

Board of School Directors
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Thursday, May 22, 2019
6:30 PM

Pine Grove Area District Office Conference Room

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.

In Attendance: Dave Lukasewicz, Randy Stump, Donald Brown, Alethea Wessner, J.T. Herber, Steve Brill, Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Mary Figura, Keith Lehman, Henry Snyder, Melissa Mekosh, Mike Janicelli, Scott Dimon, Sandra Burns.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- Scott Dimon reviewed the extra-curricular tentative approvals of cheerleading, football, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, golf, volleyball, junior high girls' basketball, girls' basketball, and boys' basketball.
- Discussion on junior girls' basketball change of schedules to the winter instead of the fall.
- Scott suggested to add Brett Kreiser as the assistant boys' basketball coach as the .60 stipend as a motion at the Board meeting on June 13th. The motion should have Brett's start date be retroactive pending clearances.
- Potential Title IX violation regarding Freshman Boys' Basketball - 10K-15K budget impact.
- Update on wrestling - one person has applied for the head coach position. Position remains posted.
- Junior high football discussion will be held in the fall season. Schuylkill League has 7/8 football, instead of freshman football. Discussion on concussion management.
- Scott shared where the money goes for playoff games, which gets shared with PIAA, District XI and Pine Grove ASD. We get paid for putting the lights on the field for a rental. Staff is not paid by PGASD.
- JT asked Scott to get numbers and review the policies for renting facilities. Heath suggested that a policy draft will be done through a small committee.

Randy Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve Items A through I. **Vote 5 yes, 1 abstention on Item F (Wessner)**

- A. Approval of the following cheerleading advisors for the 2019-2020 school year: Denise Schneck at a stipend of \$3,375.00; Kelsey Hughes at a stipend of \$2,025; and Vanessa Rittenbaugh as a Volunteer.
- B. Approval of the following football assistants for the 2019-2020 school year: Trent Mars at a stipend of \$2,925; Steve Zimmerman at a stipend of \$2,700; Jeremy Gaffney at a stipend of \$2,700; Tom Renninger at a stipend of \$2,970 and Joe Barra at a stipend of \$1,350.
- C. Approval of the following boys' soccer assistants for the 2019-2020 school year: Mike Lengel at a stipend of \$2,835; Marvin Weber at a stipend of \$1,890, Brandon Witmer and Jamie Shollenberger as volunteers.
- D. Approval of the following girls' soccer assistants for the 2019-2020 school year: Samantha Hoover at a stipend of \$2,700 and Clint Warner at a stipend of \$1,800

(pending all clearances).

- E. Approval to hire Chris Coombe as a golf assistant at a stipend of \$1,000.
- F. Approval of the following volleyball assistants for the 2019–2020 school year: Daryl Wessner at a stipend of \$2,970; Brittanie Deibler at a stipend of \$1,800; Molly Loftus, Kristen Sandler and Erin Frantz as volunteers.
- G. Approval of the following Jr. High girls’ basketball coaches for the 2019–2020 school year: Lauren Thompson at a stipend of \$1,350 and Becky Evans at a stipend of \$1,350.
- H. Approval of the following girls’ basketball coaches for the 2019–2020 school year: Bill Evans, head coach at a stipend of \$4,500; Lauren Thompson at a stipend of \$2,925; Becky Evans at a stipend of \$2,700 and Joe Newhouser as a volunteer.
- I. Approval of Frank D’Agostino as head boys’ basketball coach for the 2019–2020 school year at a stipend of \$4,500.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Softball Field Discussion

- Henry has obtained pricing on bleachers and the tractor unit. Henry spoke on bleacher layout and pricing. Best pricing of bleachers with our installation \$26,175, with concrete less than \$30,000.
- JT raised the question if we are ADA compliant at the field with the bleachers. Discussion was held to add a concrete pad for handicap access.
- UTV price \$13,935. Current UTV is old. It grooms, levels, and has a grooming brush. If it breaks, we have no back up, especially for drainage at the softball field. Money would come out of capital projects.

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by S. Brill to purchase and install three sets of bleachers and the materials to install concrete pads for the bleachers from Park Catalogue/Highland Products Group LLC. Cost not to exceed \$32,500. This is a COSTARS purchase. **Vote was Unanimous**

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by S. Brill to purchase a Toro Workman MDX UTV, Model number 07235 and a Rahn Groomer, Model TS-GL 650 MD-B from Turf Equipment and Supply Company. This is a COSTARS purchase. The total cost is \$13,935.35. **Vote was Unanimous**

S. Brill made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to name the softball field “The Susan Y. Stump Field.” **Roll Call Vote 5 yes, 1 no (Brown)**

FINANCE

- Health Insurance final numbers released for next year. The rate of increase is 4%. This is a \$147,000 reduction from the previously budgeted number of 8.5%.
- MRS tax sale –removed from the budget, Jodie has budgeted \$250k based upon future collection –94% collection rate. One time deficit from the fund balance.

- Jodie will present a motion for the budget of a 1 mil tax increase at the next board meeting. We will still show a deficit in the budget.

PERSONNEL

- Assistant Principal – survey at the end of year for staff and students regrading perceptions and what needs to be done. Grab same kids with the same questions and then reassess the position. It needs to be monitored and reassessed. Data is needed to justify the position.

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by S. Brill to create a new position “Crisis Intervention Counselor.” **Vote was Unanimous**

MISCELLANEOUS

- Review of School Board Update for Our Community. JT would like to revise and provide input.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary