

Pine Grove Area School District



**Board of School Directors
EMERGENCY MEETING
6:00 PM in the Middle School Library
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – Board President Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Amanda Daubert	Dave Frew	J.T. Herber
Genavieve Moyer	Wes Ney	Randy Stump	Dave Lukasewicz

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Attorney Nick Quinn, Vince Hoover, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Sandy Burns, Rich Dunkelberger, Bernie Kelly and the room was filled with students' parents.

4. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to modify the existing exemption form in response to the Department of Health mask mandate. The is a more simplified version and does not need a doctor's signature. This exemption is only for in school, students riding buses must still wear masks. **Roll Call Vote, 7 yes, 0 no**


D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to modify the existing Health & Safety Plan as it pertains to contact tracing and quarantine reducing it from 2 masks to 1 mask (for quarantining purposes).

Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Many questions from the audience concerning the wearing of masks. Dave Frew and Dave Lukasewicz explained that we made the modification to the exemption form so that the students whose parents did not want them wearing a mask could fill out the form and sign it without having to get a doctor's signature. They explained to the crowd that they were trying to make reasonable accommodations for students who were masking and those who were not masking. Anyone who filled out a previous form and it was denied will now fill out this form and sign it and it will be approved. It was stated that the new exemption form would be on the website no later than Saturday morning for parents to print off and sign. Your child must wear a mask if there is no exemption form on file. Students and drivers must still continue to wear masks on the bus. Jeremy Schaeffer did most of the speaking on behalf of the crowd but every person in the room who had a question or comment was given the opportunity to speak. Gena Moyer did explain that the Board was doing everything they could to accommodate students and parents but there are state mandates which the school must follow.

6. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by D. Brown, seconded by G. Moyer the Board adjourned into an executive session to discuss a legal issue at 7:37 pm.


Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary