

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 15, 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 – Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Board President Evelyn Wassel.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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.

All Board Members in attendance. Also in attendance Jodie Dermo, Heath Renninger, Attorney Nick Quinn, Joanne Brindle, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Pam Watts, Sandy Burns, Mary Figura, Joan Schwer, Jill Hlavaty, Andrea Hatter, Gerald Salen, Scott Dimon, Henry Snyder, Richard Nickel, Barry Newswanger, Vicki Terriliger, Faith Sleva and mother, Rebecca Peiffer and parents, Bobby Rice with mother and brother, Connor Brown with parents, Mikaili Donmoyer with mother, stepfather and grandparents, Samantha Kemmerling, Alyssa Kaufman, Sage Barron, Hayden Kielbowick, Kylie Turner.

4. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mike Janicelli, Evelyn Wassel and Heath Renninger honored:

February Seniors of the Month – Faith Sleva, Rebecca Peiffer and Bobby Rice

Melissa Mekosh, Evelyn Wassel and Heath Renninger honored:

February 8th Graders of the Month– Connor Brown, Mikaili Donmoyer

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Minute of silence was held for the shooting victims in Florida.
- Great job by the quiz bowl, Schuylkill League Academic Champs and headed to Penn State to compete.
- Tomorrow will be $\frac{1}{2}$ day of school and closed on Monday.
- Great job by the employees who clean up the ice and snow at the district.
- Samantha Kemmerling and students Kylie Turner, Hayden Kielbowick, Alyssa Kaufman and Sage Barron demonstrated their Knex Project which they will be submitting in the Knex Challenge being held at the IU in March.

6. REVIEW OF AGENDA

7. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

8. CONSENT AGENDA

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Lukasewicz approved the minutes, seconded by D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous

- January 11, 2018 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- January 18, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

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

11. CURRICULUM (*Evelyn Wassel, Chairperson*)

D. Lukasewicz made a motion seconded by D. Brown to approved Items A through C. Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to revise the 2017-2018 school calendar due to snow days.
- B. Approval of the JROTC JLAB Academic Team to attend the regional competition in Fresh Meadows, New York on March 2nd and 3rd, 2018.
- C. Approval to ratify providing homebound instruction to a 5th grade student beginning approximately Feb. 2, 2018 and lasting until March 5, 2018.

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

D. Frew made a motion to approve Items A through D, seconded by D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of bills for payment.
- B. Approval of the tax exemptions as found in the board packet.
- C. Approval to adopt the resolution dealing with commitments of the unassigned fund balance.
- D. Approval to contract with Austill's Rehabilitation Services, Inc. beginning on July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2021.
- E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve Mid Penn Bank located in Tremont, PA as the depository for all district accounts.

Vote was Unanimous

- F. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Lukasewicz to reaffirm the existing tax rates as written in the current Board Policy for the collection of taxes. The rates are 40 cents for the collection of real estate taxes and 25 cents for the collection of occupation taxes. Vote was Unanimous

- C. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to Approval to hire Judy Kielbowick as a 4 hour aide. Judy will be paid \$12.80 per hour and receive all applicable benefits as per the AFSCME contract. She will begin upon receipt of all clearances. Seconded by J.T. Herber.

Vote was Unanimous

- D. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to Approval to allow Emma Noll, Cleaning Person to take 7 days of leave without pay, seconded by D. Frew.

Vote was Unanimous

- E. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to Approval to allow Julianne Sidleck maternity/child rearing leave beginning approximately May 27, 2018 and ending approximately September 26, 2018. She will use her sick and personal leave, seconded by A. Wessner. Vote was Unanimous

- F. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to Approval to add the following to the district volunteer list: Marcel LeBlanc, Brittni Copeland, Christina Reed, Fawn Sirbaugh, Lauren Grimes, Heidi Thomas, Jamie Aungst, Kelly Fisher and Adrienne Conforti, seconded by D. Frew. Vote was Unanimous

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

J.T. Herber made a motion to approve Items A through G, seconded by D. Lukasewicz. Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval of the first reading of policy 004.1 Student Rep to the School Board.

B. Approval of the first reading of policy 324 Personnel Files and after final approval this will eliminate policies 424 and 524.

C. Approval of the first reading of policy 623 Credit Cards

D. Approval of the first reading of policy 808 School Lunches and after final approval this will eliminate policy 808.2.

E. Approval of first reading of policy 336 Personal Necessity Leave. With final approval this will eliminate policy 436 and 536.

F. Approval to eliminate policies 248, 348, 448 and 548 (All policies concerning unlawful harassment due to adopting the new policies last month of 103 and 104 which deals with nondiscrimination in school, classrooms and employment.)

G. Approval to eliminate policies 411, 511, 310, and 410. (All policies concerning abolishing positions and suspensions and furloughs due to adopting the new 311 policy last month which deals with reduction of staff.)

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

- Dave Lukasewicz thanked Barry and his staff for a great job during our days of bad weather.

17. TECHNOLOGY - (*Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson*)

- D. Brown made a motion to approve the contract with KIT Communications of Annville, PA for network upgrades in the amount of \$116,171 contingent upon Erate funding, seconded by D. Frew. Vote was Unanimous

18. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - (*Gabrielle Lutz*)

- Gabrielle gave a report on the happenings in each building.

19. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT - (*Dave Frew, Representative*)

- IU Board of Directors eliminated the Director of Curriculum Position at the Vo-Tech and created an Assistant Executive Director position.

20. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Richard Nickel handed each Board member a copy of a Facebook Posting in which the Lady Cardinals Softball Boosters were advertising for a gun raffle. A picture of a gun was posted on the site. He expressed his frustration over seeing this.

21. ADJOURNMENT - On a motion by S. Brill, seconded by D. Lukasewicz the Board adjourned the meeting into an executive Session to discuss personnel and legal issues at 7:25 pm.



Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary