

# *Pine Grove Area School District*



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2020

5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting, 6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting

The Regular Board Meeting will begin no later than 10 minutes beyond the close of the Committee of the Whole Meeting and not before 6:30 pm

**Mr. Dave Lukasewicz**  
**Board President**

**Mr. Heath W. Renninger**  
**Superintendent**

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

Attendance: Dave Lukasewicz, Randy Stump, Wes Ney, J.T. Herber, Gena Moyer, Alethea Wessner, Donald E. Brown, Jr., Dave Frew, (5:50 pm), Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Vince Hoover, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Sandy Burns, Jill Hlavaty, Andy Diehl, Henry Snyder, Jodie Dermo, Rich Dunkelburger, Ken Gibson, Keith Lehman, Bernie Kelly (on Zoom)

- Heath Renninger presented a PowerPoint of the most current COVID-19 Data for Schuylkill County as provided by the Department of Health, St. Lukes University Health Network, and Schuylkill County Emergency Management. Pine Grove Area School District currently has 1 positive cases. The administration recommends that the data be monitored closed but continue with the learning format currently in place in the middle school and the high school. Mr. Lukasewicz said he also recommends that we stay in the hybrid position for now in the middle and high school. He toured the elementary school and said everything is running well.

Randy Stump said the Ed. Foundation will be giving each employee including the cafeteria a 25.00 gift card to be used locally. The Foundation feels the staff is doing a great job and would like to thank them.

- Buildings & Grounds Update – Henry Snyder showed a PowerPoint of projects that have been completed over the summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:21 pm.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and announced that the October 15, 2020 School Board Meeting is physically closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting is being held virtually by using the ZOOM Webinar platform. The public is invited to attend this virtual meeting by going to [www.pgasd.com](http://www.pgasd.com) and following the directions under the School Board Meeting Alert heading. Public comment on the agenda will be accepted by email up to 10 minutes before the official start of the meeting.

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 3. ROLL CALL

<del>Steve Brill</del>	Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Dave Frew	J.T. Herber
Genavieve Moyer	Wes Ney	Randy Stump	Alethea Wessner
Dave Lukasewicz	Jade Shollenberger, Student Rep.		

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The Board announced that they would go into an Executive Session to discuss personnel. They went into executive session at 6:31 pm and reconvened at 6:36 pm.

## 4. BOARD BUSINESS

D. Frew made a motion to appoint Dave Lukasewicz as the PSBA Delegate to the Legislative Assembly. The voting meeting will be held on November 7, 2020, seconded by W. Ney.

**Vote was Unanimous**

## 5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike Janicelli announced the Seniors of the Month – Hunter Legarht and Brody Robinson  
Melissa Mekosh announced the 8th graders of the Month – Victoria Schaeffer and Nathan Frankenfield

6. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS: During this time, written public comment on agenda items will be accepted electronically via email at [public\\_comment@pgasd.com](mailto:public_comment@pgasd.com). All public comments must be posted no later than ten minutes prior to the official start of the meeting on the day of the meeting. Dave Lukasewicz, Board President asked Joanne Brindle Board Secretary if there have been any public comments, there was one. The comment was read and Heath Renninger responded to the question.

## 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Stump made a motion to approve the September 17, 2020 Board of Directors COW/Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by G. Morgan. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

No Report

9. CURRICULUM (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to approve the Pine Grove Area Elementary School School-wide Title I School Plan. **Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no**
- B. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the homebound instruction for an elementary student lasting approximately 3 months. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the homebound instruction for a high school student who is in an inpatient program for approximately 4 weeks.  
**Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Frew made motion, seconded W. Ney to approve the bills for payment.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Frew made motion, seconded by W. Ney to approve the Treasurers' Report.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Frew made motion, seconded by W. Ney to approve the Special Education Service Agreement for the 2020-2021 School Year. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- D. D. Frew made motion, seconded by W. Ney to approve the Disposition of Assets as found in the Board Packet, they will be disposed of as per Board Policy. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Frew made motion, seconded by W. Ney to authorize the Business Administrator or the Finance Chairperson to move forward with any appeals of assessment that would be beneficial to the district. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. Wes Ney made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to approve the following Boys' Basketball Coaches for the 20/21 Season: **Vote was Unanimous**
  - Frank D'Agostino III, Head Coach at a stipend of \$4,500
  - Ed Kreiser, Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$2,925
  - Frank D'Agostino, Jr., Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$2,700
  - Michael Hughes, Assistant Coach split stipend of \$1,350
  - Jake Leininger, Volunteer



## 12. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to ratify accepting the letter of resignation from Eric Mansilla, Elementary Music Teacher and to advertise for his position.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- B. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to grant Maternity/Child Rearing Leave to Samantha Starr Bohn from approximately February 1, 2021 through the end of the 20-21 school year. She will use her sick and personal leave followed by FMLA leave.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- C. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to ratify terminating employee #99378 effective September 28, 2020. **Vote was Unanimous**

- D. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to ratify accepting the resignation of Krystal Bonawitz from her position as Paraprofessional effective September 30, 2020.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- E. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to accept the resignation of Samantha Yoder from her position as Paraprofessional effective October 16, 2020.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- F. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to ratify hiring Sydney Griffiths as a Paraprofessional I. Sydney will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any benefits in accordance with the AFSCME contract. Her first day was September 28, 2020.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- G. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded G. Moyer to ratify hiring Nina Purcell as a Paraprofessional II. Nina will be paid \$12.80 per hour and receive any benefits in accordance with the AFSCME contract. Her first day was October 2, 2020.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- H. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to hire Katie Bettis as a Paraprofessional I. Katie will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any benefits in accordance with the AFSCME contract. She will begin as soon as all necessary paperwork is turned in.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- I. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to allow Kelly Weiss, Paraprofessional, leave without pay from November 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. **Vote was Unanimous**

J. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to ratify adding Michael Reidler to the list of student substitutes for cleaning or custodial. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

Vince Hoover and Andy Diehl gave a presentation on the 2020-2021 Chromebook Guideline Packets. After the presentation:

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to waive the damage waiver fee for the 2020-2021 school year. **Vote Was Unanimous**

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the Grades 3 through 8 and Grades 9 through 12 Pine Grove Area School District Chromebook Guides for the 2020-2021 School Year. **Vote was Unanimous**

16. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE –** *(Jade Shollenberger, Student Rep.)*

Jade gave the Board a report on what is going on in all three buildings.

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

All county districts have approved the articles. Working on the Executive Directors Contract.

18. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** The board is not accepting public comments at this time on non-agenda items. All comments of this nature should be directed to the Superintendent.

Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday November 12, 2020 will now be Thursday, November 19, 2020.

Media presentation on the Middle School Achieve Butterflies.

19. **ADJOURNMENT –** on a motion by D. Frew, seconded by R. Stump the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

  
Joanne Brindle

Board Secretary