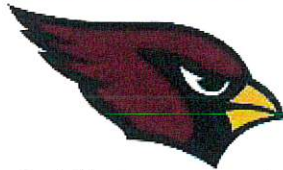


# Pine Grove Area School District



**Board of School Directors Public Meeting Thursday, September 23, 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    Mr. Heath W. Renninger  
Board President        Superintendent**

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

In Attendance: Dave Lukasewicz, Amanda Daubert, Dave Frew, J.T. Herber, Genavieve Moyer, Wes Ney, Randy Stump, Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Sandy Burns, Vince Hoover, Mike Janicelli, Alison Gimbi, Rich Dunkelberger, Jill Hlavaty, Melissa Mekosh, Henry Snyder, Todd Lingle, Bernie Kelly, Andrea Primeau, Bonnie Fornwalt, Jeremy Schaeffer people in the audience and on Zoom.

The meeting started with interviews for a new board member. Andrea Primeau, Bonnie Fornwalt, Wade Gettle, Jeremy Schaeffer and Kristi Haldeman have all applied for the position. All applicants were asked two questions, please tell us about your background and why do you feel you would be the best candidate for this position. Mr. Gettle was not present but was interviewed using Zoom. Ms. Haldeman was also not present but submitted a letter to the Board for consideration.

On a motion by G. Moyer, seconded by R. Stump the board went into executive session at 5:50 pm and came back at 6:40 pm at which time the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Board President Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm. He asked for a moment of silence for the loss of a student today and a faculty members spouse passing away.

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
<del>Karissa Morgan - Student Representative</del>			

In Attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Sandy Burns, Vince Hoover, Mike Janicelli, Alison Gimbi, Rich Dunkelberger, Jill Hlavaty, Melissa Mekosh, Henry Snyder, Todd Lingle, Bernie Kelly, Andrea Primeau, Bonnie Fornwalt, Jeremy Schaeffer, Attorney Nick Quinn, Mey Debruyne, AnnaMarie Wildermuth, Lauren Murphy, Megan Rissler, Heather Schneck, Kristi Sarge, Kira Wertz people in the audience and on Zoom.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mike Janicelli announced that Karissa Morgan Student Rep is not here tonight because she is playing on the volleyball team. He also announced that the seniors of the month, Megan Wolfe and Eva Karend

will be honored at next month's meeting. Melissa Mekosh announced that we will also honor the 8th grade students of the month Myla Fashnacht and Brady Gehres next month.

Heath Renninger announced that we have a total of 19 positive cases of which 13 are active.

## 5. BOARD BUSINESS

On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by G. Moyer the Board appointed Andrea Primeau as the new Board member to fill the vacancy until the election in November. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes 0 no**

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeremy Schaeffer – stated that masks are still an issue, asked why religious exemptions are being denied by the solicitor and asked the Board to read some of the facts concerning wearing masks.

## 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by W. Ney to approve the August 19, 2021 COW and Regular Board Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes and September 9, 2021 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- Updated the Board on upcoming projects.
- Announced that the Feasibility Study is getting close to having a meeting to discuss.

D. Frew made a motion to withdraw the motion he made at the Emergency Meeting held on September 9<sup>th</sup> 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). This motion was seconded by J.T. Herber.

**Roll Call Vote, 7 yes, 1 no (Daubert)**

## 9. CURRICULUM *(Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)*

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

A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the bills for payment.

**Vote was Unanimous**

B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**Vote was Unanimous**

C. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the Agreement between the Pine Grove Area School District and Behavioral Health Services for the 2022/2023 School Year.

**Vote was Unanimous**

INFORMATIONAL: The local auditors will be here the week of October 11, 2021 to start the audit.

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

**W. Ney announced that the motion will be taken off the agenda and not acted upon.**

~~A. Approval to hire Brandon Strouphauer as the Assistant Archery Coach for the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend of \$1,592.50.~~

**12. PERSONNEL** (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to ratify the request to take maternity leave from Tanya Hatfield beginning August 23, 2021 for full days until September 1, 2021 and then ½ days for approximately 3 weeks. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to ratify the request for FMLA Intermittent leave for Renee Hughes beginning August 25, 2021 and ending June 3, 2022. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to ratify hiring Angie Albuquerque as a Paraprofessional I she will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. Her start date was September 7, 2021. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to ratify accepting the resignation from Cayleen Conrad from her position as Paraprofessional II effective the last day of the school year.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- E. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the request to take maternity leave from Dana Sabaday from approximately December 7, 2021 and returning approximately Feb. 14, 2022. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the request to take maternity leave from Corrine Ryan beginning approximately March 11, 2022 and ending the last day of the school year. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the resignation of Ken Newswanger as the High School National Honor Society Advisor and to appoint Dan Blydenburgh and Samantha Bullock. They will split the stipend. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to add Maddie Daubert and Melinda Diehl to the list of Middle School Achieve Teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**
- I. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to add Daniel Hatter to the Pine Grove Area School District Volunteer List. **Vote was Unanimous**
- J. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to change the classification of Tara Miller from Floating Secretary to Level III Middle School Principals Secretary effective immediately. Her salary or benefits do not change. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

No Report

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

Thank you to the first responders and everyone who helped at the bus accident yesterday in Molleystown, thankfully there were no injuries.

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

Survey was recently held in the county and the number of technology employees and amount of work has significantly increased.

**16. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** (*Karissa Morgan*)

Karissa will give her report next month.

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

Vo tech is having the same issues with finding enough technology people.

**18. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lauren Murphy – 997 Mtn. Road – wants to know who is denying her request for a religious exemption from her child wearing a mask.

Megan Rissler – 70 Moonshine Road – she stated that this is a viral infection and masks do not work, she promotes vitamins, keeping your hands clean and getting lots of fresh air.

Mey Debruyne – 48 Autumn Lane – homeschools her children but they play sports for the school district, she does not agree with making athletes wear mask on the bus going to their events.

Heather Schneck – 714 Suedburg Road, upset because there was no all call to the parents about the student who lost his life last night.

Kristi Sarge – 18 Roedersville Road – her son has passed out from wearing a mask, last night he had to wear a mask for indoor practice and had a massive asthma attack.

Kira Wertz – 110 Stoney Top Road – was sick with bronchitis, had a mask on in doctor's office and had low oxygen level, after removing her mask her oxygen level went up.

Jeremy Schaeffer – 3 Frantz Road - gave the Board packets on facts about wearing masks, read a statement on what masks are made of and how it affects you.

Annamarie Wildermuth – 25 Hidden Acres Drive - her goal is to have her child in school. If students need to wear masks to keep everyone in school that's what should be done.

**19. ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by D. Frew, seconded by D. Brown the Board adjourned the meeting into an executive session for personnel at 8:00 pm.

  
*Joanne Brindle*  
Board Secretary