

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, November 08, 2018

5:30 PM Committee of the Whole

6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting

Pine Grove Area Middle School

Pine Grove, PA 17963

Dr. Evelyn Wassel
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board President Dr. Evelyn Wassel.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. In Attendance: Steve Brill, Dave Frew, Wes Ney, Heath Renninger, Evelyn Wassel, Dave Lukasewicz, Alethea Wessner, Randy Stump, Donald Brown, J.T. Herber, Joanne Brindle, Andy Diehl, Mary Figura, Bernie Kelly, Gerald Salen, Joan Schwer.
 - Discussion of Board Calendar for 2019 Meetings– Heath talked about changing next year's board calendar to one meeting a month which would be the COW meeting followed by the Board meeting. This would be the third Thursday of the month. The second Thursday of the month will be reserved for necessary committee meetings.
 - Review of Comprehensive Plan – Mary reviewed the changes made to the comprehensive plan after meetings with interested parties. Copy was given to each Board member. She also discussed some proposed changes being made in the high school curriculum.
 - Discussion on Server Update – Andy discussed the proposals he received for upgrading the servers and asked that his recommendation be considered for approval at the Board Meeting so work can be done over the Christmas vacation.
 - Discussion on Website Upgrade – Andy told the board he has been contacting companies about redesigning our webpage. After explaining all the different vendors and options he made his recommendation to the Board and asked if they would put it on the Board Meeting agenda for approval to be able to get the discounted price quoted. He also spoke about the Erate and money left that must be spent before March 31st.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Board President Dr. Evelyn Wassel.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Steve Brill

Donald E. Brown, Jr.

Dave Frew

J.T. Herber

Dave Lukasewicz

Wes Ney

Randy Stump

Alethea Wessner

Evelyn Wassel

Hannah Reiter, Student Rep

All members were present. Also in attendance were: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Andy Diehl, Mary Figura, Bernie Kelly, Gerald Salen, Joan Schwer, Attorney Nick Quinn.

- A moment of silence was held for a student and former student who were killed recently in an automobile accident and for Thomas Nickels who was our former solicitor.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Middle School Library followed by a Buildings & Grounds/Extra Curricular Committee Meeting.
- All students have been trained in ALICE.
- Congratulations to the High School Tech Department on winning their award for best High School Technology Department in the state.

5. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- D. Lukasewicz made a motion to approve the 10/11/2018 Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by R. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

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

No Report

8. CURRICULUM (*Evelyn Wassel, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to approve the Pine Grove Area School Districts Comprehensive Plan, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion to approve the bills for payment, seconded by D. Lukasewicz. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Frew made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by D. Lukasewicz. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Frew made a motion Approval of the Budget Timeline for 2019-2020, seconded by D. Lukasewicz. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. W. Ney made a motion to hire Ed Kreiser as the Boys' Basketball First Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$2,925, seconded by D. Lukasewicz. **Vote was Unanimous**

- B. W. Ney made a motion to hire Kyler Burke as a Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$2,700, seconded by D. Lukasewicz. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. W. Ney made a motion to hire Michael Hughes as a Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$2,700, seconded by D. Lukasewicz. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. W. Ney made a motion to approve the following volunteers for the boys' basketball program: Brett Kreiser and Chris Rossi, seconded by D. Lukasewicz. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. W. Ney made a motion to approve the following volunteers for cheerleading: Kelsey Hughes and Heather Leininger (pending clearances), seconded by D. Lukasewicz. **Vote was Unanimous**

11. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pine Grove Area Board of Directors and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees to alter the starting hourly rate for the position of Maintenance with HVAC experience, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to appoint John Gradwell as the mentor for Alison Gimbi. John will receive a stipend of \$400, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to allow Russell Frantz paternity leave starting on December 10, 2018 and lasting until December 21, 2018. He will be using his sick leave, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to appoint Alison Gimbi as the Diversity Club Advisor in the high school at a stipend of \$715.00, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to appoint Alison Gimbi as Co-Advisor for the high school Community Service at a stipend of \$770.00, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to approve the following volunteers: Lisa Bohner, Amanda Daubert, Jennifer Lewis, Gregory Miller, Tiffany Miller, Jarod Daubert, Angela Schneider, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. D. Lukasewicz made a motion hire Joshua Anspach as a maintenance worker with HVAC. Joshua will be paid \$19.50 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. He will begin when all clearances have been received, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to hire Jesse Graver as a maintenance worker with HVAC. Jesse will be paid \$19.50 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. He will begin when all clearances have been received, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**

- I. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to hire Jennifer Hall as a 4 hour paraprofessional
II. Jennifer will be paid \$12.80 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. She will begin when all paperwork has been received, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
12. POLICY- (*J.T. Herber, Chairperson*)
No Report
13. TRANSPORTATION- (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)
No Report
14. TECHNOLOGY – (*Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson*)
- A. D. Brown made a motion to contract with Omega Systems Corporation to perform a server upgrade for the Pine Grove Area School District as outlined in Proposal A (copy in Board Packet) at a total cost of \$53,336.50. This will be paid with Capital Project Funds, seconded by D. Lukasewicz.
Vote was Unanimous
- B. D. Brown made a motion to contract with Blackboard, Inc. to upgrade the webpage at a cost of \$10,720. This will be paid with Capital Project Funds, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
15. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – Hannah Reiter
- Hannah gave her monthly report on the happenings in the elementary, middle and high school.
16. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – (*Dave Frew, Representative*)
- Dave said the new director of the trade school have been moving quickly and doing some good things for the school. They are looking at realigning some of the classes.
 - The roof project is completed and came in under budget.
17. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- Don Brown said Rhonda Culbert at the high school along with JROTC have been collecting donations for Wreaths Across America. Local businesses have been very generous in donating to this project.
 - Heath announced that there will be a breakfast in the high school Monday morning for Veterans followed by a video of the Wreaths Across America project.
18. ADJOURNMENT – on a motion by D. Lukasewicz, seconded by J.T. Herber the Board adjourned the meeting into an executive session at 7:07 pm and ended the executive session at 7:50 pm.


Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary