

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 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

Call to Order – Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

In Attendance: Heath Renninger, Dave Lukasewicz, Randy Stump, Vince Hoover, Sandy Burns, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Andy Diehl, Mike Janicelli, Ken Gibson, Rich Dunkelburger, Bernie Kelly, Jill Hlavaty, Melissa Mekosh, Keith Lehman, Henry Snyder, Genavieve Moyer, Alethea Wessner, Scott Dimon, Steve Brill (Virtual), Dave Frew.

COVID 19 Update – Heath Renninger gave an update on the cases in the county. Schuylkill County Data Dashboard from PDE was shown. Total cases from yesterday were 478 in the last 7 days, this information came from Emergency Management. We have been substantial for 5 consecutive weeks. States recommendation is full virtual on-line learning. Emergency management also provides information on zip codes. With that information over the last five days there have been 16 cases. We have created a COVID 19 tracker on our webpage to keep everyone informed. Recommendation continue HS and MS until end of 2nd marking period as they are. Continue elementary school in person until further notice. Parents and guardians should prepare for fully virtual if needed.

Winter Sports Plan - Scott Dimon said that we can play winter sports and have some spectators. Possibly mark the bleachers where people may sit. No way to offer the ratio of tickets that we offered in the fall in the stadium. Winter sports starts tomorrow. Currently no outside businesses allowed in our schools. Biddy Basketball and Biddy Wrestling will not be allowed to use our facilities unless the numbers change. New mask mandate requires athletes to wear masks as they are participating, according to the solicitor, we need to follow this as long as it is an order.

Executive Session – Board broke for an executive session at 6:05 pm for Personnel Contract issues. The Board reconvened at 6:17 pm. After we reconvened Dave Frew made a motion to move this motion to the 6:30 agenda. "Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) which extends the current collective bargaining agreement by one year" Randy Stump seconded this motion. It will be moved to the Board agenda.

Finance Items – Dave Frew spoke about the finance agenda for the 6:30 meeting. Item D was just a clerical error which was a refund from the IU. The paperwork was corrected and resubmitted. Item M is starting an activity fund to be used for fundraising for students who are ill. Items G through L were just sent by the courthouse for the approval this morning. These are parcels which are no longer owned and were put in the repository for sale.

Purchase of 275 Chromebooks – Andy Diehl told the board we are currently piloting them in the elementary school grades K through 2. Things are going well and they are liked by both teachers and students. We only have 36 devices and need more. For the K thru 2 students. A video was shown of teachers and students who are piloting these devices.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:38 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz announced that the November 19, 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 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**

Steve Brill (Virtual)	Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Dave Frew	J.T. Herber
Genavieve Moyer	Wes Ney	Randy Stump	Alethea Wessner
Dave Lukasewicz	Jade Shollenberger, Student Rep.		

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Vince Hoover, Mike Janicelli, Sandy Burns, Melissa Mekosh, Bernie Kelly, Keith Lehman, Ken Gibson, Andy Diehl, Rich Dunkelberger, Jill Hlavaty, Attorney Nick Quinn, Jade Shollenberger.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mike Janicelli announced the Seniors of the Month – Macey Wolfe and Erik Dubbs
Melissa Mekosh announced the 8th graders of the Month – Sydney Hall and Hunter Horan

Heath Renninger announced that the high school and middle school will remain hybrid and the elementary will remain at full. Please be prepared in case we need to become virtual.

G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the Winter Sports Plan addendum to the current Pine Grove Area Health and Safety Plan. **Vote was Unanimous**

5. **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. 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 question. Mr. Renninger and Mr. Frew responded to the question.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner of the October 15, 2020 Board of Directors COW/Board Meeting Minutes and October 29, 2020 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting.

Vote was Unanimous

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to make the final payment for the High School Ash Hoist Project to Bognet, Inc. in the amount of \$5,894.75. All final documentation has been completed and this will close out the project. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to make the final payment for Phase I Surveillance Camera Project in the amount of \$93,812.00. **Vote was Unanimous**

8. **CURRICULUM** (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to accept the resignation of Gerald Salen from his position as HS Math Curriculum Facilitator and replace him with Deanna Shanahan. Deanna will receive a \$500 stipend. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to appoint Rebecca Pugh as the Art/Music/Family Consumer Science Curriculum Facilitator at a stipend of \$500. She is replacing Eric Mansilla who resigned. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the bills for payment.
Vote was Unanimous
- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the Treasurers' Report.
Vote was Unanimous
- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to approve the Disposition of Assets as found in the Board Packet and to dispose of them as per Board Policy. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to accept the revised 2018-2019 AFR. It was discovered that the AFR was filed last year without the Accounts Receivable amount of \$48,253.39 for the Special Education refund due from the IU. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the Annual Financial Report (AFR) for the 2019/2020 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to approve the 2020/2021 Budget Timeline.
Vote was Unanimous
- D. Frew made a motion to approve Items G through L, seconded by R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous
- G. Approval to allow the bid of \$1,404.00 from Latanya Bowie for repository sale with respect to Parcel # 33-15-0071.000 to proceed without objection. This parcel is located in Washington Township.
- H. Approval to decline the bid of \$2,000.00 from Reginal and Sherry Brown for repository sale with respect to Parcel # 29-05-0003.000. This parcel is located in Tremont Township and received a higher bid.
- I. Approval to allow the bid of \$5,000.00 from Caitlin Hatch, Esquire for repository sale with respect to Parcel # 29-05-0003.000 to proceed without objection. This parcel is located in Tremont Township.
- J. Approval to allow the bid of \$1,399.00 from Latanya Bowie for repository sale with respect to Parcel # 33-15-0074.001 to proceed without objection. This parcel is located in Washington Township.
- K. Approval to allow the bid of \$979.00 from Advanced Consulting, Inc. for repository sale with respect to Parcel # 21-20-0016.000 to proceed without objection. This parcel is located in Pine Grove Township.

- L. Approval to allow the bid of \$198.00 from Jeneen and Roy Kaufman, Jr. for repository sale with respect to Parcel # 67-03-0052.000 to proceed without objection. This parcel is located in Tremont Borough.
- M. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to create the Hope for Kids Activity Fund. The purpose of this activity fund is to fundraise and make purchases for District families when they have a sick child.
Vote was Unanimous

INFORMATIONAL: The Pine Grove Area School District received the COVID19 School Health & Safety Grant in the amount of \$45,635.

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

- A. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to approve the following wrestling coaches for the 2020/2021 season: **Vote was Unanimous**
 - Ken Newswanger, Head Coach at a stipend of \$4,500.
 - Eric Schneck, Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$2,925.
 - Ted Kemmerling, Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$2,700.
 - Tyler Cann, Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$2,700.
 - Volunteers: Ted Butler, Jack Drey, Jacob Warner, Ryan Martin, Jacob Herring, Josh Hewes.
- B. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to approve the following girls' basketball coaches for the 2020/2021 season: **Vote was Unanimous**
 - Kyler Burke, Head Coach at a stipend of \$4,500.
 - Ryan Achenbach, Assistant at a stipend of \$2,925.
 - Kalene Anderson, Assistant at a stipend of \$2,700.
 - Kaylin Ryan, Assistant at a split stipend of \$1,350.
 - Corrine Ryan, Assistant at a split stipend of \$1,350.
 - Volunteers: Jamie Hitz, Faith Shiffer, Steph Boyer, Abbie Brown
- C. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to change the status of Jacob Leininger from boys' basketball volunteer to assistant coach at a split stipend of \$1,350 for the 2020/2021 season.
- D. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to add Andrew Griffiths as a volunteer for the boys' basketball program for the 2020/2021 season. **Vote was Unanimous**

11. **PERSONNEL** (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to hire Robert Frankford as a temporary professional beginning November 23, 2020. Robert will be paid Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$42,455 pro-rated and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. He will teach music in the elementary school. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to rescind the motion made on July 30, 2020 to accept the intent to retire from Keith Lehman, Director of Grounds. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to hire Cheryl Brown as a Paraprofessional II. Cheryl will be paid \$12.80 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME contract.
Vote was Unanimous

- D. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber, to ratify accepting the resignation of Katie Bettis from her position as Paraprofessional effective November 6, 2020. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. G. Moyer, seconded by A. Wessner. to allow Kelli Reinbold to shadow Lara Swartz as part of her master's degree program. Ms. Reinbold has submitted all of her clearances.
Vote was Unanimous
- F. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) which extends the current collective bargaining agreement by one year. The contract will now expire on June 30, 2022.
ROLL CALL VOTE, 7 YES, 0 NO

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

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

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to add Donna Kinsey to the list of bus drivers for the 2020-2021 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to purchase Chromebooks with Google Chrome OA Management Console for Kdg. through 2nd grade. The total purchase cost should not exceed \$110,000. This purchase will be paid from the Continuity of Education Grant, the ESSER Health and Safety Grant and the CARES Grant. **Vote was Unanimous**

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


Jade gave her report on the happenings in the high school, elementary school and middle school.

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

Same issues as other district with COVID and contact tracing. The façade of the south building needs repaired and will work on this in the Spring.

17. **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. [The December Reorganization meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm.](#)

18. **ADJOURNMENT –** J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.


Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary