

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting Thursday, May 20, 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**

Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. In attendance were: Randy Stump, Genavieve Moyer, Dave Lukasewicz, Wes Ney, Heath Renninger, Henry Snyder, Bernie Kelly, Melissa Mekosh, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Jodie Dermo, Vince Hoover, Andy Diehl, Joanne Brindle, Donald Brown, Jr. J.T. Herber, Sandy Burns, Jill Hlavaty and audience on Zoom.

High School End of Year Update – No tickets for needed for graduation, great ceremony with both sides of the stadium, stage in the middle and live streaming. Baccalaureate will be held outside in front of the stadium if possible or inside. Class Night will also be outside if weather is good. Mike Janicelli announced the May Seniors of the Month – Emily Kopinetz and Dom Schillaci and announced congratulations to Senior Isabella Moyer who received her Girl Scout Gold Award on April 12th, 2021.

Health & Safety Plan Update – Currently in the moderate range. Last day of school June 4, 2021. District has done well during this pandemic, school year has been productive and kids have learned. Heath announced their recommendations moving forward created by administrators. Heath went over the Plan Revision which will be recommended for approval at the 6:30 pm meeting. After some discussion it was decided that the Plan will be on the next agenda for approval.

Grant Update – Vince Hoover and Heath gave the Board an update on all the grants that we have received from 2019 through 2021.

Substitute Rate – Heath recommended increasing from \$100 to \$115 a day effective first day of school 2021-2022. Our current provider is quitting so we will be looking at a new provider.

Metz – will be renewing the contract for 2021-2022 school year at the next meeting.

Preliminary Budget – Jodie gave an overview of the preliminary budget. It will be voted on at the board meeting. It is a balanced budget.

Technology – Andy explained the motion to purchase ActiPanels (116) and the ActiStands which gives it more functionality they can be moved around. If order is placed soon ship time would be by the end of June. Phone system is over 20 years old. Motion will be on meeting agenda to purchase a new phone system. Vince explained the new guidelines for the Chromebooks. After some discussion it was decided to hold off until June to approve the updated guidelines.

Board adjourned at 6:35 pm.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order and announced that the May 20, 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. This is the last Zoom meeting; next meeting will be open to the public.

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.		

4. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Melissa Mekosh announced the May 8th graders of the Month – Dallas Kennemore, Allison Fisher

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 have not been any comments.

6. **BOARD BUSINESS**

- A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to appoint Joanne Brindle as Board Secretary for a 4-year term. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the PGASD Health and Safety Plan Revision Recommendations. **Vote was 5 yes, 1 no (Brown)**

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the April 15, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve to contract services with Miller Paving to prep and install new asphalt at the athletic field concession stand area at a cost not to exceed \$11,400. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to purchase (1) 12’x24’ prefabricated concession stand from Miller Building Systems at a total cost of \$17,465. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account and is a COSTARS #014-218 purchase. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to contract services with Superior 3 to form, supply and install (1) new concrete pad for the prefabricated athletic field concession stand at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account. **Vote was Unanimous**

D. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to purchase (1) Fair-Play scoreboard and (2) portable play clocks for the athletic stadium from Degler-Whiting Inc. at a total cost of \$22,150. This will be purchased using sponsorship funds provided by Lehigh Valley Health Network in our approved sports medicine agreement. This is a COSTARS #014-147 purchase.

Vote was Unanimous

E. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve additional equipment and work required to install and wire the new stadium scoreboard at a cost not to exceed \$9,775.

Vote was Unanimous

9. CURRICULUM (Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)

A. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to ratify homebound instruction for an 8th grade student beginning on May 7, 2021 and ending the last student day of the 2020/2021 school year.

Vote was Unanimous

B. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to purchase core Social Studies textbooks from McGraw-Hill for grades 5 through 8 at a cost of \$34,835.93. This is a budgeted curriculum item that will be split across two fiscal years, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Vote was Unanimous

C. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to purchase core Social Studies textbooks from Savvas for grades 9 through 12 at a cost not to exceed \$28,000. This is a budgeted curriculum item that will be split across two fiscal years, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Vote was Unanimous

D. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the application for Flexible Instruction Days (FID) beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call Vote 6 yes, 0 no

E. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the Pine Grove Area Summer Scholars program that will run August 3-5, 2021 and August 10-12, 2021 for incoming 1st through 4th grade students. This will be at no cost to students and will be funded from ESSER III grant funds.

Vote was Unanimous

F. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the Pine Grove Area Credit Recovery Summer School program that will run June 22 to July 29, 2021 for Middle School and High School students. This will be at no cost to students and will be funded from ESSER III grant funds.

Vote was Unanimous

J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to go into an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The board went into executive session at 6:57 pm and returned at 7:23 pm.

10. FINANCE/AUDIT (Dave Frew- Chairperson)

A. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to increase the daily rate for substitute teachers from \$100.00 to \$115.00 beginning the first day of the 2021-2022 school year.

Vote was Unanimous

B. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the 2021-2022 Pine Grove Area School District proposed final budget and announce that the budget is open for public inspection.

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
\$26,106,575	\$26,106,575

The preliminary budget is currently balanced. Roll Call Vote 6 yes, 0 no

- C. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to extend the discount due date on the 2021 School District Real Estate tax bills from 8/31/2021 to 9/30/2021 and the face period due date from 10/31/2021 to 11/30/2021. The penalty period will be after 11/30/2021 until 12/31/2021.
Vote was Unanimous
- D. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the bills for payment.
Vote was Unanimous
- E. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Vote was Unanimous
- F. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the contract with Mangat Family Dentistry for dental services for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$3.00 per dental exam.
Vote was Unanimous
- G. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the contract with Dr. Bajwa as the school physician for the 2021-2022 school year. He will be paid \$10.00 for each student physical.
Vote was Unanimous
- H. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the contract with CSIU for the following modules: Fund Accounting, Payroll, Personnel and Inventory at a cost of \$19,620.11.
Vote was Unanimous
- I. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to appoint Jodie Dermo, Business Administrator as the Management Trustee to the Berks County School District Health Care Trust for the 2021-2022 school year.
Vote was Unanimous
- J. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the Administrators Contract as found in the board packet.
Vote was Unanimous
- K. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the Act 93 Administrators Contract as found in the board packet.
Vote was Unanimous
- L. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to add Tobash Financial Solutions, 3 S. Sillyman Street, Cressona, PA 17929 to the District's list of approved 403(b) providers. **Vote was Unanimous**
- M. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to allow the bid of \$1,460.00 from North End Fire Company for the repository sale with respect to Parcel #58-05-0025.000 to proceed without objections. This parcel is located in Pine Grove Borough. **Vote was Unanimous**
- N. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the cafeteria renewal with Metz for the 2021-2022 school year, the guarantee is \$70,000. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve an overnight stay for the athletes that qualified for the PIAA State Track and Field competition. The stay will be one night on Thursday May 27, 2021. Their one-day competition begins Friday May 28, 2021. They will be accompanied/chaperoned by one or more of the track and field coaches and multiple parents.
Vote was Unanimous
- B. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to hire Scott Dimon as Athletic Director for the 2021-2022 season. He will receive a quarterly stipend of \$2,230. **Vote was Unanimous**

- C. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to hire the following Head Coaches for the Fall Season 2021: **Vote was Unanimous**
 Frank Gaffney, Football at a stipend of \$4,500
 Marvin Weber, Boys' Soccer at a stipend of \$4,016.25
 Andrew Haas, Girls' Soccer at a stipend of \$3,825
 Gene Kreitzer, Volleyball at a stipend of \$3,825
 Brittney Shelton, Cross Country at a stipend of \$2,835
 Dennis Schneck, Cheerleading at a stipend of \$3,543.75
- D. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to hire the following Head Coaches for the Winter Season 2021-2022: **Vote was Unanimous**
 Frank D'Agostino III, Boys' Basketball at a stipend of \$4,500
 Kyler Burke, Girls' Basketball at a stipend of \$4,500
 Ken Newswanger, Wrestling at a stipend of \$4,500

12. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the letter of resignation from Andrea Zehring from her position as Special Education Teacher in the high school effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the letter of resignation from Samantha Kemmerling from her position as 8th Grade Science Teacher in the middle school effective July 1, 2021. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the letter of resignation from Madison Rhode, Paraprofessional effective the last day of the school year. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the letter of resignation from Kaleen Zerbe, Paraprofessional effective the last day of the school year and to put Kaleen on our paraprofessional substitute list. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve to ratify FMLA Leave for employee #97317 beginning on May 12, 2021 and lasting for twelve weeks. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to ratify hiring Kelly Weiss as a Paraprofessional I. Kelly will receive \$11.35 per hour and any benefits as applicable in the AFSCME contract. She began on May 10, 2021. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to pay Mary Jo Nahbolz, Lindsey Croker, Courtney Boone, Suzanne Dubbs and Andrea Bucher the negotiated rate of \$27.00 per hour to teach ESY from June 22, 2021 thru July 29, 2021. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to pay Sarah Gibson, Brandi Sonoski and Sydney Griffiths to work as paraprofessionals for ESY at their hourly rate. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

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

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

- A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve to accept the proposal as written from KIT Communications, Annville, PA to supply a new FortiVoice IP phone system at a not to exceed cost of \$77,000. This phone system will be purchased using relief funds provided by the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSR II). No district general or capital funds will be used for this purchase. This purchase will be made through a PEPPM contract. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve to purchase (116) prometean ActivPanels from Springboard IT, Philadelphia PA at a total cost of \$232,980. These will be purchased using relief funds provided by the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSR II). No district general or capital funds will be used for this purchase. This purchase will be made through a PEPPM contract. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve to purchase (120) Promethean ActivStands with a 5-year advanced warranty from Springboard IT, Philadelphia PA at a total cost of \$79,952. These will be purchased using relief funds provided by the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSR II). No district general or capital funds will be used for this purchase. This purchase will be made through a PEPPM contract. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to table the motion to approve the updates made to the Pine Grove Area School District Chromebook Guides which includes a \$20.00 damage waiver fee. **Vote was Unanimous to table this motion**

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

Jade gave her final report on all three buildings. The Board thanked her for doing a great job this year as the student Representative.

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.

19. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by D. Brown, seconded by R. Stump The Board adjourned the meeting into an executive session for personnel reasons at 7:49 pm.


Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary