

Pine Grove Area School District



Regular Board Meeting
October 17, 2024
Middle School Library

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Amanda Daubert	Dave Frew (by phone)	J.T. Herber
Genavieve Moyer	Sascha Primeau	Lauren Potter (6:40)	Randy Stump
Dave Lukasewicz	Alexis Butler, Student Rep		

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Attorney Nick Quinn, Rich Dunkelberger, Stephanie Zeigmont, Bill Kimber, Sandy Burns, Josh Zelinsky, Ted Butler, Cameron Hosler with parents, siblings and grandmother, Lily Stroupauer with parents.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Renninger, Mr. Lukasewicz, and Rich Dunkelberger honored the October 8th Graders of the Month - Cameron Hosler and Lily Stroupauer. The Seniors of the Month - Nate Frankenfield and Allison Kelly were attending the Boys Soccer Schuylkill League Championship at Blue Mountain.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6. **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the resolution authorizing Heath W. Renninger, Superintendent to identify and sign electronic agreements with the PA Department of Education (PDE). **Vote was Unanimous**

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the September 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes and October 10, 2024 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes.

Vote was Unanimous

8. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** - *Dave Frew, Chairperson*

9. **CURRICULUM** - *Genavieve Moyer, Chairperson*

A. Daubert made a motion to approve Item A seconded by R. Stump.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of the Age of Learning Memorandum of Understanding between the Age of Learning, Inc. and the Pine Grove Area School District to provide personalized mastery learning solutions to students free of charge for two years. This program is an outside of the school day program and will be provided to the Pine Grove Area students in Grades PreK-4.
- B. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to purchase McGraw Hill Inspire Science Curriculum for Grades K-5 and Amplify Science Curriculum for Grades 6-8 at a cost of \$489,362.99. The majority of this bill will be paid from the Ready To Learn Grant, the remaining \$150,294.35 will be taken from the Capital Projects Fund. **Roll Call Vote 6 yes, 0 no**

10. FINANCE/AUDIT – Dave Frew, Chairperson

D.Frew made a motion, seconded A. Daubert to approve Items A through E and item G.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of the bills for payment.
- B. Approval of the treasurer's report.
- C. Approval of the Disposition of Assets Forms as found in the Board Packet and to dispose of them as per Policy 706.
- D. Approval to accept the \$50.00 donation from the congregation of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Tremont. The donation is to be used to provide school supplies to students who are in need.
- E. Approve to accept the Capital BlueCross Live Healthy School Grant in the amount of \$2,300. The grant is to be used for student based wellness activities and initiatives.
- F. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the 2024-2025 Special Education Service Agreement at a cost of \$419,680 which is paid in four installments. **Roll Call Vote, 6 yes, 0 no**
- G. Approval to ratify extending the contract with Coal Region Security with the corrected verbiage beginning on September 13, 2024 and ending on September 13, 2026 for security at school events.

11. EXTRA-CURRICULAR – Randy Stump, Chairperson

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Items A through G.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of the Proposed Coaching Positions and Stipend Matrix beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. If approved, this matrix will be used for athletic personnel budgeting beginning with the 2025-2026 seasons.
- B. Approval to add EvaJean Budd to the list of volunteers for cheerleading.
- C. Approval of the Assistant Girls' Basketball Coaches (pending clearances):
 Lacie Sampson, 1st assistant at a stipend of \$3,575.00
 Faith Shiffer, assistant at stipend of \$3,330.00
 Janelle Nelson, assistant at a stipend of \$3,330.00
 Volunteers: John Rizzo and Theresa Leffler

- D. Approval of the Assistant Boys' Basketball Coaches (pending clearances):
 Jacob Leininger, 1st assistant at a stipend of \$3,575.00
 Bobby Lehman, assistant at a stipend of \$3,300.00
 Keith Lehman, assistant (split) stipend of \$1,650.00
 Todd Lengle, assistant (split) stipend of \$1,650.00
 Volunteer: Steele Fekette
- E. Approval of the Boys' Wrestling Coaches (pending clearances):
 Eric Kurtz, assistant at a stipend of \$3,330.00
 Dillon Kintzel, assistant (split) stipend of \$1,650.00
 Ryan Reichert, assistant (split) stipend of \$1,650.00
 Volunteers: Jamie Schaeffer, Allen Daubert, Jr., Ted Kemmerling, Jacob Herring
- F. Approval of the Girls' Wrestling Coaches (pending clearances):
 Tim Bast, assistant at a stipend of \$3,575.00
 Volunteers: Allen Daubert, Jr., Eric Kurtz, Shannon Shughart, Paul Frantz
- G. Approval for the athletic programs to go on overnight trips for competition. Booster clubs will be responsible for in-season tournaments. The District would pick up the cost for post-season events. Events could include girls' wrestling to North Allegheny (in-season), boys' and girls' wrestling to the state tournament (if qualified), and PIAA track and field championship.

12. PERSONNEL – Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Items A through C.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to ratify accepting the letter of resignation from Robert Cedeno from his position as custodian effective September 23, 2024.
- B. Approval to hire Patrick Huben, Jr. as a Utility Worker. Patrick will be paid \$15.00 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. He will begin after all clearances have been received.
- C. Approval of the following school volunteers: Amanda Stortz, Fallon Kutz and Barbara Dimon.

Mr. Frew announced that the arbitration hearing has been cancelled. The teachers' union has withdrawn their grievance.

13. POLICY – J.T. Herber, Chairperson

14. TRANSPORTATION – Lauren Potter, Chairperson

15. TECHNOLOGY – Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson

16. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – Alexis Butler, Student Representative

Alexis had a PowerPoint presentation on happenings throughout the district and concerns of high school students.

17. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – Dave Frew, Representative

18. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Sean Termini (arrived at 7:05 pm) He asked the Board what the district policy is on giving homework on holiday break and talked about in-school work versus out of school work and how long before your child is failing are you notified. Mrs. Burns spoke about the intervention meetings held with teachers on a monthly basis. Parents have a portal on Alma which shows all of your child’s test scores, missed work, etc. Mr. Termini will set up a meeting with Mrs. Burns and or Mr. Renninger to discuss his concerns.
19. **ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by R. Stump seconded by L. Potter the meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.



Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary