

# *Pine Grove Area School District*



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, August 20, 2020

5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting

PGA Middle School Library/Zoom

Pine Grove, PA 17963

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

**CALL TO ORDER** - Dave Lukasewicz called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

In attendance: Wes Ney, Heath Renninger, Vince Hoover, Bernie Kelly, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelburger, Dave Lukasewicz, Randy Stump, Andy Diehl, Sandy Burns, Jill Hlavaty, Henry Snyder, Melissa Mekosh, Jodie Dermo, Scott Dimon, Steve Brill, Student Rep Jade Shollenberger and parents, Gena Moyer, Alethea Wessner, Donald Brown, Jr., J.T. Herber.

Student Representative – Rich Dunkelberger explained how the student representative is chosen. Jade Shollenberger the representative was introduced and the Board had the opportunity to ask her some questions. She will be voted on in the next meeting.

Agenda - Went over the agenda so it can be voted on at the next meeting. Some discussion on the motion to pro-rate the extra-curricular stipends. Motion will be rewritten for the agenda.

J.T. Herber made motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading revisions to Policy #204 "Attendance." **Vote was Unanimous**

Andy Diehl gave a technology update. Chrome Books hopefully coming soon. ERATE project is being finalized. If students need device's, they should contact Technology.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz opened the meeting at 6:35 pm and announced that the August 20, 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

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

In attendance: Heath Renninger, Vince Hoover, Bernie Kelly, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelburger, Andy Diehl, Sandy Burns, Jill Hlavaty, Henry Snyder, Melissa Mekosh, Jodie Dermo, Scott Dimon, Attorney Nick Quinn. Audience on Zoom.

## 4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to all staff for everything they have done to get ready to open school.

We will welcome back our grey team on Thursday and our red team on Friday.

Presentation of chart showing numbers on how the PDE and Department of Health make their recommendations to schools.

Vince Hoover showed the School Reopening Site on the Webpage and the School Closure document. All the information needed for parents is on the webpage.

Mike Janicelli said the high school is ready for the students on Thursday, and Friday. Held Freshmen orientation and went well.

Scott Dimon thanked the Board for thinking about the coaching stipends. Thanked the coaching staff for following the guidelines this summer and the Board for allowing the summer workouts. Thank you to the Lehigh Valley Network for their guidance. August 24<sup>th</sup> is first mandatory practice. All athletic schedules have been amended.

Melissa Mekosh said the middle school schedules are complete and school is ready to open. Released our virtual 5<sup>th</sup> grade open house tonight on Facebook and on the website. Lots of

teachers have been volunteering to come in and help out. Completed a video today on procedures for students to be shown on the first day of school. Shout out to the Achieve Program which has been virtual from March on, lots of attendance by the kids.

Sandy Burns had a voluntary question and answer session with the elementary teachers in the beginning of August. Lots of obstacles to consider with little kids to keep them social distancing. She is proud of her teachers working very hard to get back to the new school year. Thank you to Henry and staff and Andy and staff for getting things ready.

Henry Snyder spoke about the summer getting supplies ready for COVID, Plexiglas installed, weight room floor complete, bleachers complete, district signage and payment markings. High School Cafeteria floor complete. MS cafeteria equipment was received today. Front doors and windows with clings complete. Routine summer maintenance ongoing.

- A. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to appoint Jade Shollenberger as the Student Representative to the School Board for the 2020/2021 school year.

**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](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. She responded there have been 4 which she read. Heath Renninger responded to all questions which were asked.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the July 30, 2020 COW and Board Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by J. T. Herber to ratify contracting services with Miller Paving to install new asphalt behind the high school at a cost not to exceed \$10,300. These areas include the 2 storage buildings, band trailer parking area, water inlet and walkway trench remediation. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account.

**Vote was Unanimous**



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

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the list of curriculum facilitators and their stipends as found in the Board Packet. **7 yes, 0 no 1 abstention (Herber)**

J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Items B and C.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- B. Approval to revise the 2020/2021 school year calendar to reflect September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as a full day of school, not an early dismissal.
- C. Approval of the high school student handbook for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

- A. Wessner made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve Items A & B.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval of bills for payment.
- B. Approval of the Treasurer's Report.
- C. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve that if the school district is required to close or cancel extra-curricular activities at any point during 20-21 school year, the pre-approved stipend will be prorated based on the number of days the extra-curricular activity is in-session in relation to the total regular season obligation. For example, if the approved stipend (ex. \$1,000) covers the entire regular season (ex. 90 days) and we are required to close or cancel our model for "28" of those days. The formula used will be total regular season days (90) minus cancelled or closed days (28), equals total in-session days (62) divided by total season days (90), multiplied by pre-approved stipend (\$1,000). The pro-rated stipend for this example would be \$688.89. Regardless of the season length all coaches and assistant coaches will be guaranteed 1/3 of their stipend. If the season progresses at least 50% they are guaranteed full pay. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

W. Ney made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve Items A through G.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval of the girls' soccer assistants - Mackenzie Lesh at a stipend of \$2,700 and Samantha Hoover at a stipend of \$1,800.
- B. Approval of the boys' soccer assistants – Michael Lenge at a stipend of \$2,835 and Brandon Witmer at a stipend of \$1,800. Volunteers: Jamie Shollenberger, Mark Frankenfield, Kaden Lenge and Jason Soper. All hires and volunteers are pending updated clearances.
- C. Approval of the assistant football coaches – Travis Mumma at a stipend of \$2,925; Trent Mars at a stipend of \$2,700, Jeremiah Gaffney at a stipend of \$2,700, Tom Renninger at a stipend of \$2,970, Jake Stoudt at a stipend of \$1,350. Volunteers Steve Zimmerman, Joe Barra, Sgt. Francis Hall and Mike Kalyan. All hires and volunteers are pending updated clearances.
- D. Approval of the cross-country assistant – Lindsey Petrousky at a stipend of \$1,800. Volunteer Kris Wilde.
- E. Approval of the volleyball assistants – Brittanie Deibler at a stipend of \$2,700 and Erin Frantz at a stipend of \$1,800.
- F. Approval of the cheerleading assistant – Kelsey Fidler at a stipend of \$2,025.
- G. Approval of Chris Coombe as golf assistant at a stipend of \$1,000.

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

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to approve Items A through I and K through L.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval to ratify accepting the retirement of Linda Arnold, MS Science Teacher effective the end of the 19/20 school year and to authorize the Superintendent to fill the position immediately.

- B. Approval to grant intermittent Family Medical Leave to employee ID#90377 beginning August of 2020 and ending in June of 2021.
- C. Approval to hire Derrick Hatter as a custodian. Derrick will be paid \$13.50 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract.
- D. Approval to hire Christopher Keating as a Paraprofessional I. Christopher will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract.
- E. Approval to hire Kelly Weiss as a Paraprofessional I. Kelly will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract, pending receipt of all clearances.
- F. Approval to hire Cayleen Conrad as a Paraprofessional I. Cayleen will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract, pending receipt of all clearances.
- G. Approval of the 2020-2021 list of advisors and their stipends as found in the board packet.
- H. Approval to add James Hull as a volunteer for the Quiz Bowl for the 2020-2021 school year.
- I. Approval of Rich Dunkelberger as the High School Attendance Officer and Molly Zwiebel as the Middle and Elementary School Attendance Officer.
- J. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to approve Leigh Herber as mentor for Kelly Jochems, Elementary School Nurse at a stipend of \$400. **7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Herber)**
- K. Approval of the following list of cleaning and custodial substitutes for the 2020-2021 school years: Nick McGrath.
- L. Approval of the following individuals who are not school employees to work school events: Bruce Kosack, Mike Hughes, Stephanie Dimon, Linda Dietrich, Brett Kreiser, Heather Saxton. Hires are pending updated clearances.

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

A. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of revisions to Policy #204 "Attendance." **Vote was Unanimous**

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

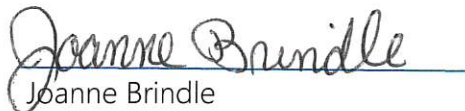
A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the 2020-2021 drivers list as found in the board packet. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

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

16. **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.

17. **ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by D. Brown, seconded by J.T. Herber the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm into an executive session to discuss personnel.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joanne Brindle". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Joanne Brindle

Board Secretary