

# *Pine Grove Area School District*



Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Tuesday, June 18, 2024  
5:30 PM  
Middle School Library

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

1. **Call to Order** – by Mr. Lukasewicz at 5:30 pm
  - a. In attendance for the Board: Genavieve Moyer, Dave Lukasewicz, Amanda Daubert, Sascha Primeau, Randy Stump, and Lauren Potter (few min late)
    - i. Absent: Donald Brown, Dave Frew, J.T. Herber
  - b. In attendance for the Admin: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Stephanie Ziegmont, Mike Janicelli, Kerri Clauser, Rich Dunkelberger, Corey Mentzer, Sandy Burns, Bill Kimber, Todd Lengle, Henry Snyder
  - c. In attendance for the Public: Kim Pribilla, Daryl Wessner
  
2. **(Action Item Request) Motion Made by Randy Stump; Second By Genavieve Moyer; All were in Favor** – We were contacted by a representative from DCED on June 17 about how the board plans to fund the remaining difference of the proposed project. The following motion will replace the motion previously approved on May 16, 2024.
  - a. *A motion is requested to commit a total of \$3,751,129 from fund balance. This commitment includes \$1,250,000 to cover the 25% cash match (replacing the May 16, 2024 commitment), and \$2,501,129 to fund the remaining difference for a potential \$8,751,129 Public School Facility Improvement Grant Project.*
  
3. **Student Representative – Alexis Butler** – Not in attendance; Traveling as the State Dairy Princess; Kerri Clauser shared there were 4 applicants, interviews were completed, all did well, but Alexis has creative ideas and wanted to do more to include activities from all 3 buildings
  
4. **Department/Building Updates**
  - a. ES – all positions are filed, 5 student teachers this past year, enrollment is up
  - b. MS – building running smooth, working on schedules for next year, excited to be in the MS

- c. HS – making curriculum changes, working on cell phone policy, positions are being filled, lost some great teachers but have added some great teachers
- d. Athletics – adding coaches,
- e. Building and Grounds – need 2 utility workers, gave auditorium work update, ES sound system in café update, gave update on the LED sign (this is not going to take place but a thank you to the company for the offer), playground update
- f. Technology – closing Sapphire, devices for business rooms, chromebook update and order, student workers, multi authentication update, renewing software, Alma for next year
- g. Curriculum – curriculum changes, dual enrollment, grant updates, start-stop-continue, summer camps, summer PD for teachers
- h. Special Education – ESY update, paraprofessional additional hours, resolution on different special education situations, need 1 emotional support teacher and speech, currently contract with speech for 2 days – may need to increase, state audit next year for special education
- i. Discussion of Alma online report cards for next year-board is supportive
- j. All admin thanked board for support and changes that are working to make the district better

**5. Review of Thursday, June 20, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda**

- a. Reviewed all agenda items
- b. Sasha suggested exploring the mentor program that happens in the ES to the MS for 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- c. Addition under Finance for Attorney Quinn to assess tax items (motion added)
- d. Addition under Extra-Curricular to add coaches that were not on original agenda (motion added)
- e. Attorney Quinn gave approval on the transportation contract
- f. Schuylkill Intermediate Unit Report – discussed the hiring of Dr Brooke Tesche as the Executive Director. She worked at the Diocese of Allentown and Philadelphia comes with a lot of special education experience and less than 1-year experience as a superintendent. The vote was 8-2 – PGA voted yes to hire her. She will begin August 1, 2024.

**6. Other Items**

- a. Nothing was discussed


**7. Adjournment**

- a. Motion by Amanda Daubert; Second by Randy Stump at 7:35pm

**8. Executive Session**

- a. The Board will adjourn the meeting into an Executive Session which is required under Section 1309-B of the PA Public School Code in order for the School Safety and Security Coordinator to report on current Safety and Security practices and discuss strategies for improvement. The board will not be returning

and no votes will be taken.  
b. Adjourned at 8:40pm

  
**Joanne Brindle**  
**Board Secretary**