

PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



Board of School Directors Public Meeting Thursday, April 15, 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**

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

In attendance: Donald E. Brown, Jr., Randy Stump, Amanda Daubert, Genavieve Moyer, Dave Lukasewicz, Heath Renninger, Dave Frew, J.T. Herber, Steve Brill, Vince Hoover, Joanne Brindle, Lizann White, Dawn Christensen, Henry Snyder, Bernie Kelly, Andy Diehl, Melissa Mekosh, Mike Janicelli, Sandy Burns, Jody Dermo.

- Heath Renninger gave a presentation on COVID Update. The numbers are going up. All schools are back full time in person.
- Band Concession Stand – Dawn Christensen asked Dave Frew for an update on the concession stand. Held a Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting last week but did not have a quorum. At meeting some discussion was held and are looking at a free standing building to be put up for the band. Should have a stand in place for the first home football game this year.
- Discussion on Professional Architectural & Engineering Services – Dave Frew stated that since there was not a quorum at the B & G Meeting nothing was decided. Dave gave an update on the presentation made by McClure on providing a feasibility study. He asked the Board if we could put a motion on the next agenda to allow McClure to do this study at no cost. The Board agreed.
- Fields – Dave Frew, Heath Renninger and Randy Stump met with borough officials and talked at the Building & Grounds Committee and the recommendation is not to make a motion to accept the donation to purchase the land above the baseball field. The cost would be too great to the district. Randy asked if a letter could be written to the land owner and copy the realtor and Randy saying the district will not accept the land.
- Budget Update – Dave Frew, cancelled the last budget meeting last month because there were no changes. HS budget is reduced; insurance did not go up this year so that increase was taken out. Budget is balanced and recommendation is no tax increase for the upcoming school year. Dave Luke asked that the discount period be extended by 30 days because we are still in a pandemic, as we did last year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm and announced that the April 15, 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 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.	Amanda Daubert	Dave Frew
J.T. Herber	Genavieve Moyer	Wes Ney	Randy Stump
Dave Lukasewicz	Jade Shollenberger, Student Rep.		

In attendance: Heath Renninger, Vince Hoover, Joanne Brindle, Henry Snyder, Bernie Kelly, Andy Diehl, Melissa Mekosh, Mike Janicelli, Sandy Burns, Jody Dermo, Attorney Nick Quinn.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Graduation will be Friday June 4th with two rain dates either Saturday or Sunday, 6 tickets will be given to each Senior. It will be held outside and live streamed.

Mike Janicelli congratulated the April Seniors of the Month – Hallie Wolfe and Donovan Copeland

Mike Janicelli congratulated three Pine Grove Area Students who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout – Congratulations to Senior Andrew Mindy, Senior Hunter Legarht and Junior Logan Winslow all of Troop 611.

Melissa Mekosh congratulated April 8th graders of the Month – Shane Hall and Emma Filiash

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. 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 asked Joanne Brindle Board Secretary if there have been any public comments. There are none.

6. **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to authorize the Superintendent to make application for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSER II) under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, enacted on December 27, 2020. **Vote was Unanimous**

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the March 18, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, and the April 8, 2021 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the purchase of Middle School student desks & chairs from Tanner Furniture at a cost of \$33,501.00. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account and will be the final phase of student desk replacement for the middle school. This is a COSTARS #035-025 purchase. **Vote was Unanimous**

- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to contract services with C.M. Eichenlaub Co. to install a new fold up divider curtain in the High School gym at a cost not to exceed \$12,662.00. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account. This is a COSTARS #014-090 purchase.

Vote was Unanimous

- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to authorize the McClure Company to perform a comprehensive feasibility study district wide and make a formal presentation to the Board once completed. This study is being performed at no cost or further obligation to the District.

Vote was Unanimous

9. CURRICULUM (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

Credit Recovery Summer School – Vince Hoover explained there is ESSER money for credit recovery. Middle School and High School Students are in need of credit recovery. Thinking about having days in the summer where the students come in and would receive instruction in the course where they need credit. Possible cost but maybe reimbursed if you pass the class. Lots of discussion on cost versus no cost.

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the bills for payment.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the Treasurers' Report.

Vote was Unanimous

- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the lease agreement between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 to lease a classroom in the elementary school for the 2021-2022 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**

- D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the request for Disposition of Assets as found in the Board Packet. The assets will be disposed of as per Board Policy. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

12. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to ratify hiring Robert Cedeno as a custodian effective March, 24, 2021. Robert will be paid \$13.50 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. **Vote was Unanimous**

13. POLICY- (*J.T. Herber, Chairperson*)

- A. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the 2nd reading and final adoption of Policy 218.3 "Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault." **Vote was Unanimous**

J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Items B through G.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. Approval of the 2nd reading and final adoption of Policy 103 "Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students."

- C. Approval of the 2nd reading and final adoption of Policy 252 "Dating Violence."

- D. Approval of the 2nd reading and final adoption of Policy 113.1 "Discipline of Students with Disabilities."
- E. Approval of the 2nd reading and final adoption of Policy 113.2 "Behavior Support."
- F. Approval of the 2nd reading and final adoption of Policy 113.4 "Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information."
- G. Approval of the 2nd reading and final adoption of Policy 123.2 "Sudden Cardiac Arrest."

14. TRANSPORTATION- *(Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)*

15. TECHNOLOGY – *(Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson)*

Andy Diehl talked about the phone system, our system is old, voice mail not working, caller ID not working and phone system is going up and down.

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to move forward pursuing quotes for a new phone system.

Vote was Unanimous

16. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – *(Jade Shollenberger, Student Rep.)*

Jade gave the Board her monthly report on all schools, activities and sports.

17. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – *(Dave Frew, Representative)*

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. D. Frew asked if we could open up to public yet. Superintendent said in the Health and Safety Plan we are not bringing visitors into our school yet while we are still in substantial.

19. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by D. Frew, seconded by J.T. Herber the board adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary