

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 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**

The COW Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.

- Janice and Dave Bettis spoke in support of Coach Towne. Other soccer parents had sent an email to the coach that they did not know about in advance or support. Mrs. Bettis read the email. They both stated that the opinion of the email was not the opinion of the parents nor the captains.
- Mary Figura discussed the SPP scores from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- Mary also discussed the new Civics Test.
- Mary talked about the Parent Program she held to talk about the new math series in the elementary school. Fifteen people attended and child care was provided by the high school. Brad Fessler videotaped the session. More parent programs are planned for January through May – information will be sent out after Christmas.
- Mary discussed the curriculum mapping.
- The Board accepted the low bid of \$1,550 from Josh Anspach for the 2006 Savanna Cargo Van.
- The Board decided to push a motion to the agenda to approve Portnoff as the delinquent real estate tax collectors beginning with the 2019 tax year.
- A motion will be pushed to the agenda to approve Travis Mumma as a volunteer monitor in the weight room.
- J. T. Herber made a motion for the first reading of Policy 246 School Wellness, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- Don Brown and Andy Diehl discussed Items A and B (SETAC and PAIUNET) under the Technology portion of the agenda and their recommendation was for approval of both items.

The COW meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz, Board President called the meeting or order at 6:30 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Steve Brill Donald E. Brown, Jr. Dave Frew
J.T. Herber(arrived 5:45) Wes Ney Randy Stump
Alethea Wessner Dave Lukasewicz Ali Butler, Student Rep
All Board Members were present.

Others present: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Attorney Nick Quinn, Michael Janicelli, Mary Figura, Melissa Mekosh, Sandra Burns, Jill Hlavaty, Henry Snyder, Andy Diehl, Rich Dunkelberger, Keith Koppenhaver and parents, Valerie Sleva with mom, sisters, brother, step-mother and step-father, Ella Fasncacht with parents, and siblings, Tyler Sleva with father.

4. GUESTS

Mike Janicelli, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored Seniors of the Month: Val Sleva and Keith Koppenhaver

Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored 8th Graders of the Month: Tyler Sleva and Ella Fasnacht

5. BOARD BUSINESS

A. J.T. Herber made a motion to ratify accepting the resignation of Angela Keller from her position as the Region I Pine Grove Area School Board Member effective October 15, 2019, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Spoke about being awarded the grant via the Safe Schools Targeted Grant Program
- Thanked Pine Grove Area Education Foundation we have received almost \$10,000 from them so far
- Reminded the Board of the half days before Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Congratulated the re-elected board members
- Noted that Genavieve Moyer will be a new board member.
- Recognized Dave Frew with an 8 year service award from PSBA

7. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Lukasewicz made a motion to approve the October 10, 2019 COW and Board Meeting Minutes and the November 14, 2019 Extra-Curricular Meeting, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

A. D. Frew made a motion to approve the donation of a new sound system valued at \$9,119.00 from the PGA Lady Cardinals Softball Boosters to be installed at the high school girls' softball field, seconded R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

B. D. Frew made a motion to approve to contract professional services with RPA Engineering to inspect the High School Boiler Stack at a cost Not to Exceed \$25,000.00. This cost will be taken from the Capital Projects Fund. This inspection will provide the overall condition of the structure and recommended repairs, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- C. D. Frew made a motion to contract with Tyndale Flag Service to install a new 40' flagpole at the High School at a cost Not to Exceed cost of \$10,000.00. This cost will be taken from the Capital Projects Fund, seconded by R. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

- D. D. Frew made a motion to seek services to fabricate new ash containers for the High School at cost Not to Exceed \$1,400.00. This cost will be taken from the Capital Projects Fund, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

10. CURRICULUM – *(Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)*

- A. A. Wessner made a motion to approve the Middle School Book Club Field Trip to New York City on May 15, 2020 to visit the 9/11 Museum, seconded by R. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion to approve the bills for payment, seconded by D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. D. Frew made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report, seconded by W. Ney.

Vote was Unanimous

- C. D. Frew made a motion to accept the Budget Timeline for the 2020–2021 fiscal year, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

- D. D. Frew made a motion to ratify accepting the Annual Financial Report for the 2018–2019 fiscal year, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

- E. D. Frew made a motion to accept the low bid of \$1,550 from Joshua Anspach for the 2006 Savanna Cargo Van. This was the only bid received on the three items for sale, seconded by S. Brill. **Vote was Unanimous**

- F. D. Frew made a motion to authorize the Business Administrator to retain Portnoff Law Associates, LTD as the district's delinquent real estate tax collector beginning with the 2019 tax year, pending review of the contract and resolutions by the District's solicitor. This is a 3–year contract expiring December 31, 2022, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. W. Ney made a motion to ratify hiring Lindsey Petrousky as the Cross Country Assistant for the 2019–2020 school year at a stipend of \$1,800, seconded by A. Wessner. **Vote was Unanimous**

- B. W. Ney made a motion to approve David Snedden as a volunteer for the boys' soccer team, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- C. W. Ney made a motion to hire the following wrestling assistants: Eric Schneck, first assistant at a stipend of \$2,925; Ted Kemmerling as assistant at a stipend of \$2,700; Todd Martin as assistant at a split stipend of \$1,350 and Ryan Martin as assistant at a split stipend of \$1,350, seconded by S. Brill. **Vote was Unanimous**

- D. W. Ney made a motion to approve the volunteers for the wrestling program: James Schaeffer (pending clearances); Dillion Kintzel (pending clearances); Jesse Fisher (pending clearances), seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. W. Ney made a motion to hire Kalene Anderson as assistant girls' basketball coach (pending receipt of all clearances); she will receive a stipend of \$2,700, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. W. Ney made a motion to add Abe Hitz as a volunteer for the boys' basketball team, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. W. Ney made a motion to add Heather Leininger and Jennifer Zimmerman as volunteer cheerleading advisors (pending all clearances), D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. W. Ney made a motion to approve Travis Mumma as a volunteer monitor in the weight room, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- I. W. Ney made a motion to approve the listed dates of wrestling overnight tournaments, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
 Friday-Saturday December 6-7, 2019 (Bloomsburg, PA)
 Friday-Saturday January 31-February 1, 2020 (Bethlehem, PA)
 Friday-Saturday February 21-22, 2020 (Bethlehem, PA)
 Friday-Saturday February 28-29, 2020 (Bethlehem, PA)
 Wednesday-Saturday March 4-7, 2020 (Hershey, PA)

13. **PERSONNEL** (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to accept the resignation of Mary Figura from her position as Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Her last day will be December 6, 2019, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to hire Vince Hoover as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Vince will be paid \$81,500 and receive all benefits in accordance with the Act 93 Contract. He will begin as soon as he is released from his current position, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to ratify granting Intermittent FMLA leave to employee #90636 from October 14, 2019 as needed through the end of the 2019/2020 school year for medical reasons, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to ratify granting FMLA leave to employee #91731 from October 4, 2019 through approximately December 6, 2019 for medical reasons, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Lukasewicz made a motion to ratify continuing the medical leave for employee #95262. A doctor's note was received on 11/8/19 stating the employee will need to continue medical leave until further notice, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- F. D. Lukasewicz Approval to grant maternity leave to Ashley Withrow, 1st grade teacher starting approximately April 6, 2019 and ending the last teacher day of the 2019/2020 school year, seconded by A. Wessner. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. D. Lukasewicz Approval to grant maternity leave to Shannon Shughart, middle school music teacher starting approximately April 16, 2020 and ending the last teacher day of the 2019/2020 school year, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. D. Lukasewicz Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Kristina Fehr from her position as Paraprofessional effective October 18, 2019, seconded by R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous
- I. D. Lukasewicz Approval to ratify hiring Whitney Levan as a Paraprofessional I. Whitney will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. Her first day was October 24, 2019, seconded by R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous
- J. D. Lukasewicz Approval to ratify hiring Michele Brown as a Paraprofessional I. Michele will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. Her first day was November 4, 2019, seconded by R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous
- K. D. Lukasewicz Approval to ratify hiring Patti Minehan as Paraprofessional I. Patti will be Paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. Her first day was November 20, 2019, seconded by R. Stump.
Vote was Unanimous
- L. D. Lukasewicz Approval to allow Dale Kintzel, Cleaning Person, unpaid leave from June 22, 2020 until July 3, 2020 for personal reasons, seconded by W. Ney.
Vote was Unanimous
- M. D. Lukasewicz Approval to ratify allowing Judy Kielbowick, Paraprofessional unpaid leave on November 6th and 7th for personal reasons, seconded by D. Frew.
Vote was Unanimous
- N. D. Lukasewicz Approval to ratify adding Allison Butler and Karson Felty to the list of approved game workers, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
- O. D. Lukasewicz Approval to add Kendra McCabe and Anastasia Hubert to the list of substitute nurses, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
- P. D. Lukasewicz Approval of the following volunteers: Kaitlyn Bertasavage, Crystal DeRemer, Jennifer Shadle, Craig Lengle, Angela Lengle, Pamela Brown, Jillian Cedeno, Brian Zellin Tracey Zellin, Lynette Lemke, Julie Stump, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 246 School Wellness, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- B. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 705 Safety, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
 - C. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 709 Building Security, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
 - D. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of Policy 805 Emergency Preparedness, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
 - E. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of Policy 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
 - F. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
15. **TRANSPORTATION**– (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)
- A. R. Stump made a motion to ratify adding Ronald Ashcraft to the list of approved bus drivers, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
16. **TECHNOLOGY** – (*Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson*)
- A. D. Brown made a motion for the district’s continued participation in the Schuylkill Education Technology Advisory Council consortium (SETAC), seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
 - B. D. Brown made a motion to approve SETAC’s recommendation to sign a five-year contract with PAIUNET 3.0 for internet services, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
17. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** – (*Allison Butler*)
- Reported on the happenings in all three buildings.
18. **SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT** – (*Dave Frew, Representative*)
- STC voted to increase their fund balance, some districts claimed they were unaware of what they were voting on.
19. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- Announced that the reorganization will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
20. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm into an executive session for personnel reasons.

Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary