

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting Thursday, June 17, 2021, 5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting, 6:30 PM Regular Board Meeting in the Middle School Library.

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**

COW Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz. In attendance, Dave Lukasewicz, Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Vince Hoover, Jill Hlavaty, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Donald E. Brown, Jr., Randy Stump, Genavieve Moyer, Amanda Daubert, Wes Ney, Dave Frew, J.T. Herber, Scott Dimon, Henry Snyder.

Dave Lukasewicz asked for an Executive Session for Personnel. The Board went into Executive Session at 5:31 pm and returned at 5:50 pm.

- Pine Grove Area School District Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines effective for 2021-2022 school year. Heath explained what the Guidelines are about and asked for it to be approved at the next meeting.
- Health & Safety Plan for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) application. Heath explained June 4th new guidelines were released by the state. For us to receive the ESSER'S money we must have our Health and Safety Plan match the guidelines. He explained all changes in the plan.
- Emergency Instructional Time Template application. Must be filled out and sent to PDE making sure that our calendar meets needed instructional time and all other mandates provided by PDE.
- Approval of OnShape and ServSafe as Industry-Recognized Credentials for Pine Grove Area High School. Vince said they are two credentials that students can earn while in high school who would be ready to go into the workforce with certification.
- Budget – Dave said the budget was advertised and the only change is a slight decrease in Revenue but the budget is balanced without using any one time funds that the state and federal government are giving out.
- Award the Bids – Jodie said the bid numbers have increased slightly this year. She read a list of what they were last year to what they are this year.
- Adjust the salary of the coaches – Joanne explained how the coaches' salaries are calculated.
- Chromebook Guidelines – Discussion on fees was held so a vote can be taken tonight and approve the guidelines. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to charge \$20.00 for the first child in the family and \$15.00 for any other children in the same family. The motion will be on the next agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order by President Dave Lukasewicz at 6:50 pm. Dave read a message that the district is following CDC guidelines.

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			

In attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Vince Hoover, Jill Hlavaty, Mike Janicelli, Scott Dimon, Henry Snyder, Kelly Weiss and husband, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Kira Wertz and husband, Dr. Andrea Primeau and son.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Kira Wertz, Stoney Top Road, Pine Grove asked that it not be mandated that you wear a mask or not and show proof of vaccination to enter the school. We are not doing that at this point. Heath responded that we must follow the CDC guidelines. Dr. Andrea Primeau of Summit Drive explained that she is in the science field and they are not seeing a large population in Schuylkill County being vaccinated. Masks will protect the young students who cannot be vaccinated yet.

5. **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to approve the Pine Grove Area School District Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines effective for 2021-2022 school year.

Vote was Unanimous

B. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to authorize the Superintendent to make an application for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III), 2021, Public Law 117-2, section 2001, enacted on March 11, 2021.

Vote was Unanimous

C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the Health & Safety Plan for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) application.

Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no

D. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the Emergency Instructional Time Template application.

Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no

E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to appoint Dave Lukasewicz as the School Board PSBA Delegate to attend the Legislative Assembly in October, 2021. **Vote was Unanimous**

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the May 20, 2021 COW and Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Vote was Unanimous

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

8. **CURRICULUM** (Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)

A. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the list of the Pine Grove Area School District 2021 Graduates.

Vote was Unanimous

- B. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the OnShape and ServSafe as Industry-Recognized Credentials for Pine Grove Area High School. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to adopt the resolution for the Levy of School District taxes for 2021-2022. The tax rates remain the same as the 2020-2021 year. Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 41.75 mills on real property on each dollar of assessed valuation.

Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no

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

- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to adopt the resolution for the 2021-2022 general fund budget. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to request a \$250.00 tax levy on the occupation of individuals living within the district. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to request a 1% tax levy on earned income under Act 511 (to be shared with component municipalities.) A 1% levy on transfer of real estate under Act 511 (to be shared with municipalities.) **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to request a \$10.00 tax levied on the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the Pine Grove Area School District. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to adopt the 2021-2022 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to authorize Attorney Nick Quinn to file any and all appeals in accordance with Board Policy of appealing parcel sale transactions generating \$10,000 or more in additional tax revenues that come available. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the bills for payment.
Vote was Unanimous
- I. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the Treasurer’s Report.
Vote was Unanimous
- J. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the 2020 tax exemptions as found in the board packet.
Vote was Unanimous
- K. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the Disposition of Assets as found in the board packet and to dispose of them as per Board Policy. **Vote was Unanimous**
- L. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the 2021-2022 rates for the Berks County Schools Health and Welfare Trust: Single - \$726.88 per month; Two-Party - \$1,548.25 per month; Family - \$2,107.97 per month. These are the same rates as last year. **Vote was Unanimous**
- M. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the 2021-2022 rates for the Schuylkill County Schools Health and Welfare Trust: Dental – 2.50 – 2.51% over last year. Single - \$31.57; Husband and Wife - \$63.14; Parent and Child - \$63.14; Parent and Children - \$78.93; Family - \$78.93; Composite - \$61.81; Vision – 8.5% over last year. Single - \$7.66; Husband and Wife \$15.32;

Parent and Child - \$15.32; Parent and Children - \$19.15; Family - \$19.15; Composite \$14.94. **Vote was Unanimous**

N. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to authorize the Business Administrator to make the necessary budgetary transfers for the 2020-2021 school year expenditures to avoid budgetary line item categorical over-under expenditures resulting from local audit reclassifications. This blanket authorization is restricted to those transfers required as a result of local audit reclassifications and will be reported as required at subsequent school board meetings in accordance with the directives received from the Auditor General's Office. **Vote was Unanimous**

O. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the service agreement with Rodney Zechman to maintain the shop equipment in the high school and middle school. This will not exceed \$1,600 quarterly. **Vote was Unanimous**

P. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to award the following bids: **Vote was Unanimous**
Municipal Waste Removal Bid to Waste Management in the amount of \$14,069.48, extra waste pickup \$100.00 and extra recycle pickup \$75.00.

Propane to Koppys Propane in the amount of \$1.2890/gallon non escalating.

Coal to Reading Anthracite in the amount of \$142.00/ton.

Lumber to Werner Lumber in the amount of \$3.24/BF for Red Oak and \$1.58/BF for Pine.

Q. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the contract with Thomas Piano Service to tune the 6 pianos in the district. The cost is \$95.00 for multiple piano tuning and \$120.00 for single. **Vote was Unanimous**

R. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to allow the bids of \$1,224.00, \$882.00, and \$1,082.00 from Jackson Acosta for repository sales with respect to Parcel #s 12-06-0001.000, 12-06-0005.000, and 12-06-0004.000, respectively, to proceed without objection. All three parcels are located in Frailey Township. **Vote was Unanimous**

S. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve of the LIEP Service Agreement between the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and the Pine Grove Area School District. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

A. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to adjust the salary of the 2021-2022 coaches by \$50.00. This was approved as part of the 2021-2022 budget. **Vote was Unanimous**

11. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

A. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to hire Kelly Weiss as a temporary professional beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Kelly will be paid Bachelors Step for a salary of \$42,695 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach special education in the elementary school. **Vote was Unanimous**

B. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to hire Eric Cofield as a custodian effective June 21, 2021. Eric will be paid \$13.50 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME staff contract. **Vote was Unanimous**

- C. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to ratify hiring the following summer workers: Kailen Felty, Kylee Moyer, Zoey Sitlinger, Hunter Legarht, Mason Hatfield, Brian Richter III, and Madison Henderson. They will be paid minimum wage and begin June 14, 2021.
Vote was Unanimous
- D. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to contract with ESS Northeast LLC to provide substitute teachers on an as-needed basis for the 2021-2022 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to pay Jason Albon, Tracey Bohn, Alison Gimbi, John Gradwell, Tara Zulick, and Molly Zwiebel the negotiated rate of \$27.00 per hour to assist with Credit Recovery Summer School between June 9, 2021 and July 29, 2021.
Vote was Unanimous
- F. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to make the Admin/Act 93 Agreement execution date of May 20, 2021 as the official Term of Plan beginning date. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. Made a motion, seconded by to authorize the Superintendent to hire from this meeting until the August 19th meeting at which time the hires will be ratified. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to pay Nina Purcell, Darcy Brommer, Emily Brown, Jen Hall and Lois Whittemore (Substitute) as Paraprofessionals for the summer ESY program. They will be paid their hourly rate. **Vote was Unanimous**
- I. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to hire Tara Miller as the Level III Floating Secretary. Tara will be paid \$13.80 per hour and will receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. She will begin sometime after July 1, 2020 and her assignment will be floating secretary where needed. **Vote was Unanimous**
- J. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to appoint Selena Slackus as mentor to Kelly Weiss. Selina will be paid a stipend of \$400. **Vote was Unanimous**
- K. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to accept the resignation of Samantha Starr Bohn from her position as math teacher in the middle school effective June 30, 2021.
Vote was Unanimous
- L. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to accept the resignation of Andrew Diehl from his position as Director of Technology on or before July 15, 2021. **Vote was Unanimous**
- M. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to name Todd Lengle, Acting Director of Technology effective when Andy Diehl departs. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

Informational: The Triennial Assessment of the Wellness Policy was completed and included in the board packet.

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

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


- A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the updates made to the Pine Grove Area School District Chromebook Guides which includes a \$20.00 damage waiver fee for the first student in the household and \$15.00 for each additional student in the household. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS

17. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by J.T. Herber, seconded by R. Stump the Board adjourned 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 and for other legal issues.


Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary