

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2020
6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting/Zoom
Pine Grove, PA 17963

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz
Board President

Mr. Heath Renninger
Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and announced that the May 21, 2020 School Board 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 School Board Meeting Alert heading. Public comment on the agenda will be accepted by email up to 10 minutes before the official start of the meeting.

Moment of silence held for Ken Stolarick, member of PGA Ed Foundation who passed away this week.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Steve Brill	Donald E. Brown, Jr. – (Left at 8:01)	Dave Frew
J.T. Herber	Genavieve Moyer	Wes Ney
Randy Stump	Alethea Wessner	Dave Lukasewicz
Allison Butler, Student Representative		

Others in attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Attorney Nick Quinn in the district office, by Zoom: Vince Hoover, Bernie Kelly, Sandy Burns, Henry Snyder, Jill Hlavaty, Scott Dimon, Jodie Dermo, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Melissa Mekosh.

4. BOARD BUSINESS

D. Brown made a motion to nominate Dave Frew for the office of School Board Treasurer for the fiscal year 2020-2021. G. Moyer made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by R. Stump. **Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no**

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Congratulations to the Seniors' of the Month Karson Felty and Ethan Tucker.
- Congratulations to the 8th graders of the Month Coen Zerbe and Cairi Ceden.
- Gave an update on our current instruction, Seniors' are finished, the rest of the students will be done on June 3rd. Congratulations to the Valedictorian Mackenzie Koch and Salutatorian Allison Butler.
- Update on the graduation ceremony and/or parade to be held on June 24, 2020.

6. **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. Dave Lukasewicz, Board President asked Joanne Brindle Board Secretary if there have been any public comments. The answer was no.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the April 16, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes and May 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no

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

Don Brown spoke about his support of Option A because we are in a time when he feels this is needed. Lots of discussion between board members, concerns about the cost, too much pressure for the teachers to teach another new initiative, students Kdg and 1st grade too young for this. After all Board members administrators had a chance to voice their concerns or their approval of the following motion:

J.T. Herber made a motion to table Item A as listed below until a committee can be formed of the Board to fully research and decide if this is the direction we want to go. This motion was seconded by D. Brown.

Roll Call Vote, 3 Yes, 5 No (Brill, Wessner, Stump, Lukasewicz, Moyer)

- A. Approval of Option A, a full one to one K-12 implementation of Chromebooks across the district. This purchase would encompass 1,600 devices for a total cost of \$386,607. This purchase will be funded with \$215,000 of CARES funding, \$5,600 of remaining 19/20 Ready to Learn Funds, and \$166,007 from fund balance.

Following more discussion a motion was made by R. Stump, seconded by G. Moyer to approval Option C. This purchase would encompass 1,300 devices for a total cost of \$296,244. This purchase will be funded with \$215,000 of CARES funding, \$5,600 of remaining 19/20 Ready to Learn Funds, and \$75,644 from fund balance.

Roll Call Vote, 6 yes, 2 no (Frew, Herber)

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the lease agreement between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 to rent space in the district for the pre-school program at a cost of \$850.00 per month for the 2020-2021 school year. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**

- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve rescinding contracting with Webster Fitness Products to replace the floor in the weight room.

Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no

- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve to commit \$25,000 from the capital projects fund for the replacement of the weight room floor. Miller Flooring will install new vulcanized rubber floor under their COSTARS contract 014-171. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**

- D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve to contract professional services with Mountain Environmental and Radon Services LLC to oversee the High School Cafeteria floor abatement project not to exceed \$8,250. This cost will be taken from the Cafeteria Fund pending PDE approval. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**

E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Approval to perform abatement of the High School Cafeteria floor for a total not to exceed cost of \$15,929. This cost will be taken from the Cafeteria Fund pending PDE approval.

Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no

10. CURRICULUM (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the MOU between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Pine Grove Area Education Association to add a Lead School Nurse to the list of Curriculum Facilitators effective July 1, 2020.

Roll Call Vote 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Herber)

B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to add Leigh Herber as the Lead School Nurse Curriculum Facilitator for the 2020/2021 school lead. Leigh will receive a stipend of \$500. **Roll Call Vote 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Herber)**

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

A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the 2020-2021 Pine Grove Area School District proposed final budget and announce that the budget is open for public inspection. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$ 24,958,858	\$ 24,958,858

The preliminary budget currently has a deficit of \$694,480 and will be taken out of fund balance with no tax increase.

B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve bills for payment.

Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no

C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no

D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the contract with Mangat Family Dentistry for dental services for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$3.00 per dental exam. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**

E. D. Frew made a motion, second by R. Stump to contract with Dr. Bajwa as the school physician for the 2020-2021 school year. He will be paid \$10.00 for each student physical. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**

F. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to renew the contract with CSIU for the following modules: Fund Accounting, Payroll, Personnel and Inventory at a cost of \$19,536.72. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**

G. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to dispose of the items listed on the disposition list found in the board packet. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**

H. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to appoint Jodie Dermo as the Management Trustee to the Berks County School District Health Care Trust for the 2020/2021 school year. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**

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

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to hire Marvin Weber as Head Boys Soccer Coach for the 2020-2021 school year at a stipend of \$3,825.

Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no

13. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to change the Guidance Office Secretary from a Level II to a Level III Secretary this will be consistent with all secretarial positions. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**
- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to grant FMLA leave to Selina Daubert, Special Education Teacher in the middle school from August 24, 2020 to October 26, 2020 to care for her newborn baby. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**
- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to grant FMLA leave to Emma Noll, Cleaning Person from May 12, 2020 to approximately sometime in July 2020 to take care of a sick family member. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**
- D. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to approve the intent to retire from Diane Jones, Cleaning Person effective June 30, 2020. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**

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

- A. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 006.1 "Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications." **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**
- B. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the second reading & final adoption of Policy 626 "Federal Fiscal Compliance."

Roll Call Vote 6 yes, 1 no (Frew)

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

16. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - (*Allison Butler*)

- Ali spoke about growing up and coming to public school from homeschooling. She had a lot of great experiences being a part of the Pine Grove Area School District. She especially loved being part of the school board. She thanked the Board for an amazing learning experience and her time spent as student representative.

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

- The superintendents are currently working on the articles of incorporation.

18. 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.

Heath Renninger thanked all the retirees for their years of services and stated hopefully we can bring them back in the summer to honor them at a meeting.

19. ADJOURNMENT - On a motion by D. Frew, seconded by R. Stump the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary