

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2019

5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting

Pine Grove Area Middle School Library

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz **Mr. Heath W. Renninger**
Board President **Superintendent**

Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.

In Attendance: Dave Lukasewicz, Steve Brill, Dave Frew, Randy Stump, Donald E. Brown, Jr., J.T. Herber, Alethea Wessner, Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Sandy Burns, Rich Dunkelberger, Jill Hlavaty, Mary Figura, Michelle Brand, Angela Brand, Henry Snyder, Andy Diehl, Joan Schwer (Press), Scott Dimon, Jim Hull, Allie Butler, Sarah Niemi.

- K-12 School Guidance Plan – Mary Figura – explained the K-12 Guidance Plan that is required by the state and is on the agenda for approval. Michelle Brand explained how it was customized to each building. Randy Stump asked that something be put in the plan about helping high school students obtain college scholarships. Michelle stated that they are trying to get a portion of our webpage set up where parents can go to find this information.
- International Club Presentation – Possible Trip to Puerto Rico – High School Teacher Jim Hull and students Allie Butler and Sarah Niemi described the trip they would like to go on. After some discussion the Board decided to add it to the agenda tonight for approval.
- Act 1 Timeline – discussed that the Act 1 Timeline is in your packet, please be aware of the dates. Dave Frew thanked Jodie for keeping our audits in great shape.
- Policy Updates – J.T. Herber – stated that the policies for first reading are mainly PSBA revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Steve Brill	Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Dave Frew
J.T. Herber	Angela Keller (Absent)	Wes Ney (Absent)
Randy Stump	Alethea Wessner	Dave Lukasewicz
Ali Butler, Student Rep		

Others attending: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Attorney Nick Quinn, Jodie Dermo, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Sandy Burns, Rich Dunkelberger, Jill Hlavaty, Mary Figura, Miah Turner with parents, sisters, boyfriend and his mother, Nathan Minnich with parents, grandfather and brother, Bailey Drake and father, Hunter McConnell and mother, Vicki Terrwilliger (Press), Michelle Brand, Angela Brand, Henry Snyder, Andy Diehl, Scott Dimon, Bernie Kelly, Colleen Butler.

4. GUESTS

Mike Janicelli, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored Seniors of the Month: Miah Turner and Nate Minnich.

Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored 8th Graders of the Month: Hunter McConnell and Bailey Drake

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the September 19, 2019 COW and Board Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

Dave thanked Henry, Art and Keith for the great job they did in getting phase 3 of the project completed.

9. CURRICULUM – *(Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)*

A. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the K-12 School Guidance Plan for 2019-2020, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- B. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the Journalism Students field trip to Columbia University in New York City on November 4, 2019, seconded by R. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

- C. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the Travel Club field trip to Baltimore Maryland on November 18, 2019, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- D. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the Curriculum Mapping for ELA grade Kdg. and grades 3rd thru 12th, Math Kdg. and grades 3rd thru 8th plus Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, also MS STEAM, Woodworking and Chorus, seconded by D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous

- E. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the International Club trip to Puerto Rico in the summer of 2019, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion to publish the Act 1 timeline, seconded by S. Brill.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. D. Frew made a motion to approve the bills for payment. **Vote was Unanimous**

- C. D. Frew made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. R. Stump made a motion to rescind the motion at the June13, 2019 board meeting to hire Brett Kreiser as a boys' basketball assistant coach at a stipend of \$2,700, seconded by S. Brill.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. R. Stump made a motion to hire the following boys basketball assistants: Ed Kreiser, first assistant at a stipend of \$2,925, Frank D'Agostino, Jr. assistant at a stipend of \$2,700 (pending all clearances) and Brett Kreiser and Mike Hughes, assistants at a split stipend of \$1,350 each and Kobe D'Agostino (pending clearances) and Jake Leininger (pending clearances) as volunteers, seconded by D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous

- C. R. Stump made a motion to add Eric Schneck Ted Kemmerling and Jack Drey as wrestling volunteers, D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**

- D. R. Stump made a motion to hire Ryan Achenbach (pending clearances) as first assistant for the girls' basketball team at a stipend of \$2,925, D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous

12. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Brown made a motion to approve to ratify hiring Sarah Bardo as a long term substitute in the learning support classroom in the elementary school. Sarah will be paid at Step 1 Bachelors pro-rated and will receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. Her last day will be the last teacher day of the school year, seconded R. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. D. Brown made a motion to approve to ratify accepting the resignation of Starr Kavanaugh from her position as Paraprofessional in the elementary school effective 9/30/2019, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- C. D. Brown made a motion to approve hiring Peggy Kurtz as Paraprofessional I. Peggy will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. Her first day will be October 15, 2019, seconded by A. Wessner. **Vote was Unanimous**

- D. D. Brown made a motion to approve ratifying a medical leave of absence for employee Id#94477 from October 6, 2019 until released, seconded by R. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

- E. D. Brown made a motion to approve ratifying a medical leave of absence for employee Id#93470 starting on October 03, 2019 and lasting for approximately 4 to 6 weeks, seconded R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- F. D. Brown made a motion to approve adding Francis Hall III to the list of volunteers for football and JROTC, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- G. D. Brown made a motion to approve the following school volunteers: Jessica Clark, Carrie Henne, Ashley Hewes, seconded by A. Wessner. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 823 Naloxone, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

- B. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 201 Admission of Beginners, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 004 Membership, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 209 Health Examinations/Screenings, seconded by R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous
- E. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 208 Withdrawal from School, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 705 Safety, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 805 Emergency Preparedness, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 805.1 Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- I. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- J. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 709 Building Security, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

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

16. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE –** *(Allison Butler)*

Ali gave the Board a report on the happenings in each of the buildings. She is part of the Child Development Program in the high school and spent a lot of time with the elementary students which she said is an amazing opportunity.

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

Meeting on Monday night and passed the fire wall. Contract negotiations with Behavioral Specialists are taking place. The Culinary Program has a food truck which they are taking to

different events.

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS

19. ADJOURNMENT – on a motion by D. Brown, seconded by R. Stump the meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm into an Executive Session for Personnel and legal issues.


Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary