

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting Thursday,
January 18, 2018
6:30 PM

Pine Grove Area Middle School
Pine Grove, PA

Dr. Evelyn Wassel
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Wassel brought the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL – All Members in Attendance
Steve Brill Donald E. Brown, Jr. Dave Frew
J.T.Herber Dave Lukasewicz Wes Ney
Randy Stump Alethea Wessner Evelyn Wassel
Gabrielle Lutz, Student Rep.

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Attorney Nick Quinn, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Pam Watts, Bernie Kelly, Mary Figura, Sandy Burns, Cindy Moyer, James Fickes, Becky Cochran, Jen and Leah Wolfgang, Carol Warner, Vicki Terriliger, Frank Gaffney and family, James Kintzel, Scott Dimon, Mary Jo Nabholz, Caitlyn Becker, parents and sister, Katie Mease, parents and brother, Vanessa Baum, parents, Colin Ibarra, mom, brothers and grandparents, Hannah Kocher, parents and sisters.

4. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Evelyn Wassel and Heath Renninger honored the seniors and 8th graders of the month.

December Seniors of the Month – Caitlyn Becher

January Seniors of the Month – Katie Mease

December 8th Graders of the Month– Vanessa Baum and Colin Ibarra

January 8th Graders of the Month – Hannah Kocher

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Heath Renninger – honored the board members for their service during the meeting and gave each a certificate. It is National Board Member Recognition Month.

Elementary School – Adapted PE: Teachers James Fickes, Rebecca Cochran, Cindy Moyer along with student Leah Wolfgang and parent Jen Wolfgang presented the schools adapted PE program.

6. BOARD BUSINESS

A. D. Brown made a motion to approve the Board Committees for 2018 as found in the Board Packet, seconded by D. Lukasewicz. **Vote was Unanimous**

7. REVIEW OF AGENDA

8. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

9. CONSENT AGENDA

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. T. Herber made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by D. Lukasewicz.
Vote was Unanimous

- November 9, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- November 16, 2017 Board Meeting
- December 4, 2017 Reorganization Meeting

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

D. Frew made a motion to approve Items A and B, seconded by D. Lukasewicz.
Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval to amend meeting minutes from August which stated “to pay C.M. Eichelaub to repair the middle school main backboards hoist in the middle school gym at a cost not to exceed \$6,893.37.” This should now read: “to pay C.M. Eichelaub to repair the middle school main backboards hoist in the middle school gym at a cost not to exceed \$7,348.80.” The cost of freight was 455.43.

B. Request approval to purchase Key Control Combination Padlocks from Fastenal at a cost not to exceed \$4,879.50. These padlocks will be used for Middle School lockers. This cost will be paid out of the Capital Projects account.

12. CURRICULUM (*Evelyn Wassel, Chairperson*)

D. Lukasewicz made a motion to approve Items A and B, seconded by D. Brown.
Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval of the 2018–2019 School District Calendar.

B. Approval to revise the 2017–2018 School District Calendar to use January 15, 2018 as a snow make up day and to add an in-service day to the end of the school year in June. School will also be in session April 2nd and 3rd to make up for snow days January 16th and 17th.

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

Dave Frew made a motion to approve Items A, C and D, seconded by D. Lukasewicz. **Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval of bills for payment.
 - B. D. Frew made a motion to adopt a resolution indicating that the Board of School Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the fiscal year 2018–2019 by more than its index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, seconded by D. Lukasewicz.
Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 no
 - C. Accept the revised AFR for the 2015–2016 school year.
 - D. Accept the 2015–2016 Single Audit Report.
 - E. D. Frew made a motion to authorize the Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with Municipal Revenue Services for sale of 2017–2018 delinquent real estate taxes, seconded by D. Lukasewicz. **Roll Call Vote 9 yes, 0 no**
 - F. D. Frew made a motion to approve to commit fund balance for curriculum development in the amount of \$350,000; technology in the amount of \$600,000 and capital projects in the amount of \$3,072,000 and assigned fund balance in the amount of \$1,670,827, seconded to D. Lukasewicz. **Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 no**
14. EXTRA-CURRICULAR (*Wes Ney, Chairperson*)
- W. Ney made a motion to approval Items A through H, seconded by D. Lukasewicz.
Vote was Unanimous
 - A. Approval of Frank Gaffney as head football coach for the 2018 season at a stipend of \$4,500 pending receipt of all clearances.
 - B. Ratify adding Jordan Lehman to the list of volunteer coaches for Boys' Basketball.
 - C. Ratify changing Michael Hughes from volunteer boys' basketball coach to paid junior high coach for the 2017–2018 season. He will receive a stipend of \$2,700.
 - D. Ratify adding Becky Evans as a game worker.
 - E. Add Amanda Kemmerling as a volunteer volleyball coach.
 - F. Approval of Keith Lehman as head baseball coach at a stipend of \$4,016.25.
 - G. Approval of Ryan Leffler as head girls' softball coach at a stipend of \$3,825.
 - H. Approval of Emily Daubert as head track and field coach at a stipend of \$3,825.

15. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

D.Lukasewicz made a motion to approve Items A through K, seconded b D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Ratify accepting the resignation of Amy Kimmel from her position as teacher's aide/paraprofessional effective November 30, 2017.
- B. Ratify hiring Kayla Zimmerman as a teacher's aide beginning on November 29, 2017. Kayla will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive all benefits applicable in the AFSCME contract. She is replacing Amy Kimmel
- C. Ratify accepting the resignation of Kayla Zimmerman as a teacher's aide effective January 11, 2018 and advertising for her position.
- D. Approval to allow James Fickes to take two weeks of leave after the birth of his baby in May. He will be using sick and personal leave.
- E. Ratify extending Lori Chuba's FMLA leave until January 8, 2018.
- F. Ratify extending Jordan Zimmerman's maternity leave until February 5, 2018.
- G. Ratify allowing Taryn Fatula FMLA leave beginning Nov. 28, 2017 and running through the end of the school year. Her leave will be taken intermittently. Her doctors' note states between 1 and 3 days per month.
- H. Approval of February 22nd and February 23, 2018 as leave without pay for Monica Breiner, social studies teacher in the high school.
- I. Approval of Briana Schies, Linda Lehman-Riley, Shelley Ulrich, Jeremy Stager, Melanie Neidlinger, Tyler Neidlinger, Beverly Zimmerman, Tina Niemi, Brian Breiscl as district volunteers.
- J. Approval to raise the daily rate for professional staff substitutes from \$90.00 per day to \$100.00 per day beginning on January 23, 2018.
- K. Approval to add Nicholas McGrath to the cleaning/custodial substitute list.

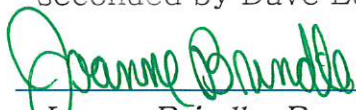
16. POLICY- (*J.T. Herber, Chairperson*)

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

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of the 2nd Reading and Final Adoption of Policy 918 Title I District Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
- B. Approval of the 2nd Reading and Final Adoption of Policy 918.1 Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

- C. Approval of the 2nd Reading and Final Adoption of Policy 103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices.
 - D. Approval of the 2nd Reading and Final Adoption of Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities.
 - E. Approval of the 2nd Reading and Final Adoption of Policy 104 Nondiscrimination in Employment and Contract Practices.
 - F. Approval of the 2nd Reading and Final Adoption of Policy 150 Title I Comparability of Services.
 - G. Approval of the 2nd Reading and Final Adoption of Policy 906 Title Public Comments.
 - H. Approval of the 2nd Reading and Final Adoption of Policy 302 Employment of Superintendent/ Assistant Superintendent.
 - I. Approval of the 2nd Reading and Final Adoption of Policy 311 Reduction of Staff.
17. TRANSPORTATION– (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)
 D.Lukasewicz made a motion to approve Item A, seconded by J.T.Herber.
Vote was Unanimous
- A. Ratify adding Lance Carlin to the substitute van driver list effective January 2, 2018.
18. TECHNOLOGY – (*Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson*)
 D.Brown made a motion to approve Item A, seconded by D. Lukasewicz.
Vote was Unanimous
- A. Approval to create a Technology Director Position and to advertise for this position.
19. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – (*Gabrielle Lutz*)
 Gabby gave her report on happenings in all three schools.
20. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – (*Dave Frew, Representative*)
 Dave reported that the roof project is on schedule.
21. PUBLIC COMMENTS
22. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm on a motion by Don Brown, seconded by Dave Lukasewicz.



 Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary