

Pine Grove Area School District

Board of School Directors Public Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2021
5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting




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 Frew, J.T. Herber, Randy Stump, Alethea Wessner, Genavieve Moyer, Dave Lukasewicz, Wes Ney, Heath Renninger, Bernie Kelly, Jodie Dermo, Vince Hoover, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Sandy Burns, Melissa Mekosh, Ed Ebling, Joanne Brindle (Virtual).

- 2019-2020 Audit – Ed Ebling from Jones and Company gave a presentation on the results of the 2019-2020 Audit.
- Sandy Burns, Elementary Principal gave an update of the first 90 days of school. Lots of challenges for the students in the beginning. Teachers doing a great job.
- Melissa Mekosh, Middle School Principal talked about the hybrid model and how it is working great in the middle school, less behavior problems, kids are thriving because of smaller class sizes. Teachers doing a great job in being flexible to pivot when necessary.
- Mike Janicelli, High School Principal and Rich Dunkelberger, Assistant Principal talked about how the live streaming has been great allowing more people to see the events that are closed to spectators. Planning for the upcoming events but waiting on the requirements. Disciplinary has been way down. High School students have adapted well to the hybrid model.
- COVID-19 Data and Discussion – Heath Renninger, Superintendent presented updated slides on the COVID-19 data. We are still considered substantial but the numbers are going down. The number to get to is 20 and we are currently at 38. Recommendation is to follow the PDE guidelines. Elementary students have all returned, middle school and high school are hybrid model. After some discussion Heath presented the Board with the Administrators suggested return plan. The plan is for 5th and 6th graders to return full time on February 22, 2021, 7th and 8th graders to return full time on March 1, 2021. High School students would continue as they are but would return full time on Fridays Feb. 26th, March 5th, 12th and 19th. They would return to total in-person on March 26th which would begin the 4th marking period. The Board discussed concerns and have decided to move to approve the Revised Instructional Recommendation Format as presented to next week's Board meeting for approval.
- Jodie Dermo, Business Administrator did a presentation of the 2021-2022 Budget. This is the first look at the proposed budget. The Board will meet on March 25th in a Finance Committee meeting for further discussions. A motion will be put on next week's agenda to move money to the fund balance.
- Heath told the Board that he and Dave Frew did a meet and greet with Representative Joe Kerwin to discuss the cost of cyber schools. He encouraged the rest of the Board to reach out to Representative to discuss this issue.

ADJOURNMENT - On a motion by J.T. Herber, seconded by D. Frew the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.


Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary