

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2020

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**

CALL TO ORDER – Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.

In Attendance: Steve Brill, Donald Brown, Dave Frew, J.T. Herber, Dave Lukasewicz, Genavieve Moyer, Wes Ney, Randy Stump, Alethea Wessner, Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Scot Dimon, Rich Dunkelberger, Sandy Burns, Bernie Kelly, Nate Minnich, Jill Hlavaty, Dawn Christensen, Joelle Bretz, Lizann White, Mark Hindman, Andy Diehl, Paul and Denise Felty, Andrea Hatter, Gerald Salen, Jamie and Jackie Miller, Tom Fickinger.

- **Dawn Christensen** of 66 Cardinal Road, Pine Grove spoke on behalf of the band boosters. She asked what the districts' plan is to relocate the band boosters' concession stand at the stadium. Dave Frew said the band boosters will be included on the discussions concerning the stand. She handed each board member a list of questions and information request by the boosters.
- **Band Uniforms** – Heath Renninger announced that the band has approximately 28 new members for the upcoming school year and do not have enough uniforms. There were three options discussed and the board decided to go with option three where they will purchase 25 new uniforms out of this year's budget so they will be ready by August. The motion will be put on tonight's agenda for approval.
- **Mark Hindman** of 33 Hallton Hill Road, Pine Grove asked the Board to consider forming a boys' freshman basketball team. He said there were boys who were cut from the team this year and this would give them an opportunity to play. Dave Frew said this will be discussed in the upcoming budget discussions.
- **E-Rate Structured Cabling** – Andy Diehl explained that there are funds available from the last e-rate project and he explained that he would like to use those funds to update the district phone system by doing a structured cabling project. The Board agreed to have Andy move forward with this project.
- Don Brown explained to the Board that Nate Minnich had completed his Eagle Scout Project of building trophy cases for the middle school. Since the Board asked him to build two cases he asked that the Board pay for half the cost. This will be moved to the next meeting for approval.

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Steve Brill

Donald E. Brown, Jr.

Dave Frew

J.T. Herber

Genavieve Moyer

Wes Ney

Randy Stump

Alethea Wessner

Dave Lukasewicz

Allison Butler, Student Rep

All Board Members were present

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Scot Dimon, Rich Dunkelberger, Sandy Burns, Bernie Kelly, Nate Minnich, Jill Hlavaty, Dawn Christensen, Joelle Bretz, Lizann White, Mark Hindman, Andy Diehl, Paul and Denise Felty, Andrea Hatter, Gerald Salen, Jamie and Jackie Miller, Tom Fickinger, Attorney Nick Quinn, Karli Boyer with mother and grandmother, Isaiah Dietrich and father, Tia Rittenbaugh and mother, Carter Tobias and parents, Samantha Scheibley with mom, dad and sister, Evan Karenda with parents, Skyler Shanahan with parents and brother, Andrew Mindy with mother.

4. **GUESTS**

Heath Renninger, Dave Lukasewicz and Michael Janicelli honored the December Seniors of the Month: Karli Boyer & Isaiah Dietrich and the January Seniors of the Month: Tia Rittenbaugh & Carter Tobias and presented them with certificates.

Heath Renninger, Dave Lukasewicz and Melissa Mekosh honored the December 8th Graders of the Month: Samantha Scheibley & Evan Karenda and January 8th Graders of the Month: Skyler Shanahan and presented them with certificates.

5. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- The superintendent announced that there is no school on Monday and teachers will report for an In-Service Day.
- Mr. Renninger and Mrs. Burns announced that PDE has announced that the Elementary School has been named a Distinguished Title I School in the state.

6. **INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS**

- Andrew Mindy from Troop 611 had previously asked the Board if he could landscape the front of the high school at the flag pole for his Eagle Scout Project. Dave Frew said the new flag pole will be installed shortly. He should he mail Mr. Renninger and he will get him in touch with Mr. Lehman our Director of Grounds and he will get him started on the project.

7. **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. W. Ney made a motion to approve the 2020 Committees of the Pine Grove Area Board of Directors as found in the Board Packet, seconded by R. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. D. Brown made a motion to approve the November 21, 2019 COW and Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2019 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes and December 03, 2019 Reorganization Meeting Minutes, seconded by R. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

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

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

- A. J. T. Herber made a motion to accept the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 2020–2021 School Year Calendar, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve the 2020–2021 Pine Grove Area School District Calendar, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. J. T. Herber made a motion to approve the field trip request for the JROTC to attend the Academic Bowl at Lenape High School in Medford, New Jersey on Feb. 28th and 29th, 2020, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. J.T. Herber made a motion to purchase 25 band uniforms at a cost not to exceed \$12,000, seconded by G. Moyer. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion for the approval of the bills for payment, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Frew made a motion for the approval of the Treasurers Reports for November and December 2019, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Frew made a motion to adopt the resolution indicating the Board of School Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the fiscal year 2020–2021 by more than its index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Frew made a motion for the approval of the Request for Disposition of Assets as found in the Board Packet. Disposition will be as per Board Policy, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Frew made a motion to reimburse Nate Minnich of Troop 611 Eagle Scout Account in the amount of \$2,466.50 for materials used to build a second Trophy Cabinet in the middle school, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. W. Ney made a motion to ratify accepting the resignation from Lexi Towne as head coach of Pine Grove Area Girls’ High School Soccer Team effective immediately and to advertise for the position, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

- B. W. Ney made a motion to ratify changing the stipend of Ryan Martin assistant wrestling coach from \$1,350 to \$2,700, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. W. Ney made a motion to ratify adding Michael Culbert to the list of approved game workers, seconded by G. Moyer. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. W. Ney made a motion to hire the following head coaches for the Spring 2020, seconded by D. Brown: **Vote was Unanimous**
 Keith Lehman, Head Baseball Coach at a stipend of \$4,207.50
 Ryan Leffler, Head Softball Coach at a stipend of \$4,016.25
 Emily Daubert, Head Track and Field Coach at a stipend of \$3,825
- E. W. Ney made a motion to hire the baseball assistants for Spring 2020, seconded by D. Frew: **Vote was Unanimous**
 Jordan Lehman at a stipend of \$1,350
 Joe Drumheller at a stipend of \$1,350
 Jason Gerber at a stipend of \$1,800
- F. W. Ney made a motion to hire the track & field assistants for Spring 2020, seconded by G. Moyer: **Vote was Unanimous**
 John Gradwell at a stipend of \$2,700
 Jacob Herring at a stipend of \$1,350
 Gerald Salen at a stipend of \$1,350
- G. W. Ney made a motion to hire the following head coaches for the fall of 2020, seconded by D. Frew: **Vote was Unanimous**
 Frank Gaffney, Head Football Coach at a stipend of \$4,500
 Mark Wyllie, Head Boys' Soccer Coach at a stipend of \$4,207.50
 Gene Kreitzer, Head Volleyball Coach at a stipend of \$3,825
 Brittney Shelton, Head Cross Country Coach at a stipend of \$2,700
 Paul Felty, Head Golf Coach at a stipend of \$2,835
 Mike Griffiths, Head Archery Advisor at a stipend of \$1,710
- H. W. Ney made a motion to approve Paul Felty as Assistant Archery Advisor at a stipend of \$1,575 and Erin Frantz and Dave Mease as volunteers, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

13. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Brown made a motion to request to take maternity leave for Jordan Zimmerman beginning approximately May 6, 2020 and returning approximately August 31, 2020, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Brown made a motion to approve the request to take maternity leave for Selina Daubert beginning approximately May 6, 2020 until approximately 10/26/2020, seconded G. Moyer. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Brown made a motion to ratify accepting the resignation of Cassie Wolfe from her position as Paraprofessional effective 12/20/2019, seconded G. Moyer.
Vote was Unanimous

D. D. Brown made a motion to allow Employee#81074 to take intermittent FMLA leave as needed during the 2019–2020 school year, seconded by A. Wessner.

Vote was Unanimous

E. D. Brown made a motion to grant tenure to Amy Jo Brixius, Madeline Daubert and Nathan Fegley, seconded G. Moyer. **Vote was Unanimous**

F. D. Brown made a motion to pay Jill Hlavaty a \$2,000 stipend for administering the CVC program during the first and second marking periods. This position is currently unfilled, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**

G. D. Brown made a motion to ratify appointing Leigh Herber as mentor to Jessica Lyons. Leigh will receive a stipend of \$400, seconded G. Moyer.

Vote was 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Herber)

H. D. Brown made a motion to add McKenzie Sterner as a volunteer co–advisor for the Shine Girl Club, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

I. D. Brown made a motion to hire Angela Guidas as paraprofessional II in the elementary school. She will be paid \$12.80 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME contract. She will begin January 17, 2020, seconded by R. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

J. D. Brown made a motion to allow Cynthia Aungst, Cleaning Person leave without pay from March 2nd thru 6th, 2020, seconded G. Moyer. **Vote was Unanimous**

K. D. Brown made a motion to approve the following volunteers: Pamela Rhein, Megan Schuler, William Hanson, Katie Dinger, Roger Heming, Jr., Valerie Bowers, Deborah Shiffer, Michael Pindell, Kelsey Cleary, Denise Wagner, Melissa Minnich, Anthony Wagner, and Jennifer Martin, seconded by A. Wessner. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

A. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the first reading of the revisions to Policy 610 “Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation,” seconded by R. Stump.

B. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the first reading of the revisions to Policy 611 “Purchases Budgeted,” seconded by R. Stump.

Informational: Policy 626 attachment has been reviewed and updated.

15. TRANSPORTATION– (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

16. TECHNOLOGY – (*Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson*)

17. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – (*Allison Butler*)

- Ali updated the Board on the happenings in the Elementary, Middle and High School.

18. **SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT** – *(Dave Frew, Representative)*

- Dave told the Board that discussions are taking place on what the IU will look like going forward. Some districts have a lot of students there and others have only a few or maybe none. Districts have been considering sending students to other places which are less expensive.

19. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Randy told the Board that the Pine Grove Area Education Foundation is proposing to offer to pay for a students' SAT test if they attend a meeting on scholarship information. Genavieve stated that her Girl Scout troop has been interested in having speakers in to inform kids what scholarships are available out there.
- Heath announced that it was School Directors Month. He thanked the Board for all their time they put in and gave them a PSSA Certificate.

20. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm into an executive session for personnel on a motion by R. Stump, seconded by G. Moyer.

Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary