

Pine Grove Area School District
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2018

5:30 pm

Pine Grove Area District Middle School Library

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board President Evelyn Wassel.

In attendance: Evelyn Wassel, Donald Brown, Randy Stump, Steve Brill, Jodie Dermo, Dave Frew, Heath Renninger, Alethea Wessner, Bernie Kelly, Andy Diehl, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Pam Watts, Sandy Burns, Mary Figura, Henry Snyder, Andrea Hatter, Joanne Brindle, Wendell Gainer.

Technology Committee

1. Copiers – Andy Diehl

Andy explained a new contract he negotiated for 4 new copiers to be placed in each of the faculty rooms and the special education office. The contract is with Edwards Business Systems and is saving the district over \$60,000 in the next 4 years. This will be on the agenda for approval at the regular meeting.

Safety

1. Security fencing and gate around the elementary playground and exterior door alarms – Henry Snyder

Henry talked about putting a gate in the front of the elementary playground for security. The gate cost will not exceed \$5,000. He also talked about putting exterior door alarms on some of the doors at the high school. The price will not exceed \$5,000. Both of these items will be put on the agenda for the regular meeting.

Curriculum Committee

1. Update on Safety Grants – Mary Figura


Mary gave an update on the two School Safety Grants we have applied for. Unfortunately we did not receive either. We will be submitting two new grants Part A will be \$25,000 to be used for the SRO and Part B will be used for cameras, servers, metal wands, radios, exterior door buzzers and any remaining will be used for SRO costs, this is a large grant.

Mary said next month she will talk about the School Climate Survey that is going to students, parents, staff and the community. She will also ask for approval of the Comprehensive Plan.

Wendell Gainer asked about the Comprehensive Plan, what is the timeline for the plan and when will the Board vote on it. He also said that he read all 105 pages and it is very important for the Board to read it before voting on it. He encouraged them to look at the data and take it seriously before voting. It will be requested for approval at the November meeting.

1. Jodie Dermo said the State Auditors are here for two more weeks working on the safe schools paperwork. The Local Auditor will be in Monday thru Thursday and should rap up in time to file our AFR before October 31st. She will have a budget timeline ready in November.
2. Dave Frew said there are currently two tax appeals, he is waiting to see if we will need Attorney Quinn to evaluate them.
3. Don Brown said the JROTC trip is planning their trip to Normandy. They are gladly accepting donations for the trip from individuals or businesses. They will be the only high school group from Pennsylvania going.

Adjournment – On a motion by D. Brown, seconded by S. Brill the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm.



Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary