

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2020
5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting
Followed by the Regular Board Meeting
Pine Grove Area Middle School
Pine Grove, PA 17963

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

Board President Dave Lukasewicz called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

In Attendance: Dave Lukasewicz, Steve Brill, Donald E. Brown, Jr., Dave Frew, J.T. Herber, Genavieve Moyer, Wes Ney, Randy Stump, Alethea Wessner, Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Vince Hoover, Jill Hlavaty, Melissa Mekosh, Sandy Burns, Joan Schwer, Andy Diehl, Scott Dimon, Henry Snyder, Bernie Kelly, Andrea Hatter, Gerald Salen, Vicki Terilliger, Jackie Miller, Joelle Bretz.

Building Principal Reports:

Elementary School – Sandy Burns, Principal

- New this year, a first grade teacher has accepted the responsibility of also becoming the coach for the foundations program. She is helping second grade incorporate the program into their curriculum.
- The elementary staff has been pairing up using the professional development coaching peer model.
- Thank you to the Board for hiring a Crisis Counselor; this has been a huge asset to the elementary school.
- Thank you to the Board for hiring the Pre-K Classroom teacher. This has allowed the Pre-K teacher to work with our kindergarten teachers in preparing our students for kindergarten.

Middle School – Melissa Mekosh, Principal

- Middle School has had a smooth beginning. They will be holding a STEAM fair which will incorporate the arts, technology, sciences, and more on April 30th from 5 to 7 pm.
- Middle School PTO has become more active this year.
- Working on School Climate, the Crisis Counselor has been a necessary asset to the middle school.
- The middle school is working on student empowerment. They have created a Shine Girls Club with approximately 70 girls.

High School – Mike Janicelli, Principal and Rich Dunkelberger, Assistant Principal

- Thanked the Board for hiring an Assistant Principal.
- Students are now being held to a higher standard so discipline numbers are up.
- Tardiness has been cut in half.

- The SRO had been a great resource for the high school.
- Statistics will be given to the Board in a few days comparing this year's discipline issues to last years.

High School Cafeteria Update – Dave Frew updated the Board on the asbestos abatement in the high school cafeteria. This will be voted on at the regular meeting. He also said the cafeteria account is profitable but the state requires that the balance remain at a certain amount. Right now our balance is getting too high. After the RFP is completed we will look at refreshing the high school cafeteria using the cafeteria account.

Weight Room Discussion – Dave Frew explained that we are going to move a motion to the agenda to replace the weight room floor. Wes Ney will be looking over the list of things to be done in the weight room and it will be discussed in March. On a motion by D. Frew, seconded by R. Stump a motion was put on the board agenda to replace the weight room floor.

ERATE Project – Andy explained the ERATE project that is on tonight's agenda for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:40 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 Present		

In Attendance: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Vince Hoover, Jill Hlavaty, Melissa Mekosh, Sandy Burns, Joan Schwer, Andy Diehl, Scott Dimon, Henry Snyder, Bernie Kelly, Andrea Hatter, Gerald Salen, Vicki Terilliger, Jackie Miller, Joelle Bretz, Attorney Nick Quinn, Kamryn Stine and mother, Owen Moyer and father, Brett Zimmerman with parents and grandmother, Bethany Wagner with mother and father, Giancarlo Quiroz with mother, Mary Franko with her husband and lawyer.

4. GUESTS

Mike Janicelli, Dave Lukasewicz and Heath Renninger honored February Seniors of the Month – Kamryn Stine and Owen Moyer and presented them with a certificate.

Melissa Mekosh, Dave Lukasewicz and Heath Renninger honored 8th Graders of the Month – Brett Zimmerman, Bethany Wagner and Giancarlo Quiroz and presented them with a certificate.

Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz presented Sandy Burns, Elementary Principal, with the 19–20 Keystone Award for Academic Excellence honoring the Pine Grove Area Elementary School.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Heath thanked Randy Stump and the PGA Education Foundation for hosting Scholarship Night at the high school and for offering students \$65.00 if they show proof that they have taken the SAT's or applied to college.

6. INVITATION TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

7. BOARD BUSINESS

W. Ney made a motion to appoint David Frew to the Intermediate Unit and Schuylkill Technology Center Board of Directors for a term beginning on July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2023, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Stump made a motion to approve the January 16, 2020 Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes and the February 13, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion to contract professional services with Mountain Environmental & Radon Services to provide bid specifications for asbestos abatement in the high school cafeteria at a cost of \$1,800. Pending PDE approval this cost will be taken from the Cafeteria Fund; if not PDE approved it will be taken from capital projects. These specifications are required to advertise and receive bids for the replacement of the high school cafeteria floor/ceiling, seconded by G. Moyer. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Frew made a motion to contract with Webster Fitness Products to replace the floor in the weight room at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. This will be paid out of capital projects, seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the field trip for 11th grade English Class to go to Winterthur Museum in Winterthur, Delaware on April 2, 2020, seconded by G. Moyer. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the field trip for APES/AP Biology Class in Smyrna, Delaware to study horseshoe crabs on May 20th and 21st, 2020, seconded by A. Wessner. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. J.T. Herber made a motion to allow Jason Dusko and Andrea Hatter to attend The Columbia Scholastic Press Association Spring Journalism Conference at Columbia University in New York City on March 17 – 20, 2020. The cost of this conference will be paid out of the curriculum budget, seconded by D. Brown.
Vote was Unanimous

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion to approve the bills for payment, seconded by W. Ney.
Vote was Unanimous
- B. D. Frew made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report, seconded by G. Moyer.
Vote was Unanimous
- C. D. Frew made a motion to approve the Schuylkill Technology Center Budget for the 2020/2021 School Year in the amount of \$582,500, an increase of \$31,837 from last year, seconded by D. Brown. **Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 no**
- D. D. Frew made a motion to approve the disposition form as found in the Board Packet, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Frew made a motion to approve the 2018–2019 Single Audit Report, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. D. Frew made a motion to approve to compromise the District’s portion of delinquent taxes with reference to Tax Parcel 67–3–106(1). The parcel is located within Tremont Borough. The District’s portion of delinquent taxes from 2011 to present is \$6,097.83, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. D. Frew made a motion to approve to commit fund balance for curriculum development in the amount of \$350,000; technology in the amount of \$500,000; capital projects in the amount of \$1,500,000; and assigned fund balance in the amount of \$1,440,124, seconded by W. Ney. **Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 no**
- H. D. Frew made a motion to approve the contract with Dr. Walter Setlock for review of PCA services in IEPs for the 2019–20 school year at a rate of \$10 per IEP, seconded by G. Moyer. **Vote was Unanimous**

Informational: We have received the PAsmart Targeted Computer Science and STEM Education Grant in the amount of \$35,000. Dave Frew also gave a report on the LERTA for development in Frailey Township. The taxes for 10 years will be 75–25. He thanked Frailey Township for working with the district on this.

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

- A. W. Ney made a motion to hire Andrew Haas as the Girl’s Head Soccer Coach at a stipend of \$3,825.00, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was 8 yes, 1 abstention (Frew)**
- B. W. Ney made a motion to approve the following softball coaches for the 2020 season, seconded by R. Stump: Ed Kreiser at a stipend of \$2,700; Joe Barra at a stipend of \$900; Katie Deegan at a stipend of \$900. Volunteers: Jena Merwine, Morgan Auchenbach, Sarajane Depp–Hutchinson, Keandra Koons, Kate Rittenbaugh (pending approval of all clearances). **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. W. Ney made a motion to add Steve Zimmerman, Jr to the list of baseball volunteers, seconded by R. Stump. **Vote was Unanimous**

- D. W. Ney made a motion to add Heather Saxton to the list of approved game workers (pending approval of all clearances), seconded by G. Moyer. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. W. Ney made a motion to add Brittney Shelton, Kyler Burke, Kris Wilde, Jamie Hitz and Marcus Hughes as volunteers for Track and Field, seconded by R. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

13. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Brown made a motion to ratify accepting the resignation from Tina Niemi from her position as paraprofessional effective February 7, 2020, seconded by D. Frew.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. D. Brown made a motion to accept the resignation of Whitney Levan from her position as paraprofessional effective February 28, 2020, seconded by D. Frew.

Vote was Unanimous

- C. D. Brown made a motion to hire Pamela Rhein as a Paraprofessional I. Pamela will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. She will begin as soon as all paperwork is completed, seconded by D. Frew.

Vote was Unanimous

- D. D. Brown made a motion to ratify adding Jennifer Dubois to the list of substitute nurses, seconded by D. Frew. **Vote was Unanimous**

Vote was Unanimous

- E. D. Brown made a motion to approve the following volunteers: Abigail Bettinger, Kacey Thompson, Jessica Gill, Shenae Dinger, Gail Umbenhauer, Cassie Wolfe, Kayla Zimmerman, Carolyn Folta, and Scott Moyer, 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 610 "Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation," seconded by W. Ney

Vote was Unanimous

- B. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 611 "Purchases Budgeted," seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**

Vote was Unanimous

- C. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 220 "Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials," seconded by W. Ney.

Vote was Unanimous

- D. J.T. Herber made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 913 "Non-School Organizations/Groups/Individuals," seconded by W. Ney. **Vote was Unanimous**

Vote was Unanimous

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

- A. R. Stump made a motion to ratify adding Ronald Merrifield to the approved van drivers list for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by G. Moyer.

Vote was Unanimous

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

A. D. Brown made a motion to contract with Chestnut Ridge Communication Services to perform a District Structured Cabling project, pending E-Rate approval. This project will have a do not exceed amount of \$50,000.00, seconded by G. Moyer.

Vote was Unanimous

17. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – *(Allison Butler)*

Ali updated the Board on the happenings in the Elementary, Middle and High School for the upcoming month. Genavieve announced that there is possibly a chance to have two astronauts speak at the military ball thanks to LTC Stefanchik for all his help.

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

Heath explained that the superintendents have been meeting to discuss different funding formulas for each individual district for payments to the IU for their building maintenance. He asked the Board if they are in favor of a new funding formula and he should continue to explore this and it was unanimously yes.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

20. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by D. Frew, seconded by J.T. Herber the Board adjourned into an Executive session to discuss pending legal, contractual and personnel matters. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.


Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary