

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 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**

CALL TO ORDER – The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board President David Lukasewicz.

In Attendance: Steve Brill, Wes Ney, Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Dave Lukasewicz, J.T. Herber, Randy Stump, Donald Brown, Alethea Wessner, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Scott Dimon, Melissa Mekosh, Sandy Burns, Mary Figura, Joan Schwer, Jill Hlavaty, Andy Diehl, Henry Snyder.

Heath Renninger – Discussion on the grant written for Pennsylvania Crime Commission for Juvenile Delinquency. This is actually two grants, one that is almost guaranteed and another that is competitive. Approval to apply for these grants will be voted on tonight.

Elementary School Plan, English Learners Program, Curriculum Maps – Mary Figura explained what the school plan and learners program are. They need to be turned into the state, so she is asking for approval tonight. We have added tier 3 to our intervention plan along with the tier 1 and 2 programs we currently have. She also reviewed the updated curriculum maps.

Scott Dimon explained why a motion is on the 6:30 agenda to move the Jr. High Girls' Basketball Program to the fall. Individual League Tournament is Monday for Golf and it is also the Team League Tournament, our team will be playing 18 holes. Homecoming next Saturday, schedule was given to Board members. We are looking forward to some fall teams making districts. Discussions will be held in the future looking to form Junior High Football and Junior High Baseball teams.

Discussion on Naxolone Policy – J.T. Herber discussed the purpose of Naxolone. He stated that it would be stored in a secure but accessible place to the emergency response team and school nurse. The reason we have not done this before is because there is a chance when someone is given this drug they may become violent. Since we have a security officer on site and the drug can save someone's life we will now accept a policy for its use. J.T. asked if the Board is interested in placing the policy on the agenda at 6:30 for first reading. The Board agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Melissa Mekosh, Sandy Burns, Mary Figura, Jill Hlavaty, Andy Diehl, Henry Snyder, Attorney Nick Quinn, Kim Pribilla, Bernie Kelly, Ted and Tonya Butler, Travis Anderson, Willow Albuquerque and parents, Paul Schaeffer and mother.

4. GUESTS

Mike Janicelli, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored the Seniors of the Month: Travis Anderson and Ali Butler

Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored the 8th Graders of the Month: Willow Albuquerque and Paul Schaeffer

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Thanked everyone for their assistance in ensuring a great first day and weeks of school.

October 14, school is closed for In-Service
Homecoming next Saturday

6. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Stump made a motion to approve the August 15, 2019 COW and Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**

8. BOARD BUSINESS

A. R. Stump made a motion to allow the district administration to move forward with the application for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency School Safety and Security – Competitive Grant Application. This grant will focus on replacing the high school surveillance system which has surpassed its end of life. This is a necessary resource to provide security to students, staff and visitors. This funding request is the first phase of two in the replacement plan of districtwide surveillance systems, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

10. CURRICULUM (Dave Lukasewicz)

- A. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the Pine Grove Area Elementary School Level Plan for 2019–2020, seconded D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the Pine Grove Area School District English Learners Program, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the service agreement with the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 and Pine Grove Area School District to provide Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) services as part of the consortium. Costs are being paid for through a federal grant, seconded by D. Brown.
Vote was Unanimous
- D. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the following Curriculum Mapping: Elementary STEAM, Math Grades 1 and 2, ELA Grades 1 and 2, Phys Ed and Health Grades 5 through 12, Music Grades K through 8 and Social Studies Grades 6, 7 and 8, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the JROTC Trip to the US Naval Academy in Maryland on October 24, 2019, seconded by J. T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the Band/Chorus Trip to Orlando, Florida over Thanksgiving 2020, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the creation of the Shine Girl Club at the middle school. Amy Jo Brixius will be the volunteer advisor, seconded by R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous
- H. A. Wessner made a motion to approve adding Katie Deegan as a volunteer co-advisor to the International Club in the high school, seconded by D. Brown.
Vote was Unanimous
- I. A. Wessner made a motion to approve adding Amy Harrison as the Curriculum facilitator for Middle School Special Education at a stipend of \$500 and Brittany Shelton and Samantha Hoover as the High School Social Studies Curriculum Facilitator at a stipend of \$200 each, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Brown made a motion to approve the bills for payment, seconded by R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous
- B. D. Brown made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report, seconded by R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous
- C. D. Brown made a motion to approve the items listed in the board packet for disposition. They will be disposed of as per board policy, seconded by W. Ney.
Vote was Unanimous

- D. D. Brown made a motion to ratify the contract with Orasure Technologies, Inc. for drug testing kits effective September 10, 2019 and ending September 9, 2021. The cost is \$34.00 per test kit, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Brown made a motion to approve Berkheimer Tax Administrators as the District's Deputy Real Estate and Occupation Tax Collector for all District municipalities, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. D. Brown made a motion to approve 2018-19 budgetary transfers (as needed), seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. D. Brown made a motion to approve the final McClure Application Payment, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. D. Brown made a motion to approve American Fidelity as the District's Section 125 plan administrator, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- I. D. Brown made a motion to approve to compromise the Districts portion of delinquent taxes with reference to tax parcel 58-6-51. The property was placed in the repository for unsold properties and is now being sold, seconded R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous
- J. D. Brown made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Pine Grove Area Education Association and the Pine Grove Area School District to revise Section IV.C "Index System" band and drama stipends, seconded by R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous

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

- A. W. Ney made a motion to approve to move the Pine Grove Area JH girls' basketball program from the fall season to the winter sports season beginning the 2020-21 school year, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. W. Ney made a motion to approve and recognize the list of Pine Grove Area Booster Clubs and Parent/Teacher Organizations for the 2019-2020 school year as found in the Board Packet, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

Mr. Ney requested that a discussion be held on the weight room.

13. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. J. T. Herber made a motion to ratify hiring Jessica Lyons as the Health Room Technician in the middle school. Jessica will be paid \$16.30 and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. Her first day was September 13, 2019, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. J. T. Herber made a motion to ratify hiring Cathy Brown as a Paraprofessional II. Cathy will be paid \$12.80 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- C. J. T. Herber made a motion to ratify hiring Samantha Myers as a Paraprofessional I. Samantha will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. J. T. Herber made a motion to ratify hiring Emily Brown as a Paraprofessional I. Emily will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. J. T. Herber made a motion to ratify hiring Nicole Shoener-Witherow as a Paraprofessional II. Nicole will be paid \$12.80 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. J. T. Herber made a motion to ratify hiring Starr Kavanaugh as a Paraprofessional II. Starr will be paid \$12.80 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. J. T. Herber made a motion to ratify hiring Cassi Wolfe as a Paraprofessional I. Cassi will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. J. T. Herber made a motion to ratify hiring Gina Hindman as a Paraprofessional II. Gina will be paid \$12.80 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- I. J. T. Herber made a motion to ratify hiring Jeremy Klinger as a cleaning person. Jeremy will be paid \$12.00 an hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. His first day was August 26, 2019, seconded by R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous
- J. J. T. Herber made a motion to ratify terminating employee #93040 effective September 3, 2019 and employee #90178 effective August 26, 2019, seconded by R. Stump. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**
- K. J. T. Herber made a motion to accept the intent to retire from Holly Brill, middle school guidance counselor, at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous with S. Brill Abstaining**
- L. J. T. Herber made a motion to ratify accepting the letter of resignation from Kelly Lesko, 5th grade learning support teacher effective August 16, 2019, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- M. J. T. Herber made a motion to ratify adding the following employees as advisors for the 2019-2020 school year:
Jennifer Heming, Freshmen Class Advisor at a stipend of \$1,003.50
Emily Daubert, Varsity Club Advisor at a stipend of \$724.75
Kyler Burke, History Club Advisor at a stipend of \$724.75
Andrea Hatter and Eric Kurtz, Travel Club Advisor at a stipend of \$362.38 each
Renee Hughes and Katie Rogers, Student Counsel Advisors at a stipend of \$1,059.25 each, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

- N. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve the request for paternity leave from Andy Diehl beginning approximately October 23, 2019 and lasting approximately 10 days. He will be using his sick time, seconded by, R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- O. J. T. Herber made a motion to grant medical leave to employee #93470 beginning on October 3, 2019 and lasting for approximately 4 to 6 weeks, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- P. J. T. Herber made a motion to allow Tammy Krammes, a Paraprofessional, leave without pay on December 2, 2019 through December 6, 2019 for a family vacation, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- Q. J. T. Herber made a motion to allow employee #98622 Intermittent FMLA leave beginning on September 1, 2019 and lasting until the last day of school to care for a sick family member, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- R. J. T. Herber made a motion to accept the resignation of Heather Schneck from her position as Paraprofessional effective September 20, 2019, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- S. J. T. Herber made a motion to accept the resignation of Kaitlin Patches from her position as learning support teacher in the elementary school effective September 20, 2019, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- T. J. T. Herber made to ratify adding Linda Donmoyer, Michael Hallic, Jr. (pending clearances and Scott Hamilton (pending clearances) to the custodial/cleaning substitute list, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**
- U. J. T. Herber made of the following school district volunteers: Amanda Dastgheib, Jennifer Stump, Jessica Aungst, Amy High, Sara Moyer, Samantha Fisher, Jason Purcell, Nina Purcell, Jaclyn Harwi, David Schaeffer, Regina Schaeffer, Irene Dower, seconded by A. Wessner. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. J. T. Herber made a motion for the first reading of Policy 823 Naxolone, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. J. T. Herber made a motion for the second reading and final adoption of Policy 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information, seconded by A. Wessner. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. J. T. Herber made a motion for the first reading of Policy 201 Admission of Beginners, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. J. T. Herber made a motion for the first reading of Policy 004 Membership, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. J. T. Herber made a motion for the first reading of Policy 209 Health Examinations/Screenings, seconded by A. Wessner. **Vote was Unanimous**

F. J. T. Herber made a motion for the first reading of Policy 208 Withdrawal from School, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

A. R. Stump made a motion to ratify adding Marlin Hummel and Robert Canfield as van drivers for the 19-20 school year, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

The IU Board met and voted turning down the funding of the new firewall. The vote will be brought to the table again at the October Meeting.

17. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – *(Allison Butler)*

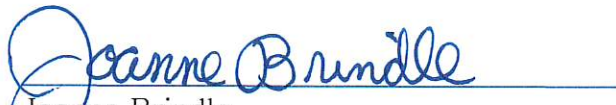
Gave the Board an update on all buildings and happenings for the next month.

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

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Stump asked about the 5 year plan for the district. Heath Renninger explained that all the administrators had handed their plan in and he is compiling it into one. Randy also thanked Mary Figura for all her hard work on the curriculum.

20. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned into an executive session to discussion legal/contract issues on a motion by R. Stump, seconded by J.T. Herber at 7:20 pm.


Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary