

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2020
6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting/Zoom
Pine Grove, PA 17963

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz will announce that the June 18, 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**

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| Steve Brill | Donald E. Brown, Jr. | Dave Frew |
| J.T. Herber | Genavieve Moyer | Wes Ney |
| Randy Stump | Alethea Wessner | Dave Lukasewicz |
4. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
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 will ask Joanne Brindle Board Secretary if there have been any public comments.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Approval of the May 21, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.
7. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** (*Dave Frew, Chairperson*)
 - A. Approval to purchase an electric range with hot plates, for the middle school cafeteria at a cost not to exceed \$7,500. The funds will be taken from the Cafeteria Account and the purchase will occur through an approved Pennsylvania State Contract.
 - B. Approval to purchase an electric double deck convention oven, for the middle school cafeteria at a cost not to exceed \$11,500. The funds will be taken from the Cafeteria Account and the purchase will occur through an approved Pennsylvania State Contract.

8. CURRICULUM (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

A. Approval of the list of the Pine Grove Area School District Graduates.

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

A. Approval to adopt the resolution for the Levy of School District taxes for 2020-2021. The tax rates remain the same at the 2019-2020 year. Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 41.75 mills on real property on each dollar of assessed valuation.

| | <u>Revenues</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | \$ 25,158,150 | \$ 25,158,150 |

B. Approval to adopt the resolution for the 2020-2021 general fund budget.

C. Approval to request a \$250.00 tax levies on the occupation of individuals living within the district.

D. Approval to request a 1% tax levy on earned income under Act 511(to be shared with component municipalities). A 1% levy on transfer of real estate under Act 511 (to be shared with municipalities.)

E. Approval to request a \$10.00 tax levied on the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the Pine Grove Area School District.

F. Approval to adopt the 2020-2021 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

G. Approval to extend the discount due date on 2020 School District Real Estate tax bills from 8/31/20 to 9/30/20, and the face period due date from 10/31/20 to 11/30/20. The penalty period will be after 11/30/20 until 12/31/20.

H. Approval of bills for payment.

I. Approval of the Treasurer's Report.

J. Approval of the 2019 tax exemptions as found in the board packet.

K. Approval of the 2020-2021 rates for the Berks County Schools Health and Welfare Trust: Single - \$726.88 per month; Two-Party - \$1,548.25 per month; Family - \$2,107.97 per month. These are the same rates as last year.

L. Approval of the 2020-2021 rates for the Schuylkill County Schools Health and Welfare Trust. Dental 1.81-1.82% over last year. Single \$30.80; Husband and Wife \$61.60; Parent & Child \$61.60; Parent and Children \$77.00; Family \$77.00; Composite \$61.44. Vision -0.98 - -1.01% over last year. Single \$7.06; Husband and Wife \$14.12; Parent and Child \$14.12; Parent and Children \$17.65; Family \$17.65; Composite \$14.07.

- M. Approval to authorize the Business Administrator to make the necessary budgetary transfers for the 2019–2020 school year expenditures to avoid budgetary line item categorical over–under expenditures resulting from local audit reclassifications. This blanket authorization is restricted to those transfers required as a result of local audit reclassifications and will be reported as required at subsequent school board meetings in accordance with the directives received from the Auditor General’s Office.
- N. Request approval of the service agreement with Rodney Zechman to maintain the shop equipment in the high school and middle school. This will not exceed \$1,600 quarterly.
- O. Approval to award the following bids:
 - Municipal Waste Removal Bid to Waste Management in the amount of \$13,995.00, extra waste pickup \$55.00, extra recycle pickup \$65.00.
 - Propane to Kopyy’s Propane in the amount of \$.9750/gallon non–escalating.
 - Coal to Reading Anthracite in the amount of \$137.00/ton.
 - Lumber to Werner Lumber in the amount of \$2.64/BF for Red Oak and \$1.03/BF for Pine.
- P. Approval of the contract with Thomas Piano Service to tune the 6 pianos in our district. The cost is \$95.00 for multiple piano tuning and \$120.00 for single.
- Q. Approval to renew the contract between the Pine Grove Area School District and PA–Educator.net in the amount of \$1,750 for the period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. This is the same amount as last year.
- R. Approval of the Agreement for Participation in Child Nutrition Program between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and the Schuylkill County AVTS Operating Agency.
- S. Approval to accept the high bid of \$2,765 from Randy Stewart and Tiffany Peiffer for the 2005 Haulmark trailer.

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

- A. Approval of the Sports Medicine Partnership Proposal as presented by Lehigh Valley Health Network. This is a 5 year agreement.
- B. Approval of the PGASD Athletics Return to Participation Plan for summer 2020. This plan does not address fall 2020 and beyond guidelines.

11. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. Approval to hire Lara Swartz beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Lara will be paid \$51,500 and receive all benefits as specified in the Administrative Contract. She is replacing Lori Chuba as the district Social Worker.
- B. Approval to hire Molly Zwiebel as a temporary professional beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Molly will be paid Masters Step 1 for a salary of \$44,705 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will be replacing Jason Albon who has moved to the open MS Guidance Position as the Crisis Intervention Counselor.
- C. Approval to hire Tyler Cann as a temporary professional beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Tyler will be paid Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$42,695 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. He will be replacing Mary Franko as 8th grade Special Education Teacher.
- D. Approval to hire Scott Hamilton as a custodian beginning July 1, 2020. Scott will be paid \$13.50 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME contract.
- E. Approval to ratify accepting the letter of intent to retire from Mary Jane Spittler, Paraprofessional effective June 3, 2020.
- F. Approval of the following people to staff the ESY Summer Program – Courtney Boone, Special Education Teacher, Suzanne Dubbs, Occupational Therapist, Andrea Bucher, Speech Teacher and Paraprofessional's Brenda Lengle and Nina Voltz.
- G. Approval to allow the Superintendent to interview and hire necessary employees from now until the August Board Meeting.

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

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

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