

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2020

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
6:30 PM

Pine Grove Area District Office/Zoom
Pine Grove, PA 17963

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz **Mr. Heath W. Renninger**
Board President **Superintendent**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz Board President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He announced that the May 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting is physically closed to the public due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The meeting is being held virtually by using the ZOOM Webinar platform. The public is invited to attend this virtual meeting by going to www.pgasd.com and following the directions under the Pine Grove Area School District Committee of the Whole Meeting heading. Public comment on agenda items will be accepted by email up to ten minutes prior to the official start of the meeting. He also spoke about the passing of Mark Wyllie who was our first boys' soccer coach and asked for a moment of silence.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
On Zoom: Steve Brill, J.T. Herber, Genavieve Moyer, Alethea Wessner
In District Office: Dave Frew, Randy Stump, Dave Lukasewicz
Absent: Donald E. Brown, Jr., Wes Ney

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, in the District Office. The following administrators by Zoom: Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Andy Diehl, Rich Dunkelberger, Vince Hoover, Bernie Kelly, Sandy Burns.
4. **INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS:** During this time, written public comment on agenda items will be accepted electronically via email at public_comment@pgasd.com. All public comments must be posted no later than ten minutes prior to the official start of the meeting on the day of the meeting. The Board President asked the Board Secretary if there have been any public comments. There was not.
5. **PERSONNEL** (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)
 - A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to accept the notice of intent to retire from Kim Pribilla, Elementary Teacher as per the PGASD Early Retirement Incentive. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**
 - B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to accept the notice of intent to retire from Heather Winn, School Nurse as per the PGASD Early Retirement Incentive.
Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no
 - C. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to accept the notice of intent to retire from June Thompson, Elementary Title I teacher as per the PGASD Early Retirement Incentive. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**

D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to accept the notice of intent to retire from Gail Hepler, Elementary Title I teacher as per the PGASD Early Retirement Incentive. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**

E. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to accept the notice of intent to retire from Robert Wolfe, Custodian as per the PGASD Early Retirement Incentive.
Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no

F. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to accept the notice of intent to retire from Joy Thompson, Secretary in Special Education Department as per the PGASD Early Retirement Incentive. Joy will not officially retire until July 31, 2020.
Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no

G. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to accept the notice of intent to retire from Judith Spittler, Secretary in the High School Guidance Department as per the PGASD Early Retirement Incentive. Judy will not officially retire until July 31, 2020.
Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no

H. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to accept the notice of intent to retire from Kenneth Spittler, Custodian as per the PGASD Early Retirement Incentive.
Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no

INFORMATIONAL: Jason Albon will be transferred from his current position as Crisis Intervention Counselor to Middle School Guidance Counselor, effective July 1, 2020 and we will look to hire a Crisis Intervention Counselor.

6. END OF THE YEAR ITEMS – Bernie Kelly gave an update on the student meals program. 14,000 meals have been provided as of today. Bernie thanked Gerald Salen, Andrea Hatter, Kim Pribilla and Brad Fessler for leading the groups of volunteers helping him to provide meals. He also thanked the following businesses for their donations:

Last day meals will be provided is June 1, 2020.

Mike Janicelli talked about filming the graduates for the presentation on June 3, 2020. This is the official last day of school. All graduates have their caps, gowns and their diploma covers and have been in for the filming and pictures for the presentation. Mike would like to thank all staff, students, parents, and everyone involved in making this graduation film.

On a motion by G. Moyer, seconded by R. Stump the board made a motion to keep the official last day of school at June 3, 2020. On June 24th if the county is in green, the district will hold a ceremony for the graduating class on the athletic field, if the county is in yellow or red the district will work with the boroughs to hold a parade for the graduates. The final decision to hold a ceremony or a parade will be made on June 15, 2020. If it rains on June 24th the rain date will be June 25th.

Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no

7. STAFFING UPDATE – Vince Hoover, Director of Curriculum and Instruction explained that with the retirements we will not be replacing all teachers so we will have a reduction in staff without any lay-offs and not having any classrooms with a large amount of students.

8. **PGASD 1:1 LEARNING INITIATIVE** – Andy Diehl, Director of Technology presented the PGASD 1:1 Learning Initiative in which we purchase computers (possibly Chromebooks) for students Grade 5 through 12 and then the following year Grades 2 through 4 and finally in year 2022–2023grades Kdg and 1st with these students not taking the computers home. Lots of Board discussion. CARES Money which the district has received in the amount of \$293,565 some of this can be used for this initiative. Finances will be discussed and then more discussion on this initiative.
9. **FINANCE** – Jodie Dermo, Business Administrator, showed a slide of a new preliminary budget proposal. From March until today our expenditures have come down due to the retirement incentive. The budget is built on 4 staff member reductions. Revenues will possibly decrease just under \$900,000 is the estimate. Jodie’s recommendation is to pass the preliminary the way it is presented at next week’s meeting. Heath recommended approving this preliminary budget with no tax increase and no tax decrease, Jodie and Dave Frew, board treasurer are in agreement with this recommendation.

Discussion resumed on 1:1 Learning Initiative Program. The Board took a straw poll to see what direction we are headed. At the end of this discussion it was decided to move to next week’s agenda a motion to accept proposal A of the PGASD Learning Initiative Program which would put computers in the hands of students K through 12. J.T. Herber and Dave Frew were not in favor of this purchase at this time. Some of the CARES money and any Title 1 funds left over from this year would be used for the purchase.

Heath said work is still being completed on the fitness center but there is old equipment there that the district will not be using. The Board unanimously told him to offer the equipment to in-house coaches who may want some of it and then to offer to any local school districts who would like it.

The Teener League sent in a request to use the baseball field for their 15–16 year old team when we are open again this summer. The consensus was that everyone will be allowed to use the fields again once the county is green.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – The board is not accepting public comments at this time on non-agenda items. All comments of this nature should be directed to the Superintendent.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by D. Frew the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:37 pm.

Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary