

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2020
6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting/Zoom
Pine Grove, PA 17963

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and announced that the June 18, 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.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Steve Brill (6:35)	Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Dave Frew
J.T. Herber	Genavieve Moyer	Wes Ney
Randy Stump	Alethea Wessner	Dave Lukasewicz

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

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to go into an executive session to discuss Act 45 Security Review at 6:35 and reconvened the meeting at 6:50.

Vote was Unanimous

4. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Thank everyone for a successful close to our school year. Congratulations to all our retirees. Thank the high school and everyone involved in the virtual ceremony. Our first day of school is scheduled for August 26th. Heath reviewed the changes to the IU Articles of Agreement. Reviewed some possible options through a PowerPoint for school reopening.

5. **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, there are none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Brown for the approval of the May 21, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**

7. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (Dave Frew, Chairperson)

- A. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to purchase an electric range with hot plates, for the middle school cafeteria at a cost not to exceed \$7,500. The funds will be taken from the Cafeteria Account and the purchase will occur through an approved Pennsylvania State Contract. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**

- B. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to purchase an electric double deck convention oven, for the middle school cafeteria at a cost not to exceed \$11,500. The funds will be taken from the Cafeteria Account and the purchase will occur through an approved Pennsylvania State Contract.
Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no (Brill offline)

8. CURRICULUM (Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the list of the Pine Grove Area School District Graduates. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no (Brill offline)**

9. FINANCE/AUDIT (Dave Frew- Chairperson)

- A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to adopt the resolution for the Levy of School District taxes for 2020-2021. The tax rates remain the same at the 2019-2020 year. Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 41.75 mills on real property on each dollar of assessed valuation. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$ 25,158,150	\$ 25,158,150

- B. D. Brown made a motion, seconded R. Stump by to adopt the resolution for the 2020-2021 general fund budget. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**

- C. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to request a \$250.00 tax levies on the occupation of individuals living within the district. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**

- D. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to request a 1% tax levy on earned income under Act 511(to be shared with component municipalities). A 1% levy on transfer of real estate under Act 511 (to be shared with municipalities.)
Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no

- E. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to request a \$10.00 tax levied on the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the Pine Grove Area School District. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**

- F. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to adopt the 2020-2021 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**

- G. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to extend the discount due date on 2020 School District Real Estate tax bills from 8/31/20 to 9/30/20, and the face period due date from 10/31/20 to 11/30/20. The penalty period will be after 11/30/20 until 12/31/20. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**

- H. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the bills for payment.
Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no
- I. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no
- J. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to approve the 2019 tax exemptions as found in the board packet. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- K. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the 2020-2021 rates for the Berks County Schools Health and Welfare Trust: Single - \$726.88 per month; Two-Party - \$1,548.25 per month; Family - \$2,107.97 per month. These are the same rates as last year. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- L. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the 2020-2021 rates for the Schuylkill County Schools Health and Welfare Trust. Dental 1.81-1.82% over last year. Single \$30.80; Husband and Wife \$61.60; Parent & Child \$61.60; Parent and Children \$77.00; Family \$77.00; Composite \$61.44. Vision -0.98 - -1.01% over last year. Single \$7.06; Husband and Wife \$14.12; Parent and Child \$14.12; Parent and Children \$17.65; Family \$17.65; Composite \$14.07. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- M. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to authorize the Business Administrator to make the necessary budgetary transfers for the 2019-2020 school year expenditures to avoid budgetary line item categorical over-under expenditures resulting from local audit reclassifications. This blanket authorization is restricted to those transfers required as a result of local audit reclassifications and will be reported as required at subsequent school board meetings in accordance with the directives received from the Auditor General's Office. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- N. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the service agreement with Rodney Zechman to maintain the shop equipment in the high school and middle school. This will not exceed \$1,600 quarterly. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- O. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to award the following bids:
Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no
- Municipal Waste Removal Bid to Waste Management in the amount of \$13,995.00, extra waste pickup \$55.00, extra recycle pickup \$65.00.
- Propane to Koppys Propane in the amount of \$.9750/gallon non-escalating.
- Coal to Reading Anthracite in the amount of \$137.00/ton.
- Lumber to Werner Lumber in the amount of \$2.64/BF for Red Oak and \$1.03/BF for Pine.
- P. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the contract with Thomas Piano Service to tune the 6 pianos in our district. The cost is \$95.00 for multiple piano tuning and \$120.00 for single. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**

- Q. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to renew the contract between the Pine Grove Area School District and PA-Educator.net in the amount of \$1,750 for the period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. This is the same amount as last year. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- R. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the Agreement for Participation in Child Nutrition Program between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and the Schuylkill County AVTS Operating Agency. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- S. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to accept the high bid of \$2,765 from Randy Stewart and Tiffany Peiffer for the 2005 Haulmark Trailer.
Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no

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

- A. W. Ney made a motion to approve, seconded by D. Brown to approve the Sports Medicine Partnership Proposal as presented by Lehigh Valley Health Network. This is a 5 year agreement. This is approved upon approval of our solicitor.
Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no
- T. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the PGASD Athletics Return to Participation Plan for summer 2020. This plan does not address fall 2020 and beyond guidelines. **Roll Call Vote 5 yes, 3 no (Brown, Moyer, Lukasewicz)**

11. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to hire Lara Swartz beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Lara will be paid \$51,500 and receive all benefits as specified in the Administrative Contract. She is replacing Lori Chuba as the district Social Worker. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- B. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to hire Molly Zwiebel as a temporary professional beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Molly will be paid Masters Step 1 for a salary of \$44,705 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will be replacing Jason Albon who has moved to the open MS Guidance Position as the Crisis Intervention Counselor.
Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no
- C. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to hire Tyler Cann as a temporary professional beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Tyler will be paid Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$42,455 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. He will be replacing Mary Franko as 8th grade Special Education Teacher. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- D. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to hire Scott Hamilton as a custodian beginning June 22, 2020. Scott will be paid \$13.50 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME contract. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**

E. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to ratify accepting the letter of intent to retire from Mary Jane Spittler, Paraprofessional effective June 3, 2020.

Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no

F. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the following people to staff the ESY Summer Program – Courtney Boone, Special Education Teacher, Suzanne Dubbs, Occupational Therapist, Andrea Bucher, Speech Teacher and Paraprofessional’s Brenda Lengle and Nina Voltz. **Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no**

G. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to allow the Superintendent to interview and hire necessary employees from now until the August Board Meeting. **Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no**

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

16. 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 announced that the Board will meet on Thursday, July 30th at 5:30 pm for the Committee of the Whole Meeting and 6:30 pm for the regular Board Meeting in the Middle School Library.

17. ADJOURNMENT – on a motion by R. Stump, seconded by J.T. Herber the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary