

# *Pine Grove Area School District*



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, August 15, 2019

5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting

Pine Grove Area Middle School

Pine Grove, PA 17963

**Mr. Dave Lukasewicz**    **Mr. Heath W. Renninger**  
**Board President**                      **Superintendent**

The COW meeting was called to order a 5:30 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.

In Attendance: Dave Lukasewicz, Steve Brill, Donald E. Brown, Jr., J.T. Herber, Angela Keller, Wes Ney, Randy Stump, Alethea Wessner, Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Henry Snyder, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelburger, Scott Dimon, Melissa Mekosh, Ali Butler and parents, Sandy Burns, Andy Diehl, Joan Schwer, McKenzie Biddle, Jill Hlavaty, Mary Figura.

R. Stump made a motion for an executive session at 5:32 pm seconded by D. Brown to discuss contract issues, the Board reconvened the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Allison Butler was introduced to the Board, she was chosen by the high school as the student representative for the 19-20 school year.

Henry Snyder gave the Board an update on all the projects completed this summer. The HVAC project is completed and the elementary school roof is completed the Ash Hoist has been erected and the holes have been dug on the softball field for the light poles.

Heath Renninger explained the Flexible Instructional Days that you may apply for through PDE. There is an application due September 1<sup>st</sup> if the district is interested in doing this. The Board had decided to wait a year to see what issues other districts may encounter with this and will wait until next school year to possibly apply.

Mike Janicelli talked about the Spanish National Honor Society and English National Honor Society and explained the bylaws that are on the agenda for tonight's approval. He also explained the changes made to the Code of Conduct. The rules for being in school on time have changed. If you are not here by 8:20 am you will not participate in your extra-curricular activity that night.

Mike Janicelli and J.T. Herber explained some of the changes to the policy 227.1 Student Drug Testing. Oral swabs will be used in place of urine testing and the volunteer section has been removed. They also talked about the student survey that showed how many students in our district use or have used drugs and alcohol.

On a motion by J.T. Herber, the board approved the first reading of the modifications to policy 227.1 Student Drug Testing In light of the statistics provided by the district, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

Mr. Janicelli introduced new teachers to be hired tonight, Kyler Burke, MaKenzie Biddle and Katie Deegan.

Mr. Dimon talked about the fall sports starting. The golf team has already started and doing well. The Board asked that at the end of the season Mr. Dimon bring the head coaches in so the Board has a chance to talk to them about the season.

The meeting ended at 6:34 pm

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Board President Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Steve Brill	Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Dave Frew(Absent)
J.T. Herber	Angela Keller	Wes Ney
Randy Stump	Alethea Wessner	Dave Lukasewicz

In attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Attorney Nick Quinn, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Henry Snyder, Scott Dimon, Girls Softball Team and Coaches, Melissa Mekosh, Allison Butler and Parents, Sandy Burns, Vicki Terrilliger, Andy Diehl, Jill Hlavaty, Mary Figura.

4. GUESTS

Mr. Dimon introduced the 2019 PGA State Softball Championship Team and coaches and spoke about the amazing year they had. Mr. Ney, Mr. Stump, Mr. Renninger and Mr. Lukasewicz also spoke to the team praising them for the great job they have done and for being role models for the younger girls.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Thanked the employees for the great job they have done getting the school ready to open. He also announced that we have a special education position to fill and the middle school nurse.

6. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

7. BOARD BUSINESS

A. R. Stump made a motion to appoint Allison Butler as the Student Representative to the Board for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by W. Ney.

**Vote was Unanimous**

B. R. Stump made a motion to reappoint Heath Renninger as District Superintendent for a term of four years as per Paragraph 9, Page 12 of the existing contract, seconded by D. Brown. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**



8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to approve the minutes as listed.

**Vote was Unanimous**

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

10. CURRICULUM

A. R. Stump made a motion to approve the list of curriculum facilitators and their stipends as found in the Board Packet, seconded by A. Wessner.

**Vote was Unanimous**

B. J.T. Herber made a motion to grant homebound instruction for a middle school beginning with the first day of school in August and lasting approximately four weeks, seconded by A. Keller. **Vote was Unanimous**

C. A. Keller made a motion to create a Spanish National Honor Society in the high school and accept their constitution and bylaws. James Hull will be the advisor, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**

D. A. Keller made a motion to approve the updates to the High School National Honor Society Constitution and Bylaws, seconded by A. Wessner. **Vote was Unanimous**

E. R. Stump made a motion to create a Pine Grove Chapter of the National English Honor Society and accept their constitution and bylaws. Dan Blydenburgh will be the advisor, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**

F. R. Stump made a motion to approve the High School Student Handbook for 2019-2020, seconded by A. Wessner. **Vote was Unanimous**

G. R. Stump made a motion to approve the Middle School Student Handbook for 2019-2020, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**

H. R. Stump made a motion to approve the Elementary School Student Handbook for 2019-2020, seconded by A. Keller. **Vote was Unanimous**

I. R. Stump made a motion to approve the updates to the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**

J. A. Wessner made a motion to approve James Hull as the advisor for the International Club, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

A. A. Wessner made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to file tax appeal for any property transferred in the preceding fiscal year where the consideration paid would result in increased tax revenue of \$10,000 or above, seconded by R. Stump.

**Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**

- B. A. Wessner made a motion to approve bills for payment, seconded by W. Ney.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- C. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by D. Brown.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- D. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the Agreement for Participation in the Child Nutrition Program between the district and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and the Schuylkill County AVTS Operating Agency, seconded by R. Stump.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- E. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the request of dispositions of assets as found in the board packet, seconded by A. Keller. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. A. Wessner made a motion to approve to dispose of 12ft. bench style cafeteria tables from the elementary school as either refuse or donate to a local non-profit organization, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the partnership with JusticeWorks Youthcare's Compass Academy for the 2019-2020 at a cost of \$85.00 per day for regular education and \$95.00 per day for special education students, seconded by D. Brown.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- H. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the contract between ProCare Therapy and the Pine Grove Area School District, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- I. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the Special Education Service Agreement with the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 for 2019-2020, seconded by R. Stump.  
**Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. W. Ney made a motion to ratify accepting the resignation of Bill Evans as Head Girls' Basketball Coach and to fill this vacancy, seconded by R. Stump.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- B. W. Ney made a motion to ratify hiring Kyler Burke as the Head Girls' Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$4,500, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. W. Ney made a motion to ratify rescinding the motions made in at the May 16, 2019 Board Meeting to hire Becky Evans and Lauren Thompson as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coaches and Joseph Newhouser as a volunteer, seconded by D. Brown.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- D. W. Ney made a motion to ratify hiring Corrine Ryan and Kaylin Ryan as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coaches at a split stipend of \$1,350 each, seconded by J.T. Herber.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- E. W. Ney made a motion to ratify adding Madeline Daubert as a volunteer coach for the Volleyball Team, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**



- F. W. Ney made a motion to ratify accepting the resignation of Steve Zimmerman as an Assistant Football Coach. He will just be volunteering, seconded by A. Keller.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- G. W. Ney made a motion to hire Jake Stout as an Assistant Football Coach at a stipend of \$2,700, seconded by R. Stump.

**Vote was Unanimous**

13. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

Sandy Burns introduced Sarajane Depp-Hutchinson and Melissa Mekosh introduced Jason Albon and Selina Daubert.

- A. D. Brown made a motion to ratify hiring Jill Hlavaty as Director of Special Education effective August 5, 2019. Jill will be paid a salary of \$76,000 pro-rated and receive all benefits in accordance with the Act 93 Contract, seconded by J.T. Herber.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- B. R. Stump made a motion to hire Sarajane Depp-Hutchinson as a temporary professional. Sarajane will be paid at Masters' Step 1 for a salary of \$43,105 and receive all benefits in accordance with the Professional Staff Contract. She will teach Physical Education in the Elementary School, seconded by A. Wessner.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- C. D. Brown made a motion to hire Travis Mumma as a temporary professional. Travis will be paid at Bachelors Step 2 for a salary of \$41,915 and receive all benefits in accordance with the Professional Staff Contract. He will teach Physical Education in the High School, seconded by R. Stump.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- D. R. Stump made a motion to hire Kyler Burke as a temporary professional. Kyler will be paid at Bachelors Step 3 for a salary of \$42,815 and receive all benefits in accordance with the Professional Staff Contract. He will teach Social Studies in the High School, seconded by D. Brown.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- E. R. Stump made a motion to hire Selina Daubert as a professional employee. Selina will be paid at Bachelors Step 5 for a salary of \$45,095 and receive all benefits in accordance with the Professional Staff Contract. She will teach Special Education, seconded by A. Wessner.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- F. R. Stump made a motion to ratify accepting the letter of resignation from Erin Stramara from her position as Crisis Intervention Counselor effective July 31, 2019, seconded by A. Wessner.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- G. R. Stump made a motion to hire Jason Albon as the temporary professional. Jason will be paid at Masters' Step 1 for a salary of \$43,105 and will receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. He will be the Crisis Intervention Counselor, seconded by A. Keller.

**Vote was Unanimous**

H. D. Brown made a motion to ratify allowing Emma Noll, Cleaning Person leave without pay from June 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>, seconded by A. Keller.

**Vote was Unanimous**

I. R. Stump made a motion to ratify accepting the letter of resignation from Cassandra Aungst from her position as Paraprofessional II effective July 2, 2019, seconded by W. Ney.

**Vote was Unanimous**

J. R. Stump made a motion to ratify accepting the letter of resignation from Billie Jo Wolff from her position as Health Room Assistant effective July 10, 2019, S. Brill.

**Vote was Unanimous**

K. R. Stump made a motion to ratify accepting the letter for resignation from Mary Allen from her position as Paraprofessional I effective June 27, 2019, seconded by A. Wessner.

**Vote was Unanimous**

L. R. Stump made a motion to approve the 2019–2020 list of advisors and their stipends as found in the board packet, seconded by D. Brown.

**Vote was Unanimous**

M. D. Brown made a motion to add Grant Kurtz as a volunteer for the ski club for the 2019–2020 school year, seconded by J.T. Herber.

**Vote was Unanimous**

N. R. Stump made a motion to add James Hull as a volunteer for the Quiz Bowl for the 2019–2020 school year, seconded by A. Wessner.

**Vote was Unanimous**

O. D. Brown made a motion to ratify paying Andrew Ochs, high school student for teaching summer instrumental percussion lessons, seconded by R. Stump.

**Vote was Unanimous**

P. D. Brown made a motion to ratify hiring the following mentors for the 2019–2020. They will receive a stipend of \$400 when all assignments are completed, seconded by R. Stump:

Deanna Shanahan for Katie Deegan                      Andrea Zehring for Makenzie Biddle  
Emily Daubert for Travis Mumma                      Eric Mansilla for Sarajane Depp–Hutchinson  
Michele Brand for Jason Albon                      **Vote was Unanimous**

Q. R. Stump made a motion to approve the request for maternity leave for Brittney Shelton beginning on or about December 10, 2019 and ending approximately March 25, 2020. She will be using sick and personal days and then FMLA leave, seconded by A. Keller.

**Vote was Unanimous**

R. D. Brown made a motion to approve the request for maternity leave for Jennifer Wolfgang beginning on or about October 14, 2019 and ending approximately January 2, 2020. She will be using sick and personal days and then FMLA leave, seconded by R. Stump.

**Vote was Unanimous**

S. D. Brown made a motion to approve the list of games workers for the 2019–2020 school year: Bruce Kosack, Mike Hughes, Stephanie Dimon, Linda Dietrich, Brett Kreiser, Willard Shiffer and Rick Heinbach, seconded by W. Ney.

**Vote was Unanimous**



T. D. Brown made a motion to approve the following list of cleaning and custodial substitutes for the 2019–2020 school years: Rosemarie Kreiser(pending clearances); Kristen Haller, Nick McGrath and Jeremy Klinger, seconded by A. Keller. **Vote was Unanimous**

U. A. Keller made a motion to approve adding Cathy Brown and Julie Huntzinger to the list of substitute paraprofessionals, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

V. D. Brown made a motion to grant a medical leave of absence to employee #98572 for approximately 3 months, seconded by A. Keller. **Vote was Unanimous**

W. R. Stump made a motion to add Stacie Renninger to the school volunteer list, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**

14. POLICY– (*J.T. Herber, Chairperson*)

A. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

B. J.T. Herber made a motion to review Policy 918 Title I District Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Policy 918.1 Title I Student and Family Engagement Policy. There are no changes to the Policies this is just a yearly review, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

C. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 227.1 Student Drug Testing in light of the statistics provided by the district, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

15. TRANSPORTATION– (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

A. D. Brown made a motion to approve the 2019–2020 drivers list as found in the board packet, seconded by A. Wessner. **Vote was Unanimous**

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


Technology Update–Andy Diehl on the summer projects completed by the department.

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

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS

19. OTHER – J.T. Herber made a motion seconded by R. Stump to allow Heath Renninger, Superintendent to interview and hire until the next Board meeting. **Vote was Unanimous**

20. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by J.T. Herber, seconded by R. Stump the Board adjourned the meeting into an executive session to discuss contract issues at 8:02 pm.

  
Joanne Brindle  
Board Secretary