elaine Myers as a temporary professional beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Elaine will be paid at Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$40,983 pro-rated and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She is the Pre-School teacher in the elementary building. She started on September 4, 2018. This position is contingent upon receipt of the PreK Counts Grant.
- C. Approval to ratify hiring Makenzie Biddle as a long term substitute for the 2018-2019 school year. Ms. Biddle began on September 12, 2018, she will be paid at Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$40,983 pro-rated and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will be teaching Special Education in the high school in place of Justin Jayne. Her last day of work will be the last faculty in-service day of the 18-19 school year.
- D. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of James Fickes from his position as Elementary Health and Physical Education Teacher effective August 21, 2018.

- E. Approval to ratify hiring Nicholas Beegle as a long term substitute for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Beegle began on September 17, 2018, he will be paid at Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$40,983 pro-rated and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. He will be teaching physical education in the elementary school in place of James Fickes. His last day of work will be the last faculty in-service day of the 18-19 school year.
- F. Approval to ratify hiring Ariel Cedena as a district office secretary beginning September 4, 2018. Ariel will be paid \$13.80 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. She was a 4 hour paraprofessional 2 in the high school library.
- G. Approval to hire Amy Langkam as a 4 hour paraprofessional 1 in the high school library. Amy will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract.
- H. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Mrs. Shauna Havrilla from her position as High School Guidance Counselor, Diversity Club Advisor and Co-Facilitator of the High School Community Service Program effective September 14, 2018.
- I. Approval to grant maternity leave/FMLA leave to Andrea Zehring, high school special education teacher, starting approximately September 19th and lasting for twelve weeks.
- J. Approval to grant maternity leave/FMLA leave to Erin Frantz, middle school physical education teacher starting approximately October 31, 2018 and lasting until approximately December 12, 2018.
- K. Approval to ratify hiring Monica Breiner and Megan Bux as co-advisors for the high school student council at a stipend of \$1,045 each.
- L. Approval to ratify hiring Melissa Yourey as the high school envirothon coach at a stipend of \$467.40.
- M. Approval to amend the motion made at the August Board Meeting where we hired Andrea Hatter as the advisor for the high school newspaper to read: Approval to hire Andrea Hatter and Jason Dusko as Co Advisors for the high school newspaper. Andrea will receive a stipend of \$519.75 and Jason will receive a stipend of \$495.00.
- N. Approval to ratify hiring Donna Medeiros and Andrea Hatter to mentor Elaine Myers and Jessica Mies at a stipend of \$400 each.

O. Approval to add Vanessa Rittenbaugh and Salena Karkanica to the list of substitute nurses.

P. Approval of the following volunteers for the school district: Melinda Yorty, Susan Somers, Amy Noble, Jamie Lengel, Loretta Hoffman, Jesse Weiss, Danielle Scheer, Bruce Frymoyer, and Stacey Brown.

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

Motion by J.T. Herber, seconded by D. Frew to approve Items A through F.
Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval to recognize the establishment of the scholastic Journalism Program and approve the proposed by-laws.

B. Approval of the first reading of Policy 813.1 “Insurance Guidelines for Outside Vendors, Contractors, & Service Providers.”

C. Approval of the first reading of Policy 806 “Child Abuse.”

D. Approval of the first reading of Policy 006 “Meetings.”

E. Approval of the first reading of Policy 311 “Reduction of Staff.”

F. Approval of the first reading of Policy 108 “Adoption of Textbooks.”

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

Motion by D. Lukasewicz, seconded by D. Frew.
Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval to add Daren Erb and Terri Koons to the list of approved drivers for the 2018/2019 school year.

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

16. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – (*Hannah Reiter*)

- Hannah presented a report of what is happening in all three buildings and the sporting events.

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

- New Executive Director of the Technology Center, Ms. Brennan is going a great job. Changes are being made and numbers are going up.
- Roof Project has been slightly delayed because of rain.

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jill Hlavaty stated that the football boosters make a profit off the French fry truck at football games and asked if the truck will be allowed at the game on Saturday. The

board stated yes, the truck will be allowed there, some discussion will be held with the boosters and Williams French Fries about obtaining insurance.

19. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by D. Lukasewicz, seconded by R. Stump the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.



Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary