

Pine Grove Area School District
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2018

5:30 pm

Pine Grove Area District Middle School Library

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board President Evelyn Wassel.
In attendance: Jodie Dermo, Steve Brill, J.T. Herber, Wes Ney, Dave Frew, Heath Renninger, Evelyn Wassel, Dave Lukasewicz, Alethea Wessner, Randy Stump, Donald Brown, Joanne Brindle, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Pam Watts, Sandy Burns, Mary Figura, Joan Schwer, Jill Hlavaty, Andrea Hatter, Gerald Salen, Scott Dimon, Henry Snyder.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. 18/19 Budget Process – Jodie stated that so far the preliminary deficit is under \$800,000. On Feb. 22nd there will be a Finance Committee Meeting where she will present a historical review.
2. District Banking Proposals– Dave Frew said that RFP's have been put out to six banks for interest rates and fees. Three of them were asked to come back with more information. After analyzing the results Jodie has recommended Mid Penn Bank which has a branch located in Tremont. They have very good interest rates which will be reviewed periodically and no fees. This will be put on the agenda for approval.
3. Tax Collection – Process – Rates for Collectors – After some discussion it was decided to reaffirm the existing tax rates and let the tax collectors decide if they would like to collect the taxes. If necessary we have an offer from Berkheimer to collect the taxes.
4. Supplemental Physical Therapy Contract (Austill's)–We will approve this contract at the regular meeting. The contract is much cheaper than what we have been paying for the IU services.
5. PSBA – Discussion on the amount of money we pay annually for their services. The business administrator will try and negotiate a better price with them. More discussion will be held on the topic.

CURRICULUM

1. 2017–2018 School Calendar – updates made to the calendar for snow days.

POLICY

All policies were discussed and will be moved forward to the agenda for approval.

1. 004.1 Student Rep to the School Board
2. 324 Personnel Files
3. 623 Credit Cards
4. 808 School Lunches (eliminate 808.2)
5. Eliminate 248, 348, 448, 548 (policies concerning unlawful harassment because of adopting the new 103 and 104 policies concerning nondiscrimination in school, classrooms and employment.
6. Approve revision to policy 336 (Personal Necessity Leave) and eliminate policies 436 and 536.
7. Eliminate policies 411, 511, 310, 410 and 510 since we approved policy 311 last month reduction of staff. 310, 410 and 510 were Abolishing a position. 311 replaces all of these policies.

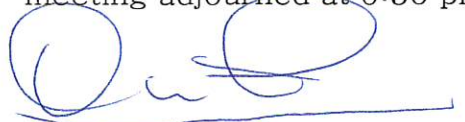
TECHNOLOGY

1. Erate Project – Heath stated there were three 3 RFP's and after some discussion it was decided to move this project to the agenda for approval.

Dave Frew announced that Ed Ebling from Jones and Co. completed our 15-16 exit audit and will be back in the next month to complete the 16-17.

Dave also announced that we have received a silver certificate from PP&L for our savings from the projects.

ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by D. Frew, seconded by D. Lukasewicz the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.



Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary