

Pine Grove Area School District



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2024
Middle School Library**

**Mr. Dave Lukasewicz
Board President**

**Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent**

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Amanda Daubert	Dave Frew	J.T. Herber
Genavieve Moyer	Sascha Primeau	Lauren Potter	Randy Stump
Dave Lukasewicz	Alexis Butler, Student Rep		

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Attorney Nick Quinn, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Corey Mentzer, Bill Kimber, Kim Pribilla, Suzanne Dubbs, Josh Zelinsky, Todd Lengle.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dave Lukasewicz, Heath Renninger, Mike Janicelli and Rich Dunkelberger honored November Seniors of the Month – Kaitlyn Warg and Shane Hall and November 8th Graders of the Month – Jaxon Lengel and Mallory Schneck.

Heath Renninger thanked Keystone Potato for their hospitality for All About Manufacturing Kids.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the 10/15/24 Committee of Whole Meeting Minutes, 10/17/2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and 11/12/2024 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes.

Vote was Unanimous

7. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – *Dave Frew, Chairperson*

- D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Items A and B.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to accept the Public School Facility Improvement Grant from the PA Department of Community & Economic Development in the amount of \$250,000. The District had applied for a total of \$5,000,000 for this grant. However, PDECD reduced the award by 95%.

- B. Approval to commit \$62,500 of fund balance for the purpose of reserving the 25% cash match of the \$250,000 Public School Facility Improvement Grant. The District previously committed 1,250,000 of fund balance for the purpose of the 25% cash match of this grant. However, due to the District being awarded 4,750,000 less than requested, the District will now commit \$43,200 in addition to the 25% cash match to fund a reduced scope project at the HS consisting of domestic hot water systems only. The District's total financial obligation will be **\$105,700** for the project thus reducing the previous commitment by \$1,144,300. The District's obligation includes a 6% ancillary & contingency cost. No other system or HVAC work will be performed as originally planned.
- C. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve to contract services with the Edwin L. Heim Company, Costars # 008-E22-801, to replace the High School domestic hot water system at a cost of \$335,700. Two-hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of the cost will be covered through the Public School Facility Improvement Grant.

Vote was Unanimous with the exception of S. Primeau who abstained.

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve Items D through I.

Vote was Unanimous

- D. Request approval to continue professional services with Quandel as needed for work related to the High School abatement project. The cost of this work will be part of the Public School Environmental Repairs Program Grant project awarded to the District with all work being performed before August 31st, 2026 and will be taken from the capital projects account.
- E. Request approval to continue professional services with EI Associates as needed for work related to the High School abatement project. The cost of this work will be part of the Public School Environmental Repairs Program Grant project awarded to the District with all work being performed before August 31st, 2026 and will be taken from the capital projects account.
- F. Request approval to contract professional services with Mountain Environmental and Radon Services LLC to oversee the High School asbestos abatement portion of the project Not to Exceed \$185,000. The cost for this work will be part of the Public School Environmental Repairs Program Grant project awarded to the District with all work being performed before August 31st, 2026 and will be taken from the capital projects account.
- G. Request approval to solicit bids for asbestos abatement contractors to complete demolition work at the HS. The advertised work will be part of the Public School Environmental Repairs Program Grant project awarded to the District with all work being performed before August 31st, 2026.
- H. Request approval to solicit bids for construction contractors to complete installation work at the HS. The advertised work will be part of the Public School Environmental Repairs Program Grant project awarded to the District with all work being performed before August 31st, 2026.
- I. Request approval to make the final payment for the High School Auditorium Audio portion of the project to Moyer Electronic Supply Company, Inc. in the amount of \$600.00. All final documentation has been completed and this will close out the audio portion of the project.

8. CURRICULUM – Genavieve Moyer, Chairperson

9. FINANCE/AUDIT – Dave Frew, Chairperson

J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by L. Potter to approve Items A through C.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of the bills for payment.
- B. Approval of the treasurer's report.
- C. Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget Timeline as found in the Board Packet.

10. EXTRA-CURRICULAR – Randy Stump, Chairperson

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve Items A through D.

Vote was Unanimous

Dave Lukasewicz recognized two girls' soccer players who have received scholarships to college.

- A. Approval to add Jamie Shollenberger, Bruce Frymoyer, John Gehres, John Eidem and Danielle Readinger to the list of volunteers for the Archery Club (pending clearances).
- B. Approval to recognize Indoor Track and Field as a Winter Sport.
- C. Approval of Lynn Delinko, Jarrod Sprecher, Jamie Aungst, and Kristina Wilde as volunteers for Indoor Track and Field.
- D. Approval for overnight trips for Indoor Track and Field and Wrestling. In-season events will be funded by the booster clubs. Post-season wrestling is budgeted in the athletic budget.

11. PERSONNEL – Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by L. Potter to approve Items A through M.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to ratify hiring Vinny LePre as part of the Event Staff.
- B. Approval to accept the letter of resignation from Jena Kramer from her position as 3rd Grade Teacher effective November 11, 2024.
- C. Approval to ratify moving Edward Daubert from his position as paraprofessional to a substitute paraprofessional effective November 15, 2024.
- D. Approval to ratify accepting the letter of resignation from Kira Marko from her position as paraprofessional effective November 1, 2024.
- E. Approval to accept the letter of intent to retire from Sharon Daubert from her position as cleaning person effective December 2, 2024.
- F. Approval to accept the letter of intent to retire from Joanne Brindle from her position as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Secretary effective December 31, 2024.

- G. Approval to pay Joanne Brindle starting in January 2025 her daily rate for training on an as needed basis.
- H. Approval to ratify hiring Jolana Paenik as a paraprofessional. Jolana will be paid \$13.80 per hour and receive any benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. Her first day was November 04, 2024.
- I. Approval to ratify hiring Danielle Readinger to the High School Instructional Technology Advisor. Her stipend will be \$1,938.00.
- J. Approval to change Jesse Graver's job title from Maintenance HVAC to Maintenance. Jesse's salary and benefits will remain the same.
- K. Approval to move Cathy Brown from a special education paraprofessional to a substitute paraprofessional effective immediately.
- L. Approval to ratify adding Craig Kramer to the substitute Custodial/Cleaning list pending clearances.
- M. Approval of the following volunteers: Angela Bender, Brandi Gassert.

12. **POLICY** – *J.T. Herber, Chairperson*

13. **TRANSPORTATION** – *Lauren Potter, Chairperson*

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

15. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** – *Alexis Butler, Student Representative*
Alexis did a PowerPoint presentation on what's happening in the district.

16. **SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT** – *Dave Frew, Representative*
Heath said there is discussion that the IU refunds to districts each year might be retained by the IU and applied to grant application costs.

17. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – The Pine Grove Area School Board Reorganization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Middle School Library.

18. **ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by J.T. Herber the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary