

Pine Grove Area School District



Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 19, 2024 Middle School Library

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

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| Donald E. Brown, Jr. | Amanda Daubert | Dave Frew | J.T. Herber |
| Genavieve Moyer | Sascha Primeau (6:40) | Lauren Potter | Randy Stump |
| Dave Lukasewicz | Alexis Butler, Student Rep | | |

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Attorney Nick Quinn, Todd Lengle, Mike Janicelli, Sandy Burns, Corey Mentzer, Rich Dunkelberger, Ken and Suzanne Dubbs, Alex Dubbs, Faith Gehres with parents and grandmother, Braylon Fairell with parents, grandparents and siblings, Renee Hughes and Joshua Zelinsky.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Heath Renninger presented Gena Moyer and Amanda Daubert with 5 year certificates from PSBA.

Mike Janicelli, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored September Senior of the Month – Alex Dubbs

Rich Dunkelberger, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored September 8th Graders of the Month – Faith Gehres and Braylon Fairell.

Superintendent Renninger recognized 3 boy scouts in the audience there to earn a merit badge.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6. **BOARD BUSINESS**

- A. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to approve the application for the 2024-2025 School Safety and Security Grant in the amount of \$128,753.

Vote was Unanimous

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the August 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes and August 15, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Vote was Unanimous

8. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Dave Frew, Chairperson

- A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the Elementary School Camera Project (Phase II – District) at a total cost of \$256,193.96. All materials and labor will be provided by NRG Controls North, Selinsgrove, PA. This is a CoStars Project Contract #040-E22-165. The school district's financial commitment of \$127,440.96 will be taken from the Capital Projects Account. The remaining \$128,753 will be funded by the 2024-2025 School Safety and Security Grant.

Vote was Unanimous

9. CURRICULUM – Genavieve Moyer, Chairperson

- G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to approve Items A and B.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of the PA Pre-K Counts and Head Start State Supplemental Program Emergency Instructional Time.
- B. Approval of the Title 1 Non-Public Schools Improvement Plan.

10. FINANCE/AUDIT – Dave Frew, Chairperson

- A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by D. Brown 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 to ratify the contract with Brittanie Deibler, to provide services as an Occupational Therapist beginning on August 26, 2024 and ending on May 31, 2025.
- D. Approval to ratify the contract with Miriam Anguilar Rincon as an Independent Contractor to provide ESL verbal translation services to the district. The contract began on August 29, 2024 and expires on June 1, 2025.
- E. Approval to ratify the contract with Heather Morgan for part time services as a Speech Therapist beginning on September 5, 2024 and ending on May 31, 2025.
- F. Approval to accept the Public School Environmental Repairs Program grant in the amount of \$696,666. The District had applied for a total of \$889,586 for this grant. However, PDE awarded projects with a uniform reduction of 22% to accommodate the entirety of requests across the Commonwealth.
- G. Approval to commit \$1,085,294.92 of fund balance for the purpose of reserving the 50% cash match of the \$1,779,173 Public School Environmental Repairs Program Grant. The District previously committed \$889,586 of fund balance for the purpose of the 50% cash match of this grant. However, due to the District being awarded \$195,708.92 less than requested, the District will need to commit an additional \$195,708.92 to finance the proposed project in the grant application.

11. EXTRA-CURRICULAR – Randy Stump, Chairperson

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

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to ratify adding Danielle Readinger and Samantha Fisher to the list of volunteer girls' soccer coaches for the 2024/2025 season.

- B. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Dillon Kintzel from his paid football coaching position. He will be a volunteer.
- C. Approval to ratify to move Sean Lyons and Francis Drozal from volunteers to the paid position vacated by Dillon. Each will receive a stipend of \$825.00

R. Stump made a motion to approve Item D, seconded by D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous with 2 abstentions (Herber, Daubert)

- D. Approval to recognize the following booster organizations officers:

Girls' Basketball Boosters:

Jenny Zimmerman: President
Heather Leininger: Treasurer
Monica Schneck: VP
Sheila Strubhar; secretary

Softball Boosters:

Jenny Zimmerman: President
Katie Dinger: treasurer
Theresa Leffler: secretary
Kristy Aungst: VP

Cheerleading Boosters:

Melissa Broy
Lisa Wagner
Dawn Rossi
Rebecca Moyer
Megan Randazzo

Wrestling Boosters:

Steph Frantz, President
Mary Chappell – VP
Melissa Dockey – Treasurer
Melissa Miller – Secretary
Amanda Emerich – Secretary

Girls Soccer Boosters:

Samantha Fisher – President
Jen Ott – VP
Sandra Stager – Secretary
Amy Rexroth – Treasurer
Leigh Herber – Fundraising
Joy Fasnacht – Concession Stand

Boys Soccer Boosters:

Pam Lenge – President
Suzanne Dubbs – VP
Katie Brown – Secretary
Carlos Pompei – Treasurer

Volleyball Boosters:

Heather Leininger – President
Danielle Gettle – VP
Amanda Daubert – Treasurer
Stacey Harris – Secretary

Boys Basketball Boosters:

Heather Leininger – President
Monica Schneck – VP
Becky Ibarra – Treasurer
Danielle Gettle – Secretary

Football Boosters:

Becky Ibarra – President
Monica Schneck – VP
Heather Leininger – Treasurer
Jessica Lyons – Secretary

12. PERSONNEL – Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson

G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Items A, C through M and O and P. **Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval to hire Brooklynn Heim as a Speech Language Pathologist. Brooklynn will be paid at Masters Step 1 for a salary of \$50,515 and all benefits in accordance with the Professional Staff Contract. She will begin approximately the last week of September, 2024.
- B. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to ratify reversing the motion made at the August 15, 2024 meeting which read “Approval to change the Salary Pay Step for employee number 98419 to Step 28 M+36 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.” To: Approval to change the Salary Pay Step for employee number 98419 to the original Step 28 M+60 for the 2024-2025 school year with any necessary retro-active pay. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. Approval to ratify a request for Family Medical Leave for Professional Employee #92016 from August 19, 2024 through September 2, 2024 and then Leave without pay from September 3, 2024 through December 2, 2024.
- D. Approval to grant maternity leave followed by Family Medical Leave for Professional Employee #92660 beginning approximately October 8, 2024.
- E. Approval to ratify a request for a leave of absence without pay for Support Staff Employee #99770 from September 13, 2024 for a minimum of 4 weeks but not to exceed 12 weeks.
- F. Approval to ratify a request for a leave of absence without pay for Support Staff Employee #95044 from August 19, 2024 for approximately 8 to 12 weeks.
- G. Approval to ratify changing the motion made on June 20, 2024 from “accepting the letter of resignation from Linda Donmoyer from her position as cleaning person” to “approving a leave without pay request from Linda Donmoyer beginning on June 5, 2024 and ending August 30, 2024”. Linda will return to her cleaning position at her current rate.
- H. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Samantha Zerbe from her position as paraprofessional effective August 29, 2024.
- I. Approval to ratify hiring Jennifer Goodman as a Paraprofessional 2. Jennifer will be paid \$13.80 per hour and receive any benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract.

- J. Approval to hire Kira Marko as a Paraprofessional. Kira will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract.
- K. Approval to hire Lori Kemmerling as a Paraprofessional. Lori will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract.
- L. Approval to grant tenure to the following teachers: Matthew Renninger, Kayle O'Neill, and Kelly Weiss.
- M. Approval to accept the resignation of Kelly Rudy from her position as Middle School Yearbook Advisor, split with Amanda Burns, and to give the position to Amanda Burns.
- N. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve of a contract addendum with Kaitlyn Bettinger, Payroll Specialist. **Vote was Unanimous**
- O. Approval of the following school volunteers: Katelyn Webb, Trista Frew.
- P. Approval to add Mason Boyer, Nikita Merwine and Talib Whah to the cleaning/custodial substitute list.
- Q. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by L. Potter to extend the superintendents current employment agreement for 5 years as per the contract.
Roll Call Vote, 7 yes, 0 no

13. POLICY – J.T. Herber, Chairperson

14. TRANSPORTATION – Lauren Potter, Chairperson

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

D.Brown made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Items A and B.
Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to contract with NRG Controls North, Inc. for year 1 of a 5- year contract to service District camera and security systems at a cost of \$23,181.00. This cost includes 5 years of Care Plus for XProtect Professional to cover the District's existing 183 IP Cameras and a 1-year agreement with NRG Controls North, Inc. of which is \$3,600.00 of the total cost. The total cost of \$23,181.00 will be taken from the Capital Projects Fund. The remaining 2 through 5 years will be included in the Technology general fund budget at a cost of less than \$4,000.00 for each year.
- B. Approval to contract with Edwards Business Systems for three copiers. The contract will be a 60-month lease @\$490.15 per month and include papercut. One copier will be assigned to each school.

16. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – Alexis Butler

17. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – Dave Frew, Representative

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS

19. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by A. Daubert the meeting adjourned into executive session for legal reasons at 6:55 pm.


Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary