

# Pine Grove Area School District



## Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2021

5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting, 6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting

The Regular Board Meeting will begin no later than 10 minutes beyond the close of the Committee of the Whole Meeting and not before 6:30 pm

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz  
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger  
Superintendent

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

- COVID-19 Update – Heath Renninger put together the current data to share with the Board as he has done in the past months. We have been substantial for the past 14 days. COVID is still very active and prevalent. 32 confirmed cases since winter break. Currently 5 professional staff in quarantine. Recommendation 5 days full in person in elementary school, continue hybrid in middle school and high school. The Board heard from the principals how they are managing with professional staff out and not many substitutes.
- Feasibility Study (Middle School) – looking at a feasibility study to work on the middle school. The middle school is 50 years old. Inform the Board that we are going to work on RFP for architects to see what they have to offer at no cost to the district. Then the Board will meet and discuss what needs to be done.
- ESSR-II Grant – will be filling out the application. Money available for projects.

In attendance: Steve Brill, Donald E. Brown, Jr., Dave Frew, J.T. Herber, Randy Stump, Alethea Wessner, Genavieve Moyer, Dave Lukasewicz, Heath Renninger, Andy Diehl, Bernie Kelly, Jodie Dermo, Henry Snyder, Keith Lehman, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Jill Hlavaty, Sandy Burns, Melissa Mekosh, Ken Gibson, Attorney Nick Quinn, Jade Shollenberger, Joanne Brindle (Virtual).

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm and announced that the January 21, 2021 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](http://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	Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Dave Frew	J.T. Herber
Genavieve Moyer	Wes Ney (Absent)	Randy Stump	Alethea Wessner
Dave Lukasewicz	Jade Shollenberger, Student Rep.		

In attendance: Heath Renninger, Andy Diehl, Bernie Kelly, Jodie Dermo, Henry Snyder, Keith Lehman, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Jill Hlavaty, Sandy Burns, Melissa Mekosh, Ken Gibson, Attorney Nick Quinn, Jade Shollenberger, Joanne Brindle (Virtual).

#### 4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

School Board Recognition Month – Heath Renninger thanked the School Board Members for their work throughout the year. He presented each member with a framed certificate.

Mike Janicelli announced the December Seniors of the Month – McKenna LeVan & Abigale Frankenfield and the January Seniors of the Month - Morgan Lucas & Kaitlyn Ruhl.

Melissa Mekosh announced the December 8th graders of the Month – Kale Lengle & Kaitlynn Warg and the January 8<sup>th</sup> graders of the Month – Seth Brown & Gabrielle Kroh

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](mailto: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 will ask if there have been any public comments.

**There is one comment from Lindsey Strouphauer concerning the elementary students bringing the chrome books back and forth to school. They are too heavy for some of the smaller thinner students.**

#### 6. BOARD BUSINESS

- A. R. Stump made a motion to approve the 2021 Committees of the Pine Grove Area Board of Directors as found in the Board Packet, seconded by D. Brown. **Vote was Unanimous**

#### 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. G. Moyer made a motion to approve the November 21, 2020 COW/Board Meeting Minutes and December 1, 2020 Board Reorganization Meeting, seconded by J.T. Herber.

**Vote was Unanimous**

#### 8. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS *(Dave Frew, Chairperson)*

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to proceed with an RFP for architectural services/feasibility study. **Vote was Unanimous**

- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to purchase one (1) replacement Boilerless Electric Steamer for the High School and two (2) replacement Reach-in Refrigerators for the Middle School from Singer Equipment at a cost of \$19,523.55. This cost will be taken from the cafeteria account. This is COSTARS pricing, contract #036-005. **Vote was Unanimous**

- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to purchase (1) 2021 Ford F350 Pickup Truck with Meyer Snow Plow from Manderbach Ford at a cost not to exceed \$36,656.00. This is COSTAR pricing, contract #25-018. This cost will be paid out of the Capital Projects account.

**Vote was Unanimous**

#### 9. CURRICULUM *(Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)*

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the revised 2020-2021 School Calendar to reflect the December snow days. **Vote was Unanimous**

#### 10. FINANCE/AUDIT *(Dave Frew– Chairperson)*

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to accept the ESSR-II Grant.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown for approval of the bills for payment.

**Vote was Unanimous**

C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump for approval of the Treasurers' Report.

**Vote was Unanimous**

D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to adopt the resolution indicating the Board of School Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the fiscal year 2021-2022 by more than its index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

**Vote was Unanimous**

E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to allow the bid of \$5,000.00 from Caitlin Curran Hatch for repository sale with respect to Parcel # 29-05-0003.000 to proceed without objection. This parcel is located in Tremont Township. **Vote was Unanimous**

F. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to approve of the disposition of assets form as found in the board packet. The items will be disposed of as per board policy.

**Vote was Unanimous**

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

A. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to ratify the resignation of Corrine Ryan as assistant girls' basketball coach effective Dec. 7, 2020 and to appoint Steph Boyer to take her place. The stipend for this position is \$1,350. Ms. Ryan had coached for 17 days before tendering her resignation. Ms. Ryan will be paid \$273.19 and Ms. Boyer will receive the rest of the stipend at the end of the season in the amount of \$1,076.69. **Vote was Unanimous**

B. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to pay Eric Schneck, Assistant Wrestling Coach for the time period he worked which was November 20, 2020 to December 1, 2020. He is no longer coaching wrestling and his position will not be filled this year. **Vote was Unanimous**

C. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to add Maddie Frew as a volunteer for the Track & Field program.

**7 yes 0 no (D. Frew Abstaining)**

12. **PERSONNEL** (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to ratify allowing Elaine Myers to extend her Maternity/FMLA Leave from January 3, 2021 to February 1, 2021. She will be using FMLA leave without pay for this extended leave. **Vote was Unanimous**

B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between Keith Lehman and the Pine Grove Area School District as found in the Board Packet.

**Vote was Unanimous**

C. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to grant Maternity/Child Rearing/FMLA Leave to Amy Harrison, Middle School Special Education Teacher beginning approximately March 15, 2021 and lasting through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. She will use her paid leave and then FMLA unpaid leave. **Vote was Unanimous**

D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to ratify allowing Cathy Brown, Paraprofessional to take leave without pay starting January 4, 2021 and ending January 08, 2021.

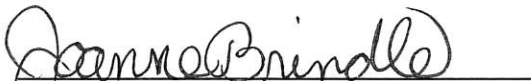
**Vote was Unanimous**

E. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to approve Megan Sunday as mentor to Robert Frankford at a stipend of \$400. **Vote was Unanimous**

F. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to ratify adding Bryson Nottage, high school student as a cleaning/custodial substitute. **Vote was Unanimous**

G. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Wessner to add Robert Cedeno to the list of cleaning/custodial substitutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

13. **POLICY-** *(J.T. Herber, Chairperson)*  
No Report
14. **TRANSPORTATION-** *(Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)*  
A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pine Grove Area School District and Newhurst, Inc. concerning payments for virtual school days. **Vote was Unanimous**
15. **TECHNOLOGY –** *(Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson)*  
ITAC and Technology Update - Andy talked about the Chromebooks roll out and how things are going.
16. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE –** *(Jade Shollenberger, Student Rep.)*  
Jade gave her report on what's happening in the three buildings and sports updates.
17. **SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT –** *(Dave Frew, Representative)*  
Specs are going out for various small projects and repairs to be done.
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.
19. **ADJOURNMENT** - On a motion by J.T. Herber, seconded by D. Frew the meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

  
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Joanne Brindle  
Board Secretary