

Pine Grove Area School District



Board of School Directors Public Meeting Thursday, October 21, 2021, 5:30 PM
Regular Board Meeting in the Middle School Library.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz, Board President called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and announced the loss of another student, he then called for a moment of silence for Brandon.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Amanda Daubert	Dave Frew	J.T. Herber
Genavieve Moyer	Wes Ney	Sascha Primeau	Randy Stump
Dave Lukasewicz	Karissa Morgan	Student Representative	

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Attorney Nick Quinn, Melissa Mekosh, Mike Janicelli, Henry Snyder, Vince Hoover, Jill Hlavaty, Alison Gimbi, Myla Fasnacht with parents and brothers, Brady Gehres with mother and sister, Callee Leffler with parents, grandparents, brother and sisters, Mason Warg with parents, Gracieanne Schneck, Pamela Rhein, Collin Adams, Wade Gettle, Ron Devlin from Pottsville Republican.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dave Lukasewicz, Heath Renninger, and Melissa Mekosh honored the September and October 8th graders of the Month.

September 8th Graders of the Month – Myla Fasnacht and Brady Gehres

October 8th Graders of the Month – Callee Leffler and Mason Warg

5. **BOARD BUSINESS**

Heath announced that there were 36 positive cases, 3 current active cases and 10 student quarantines.

PGASD Health & Safety Plan Update – a motion was made by D. Frew to grant the administration the flexibility to adapt as it pertains to the Health and Safety Plan Guidelines, this was seconded by A. Daubert. **Roll Call Vote, 7 yes, 0 no**

Attorney Nick Quinn swore in newly appointed Board Member Andrea Primeau.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the September 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

9. CURRICULUM (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to ratify Homebound Instruction for a 9th grade student from September 22, 2021 through October 27, 2021. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to ratify Homebound Instruction for an elementary student beginning in August and continuing for 4 months until he is see by his pediatrician again.
Vote was Unanimous
- C. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the FBLA State Leadership Workshop for Renee Hughes, Business Education Teacher and 8 students on October 30th through November 1, 2021. The workshop is at Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. The student's fees are paid through the high school activity fund. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. J.T. Herber, made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to approve Abe Hitz, Gifted Teacher to attend the PA Association for Gifted Education Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. November 4th and 5th, 2021. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Frew made a motion seconded by R. Stump to approve the LIEP Instruction Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**

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 R. Stump to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Vote was Unanimous
- F. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the Requests for Disposition of Assets found in the board packet and to dispose of them as per Policy 706.1. **Vote was Unanimous**

Informational Item: The district has received a Walmart Community Grant in the amount of \$4,000 for school safety. The district has also received the American Rescue Plan Homeless II Grant in the amount of \$18,204 to be used for support of homeless student population.

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

- A. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to approve the following wrestling coaches for the 2021/2022 season, pending receipt of all clearances: **Vote was Unanimous**
 - Paul Frantz, 1st Assistant/split stipend of \$1,592.50
 - Jacob Herring, 1st Assistant/split stipend of \$1,365
 - Josh Hewes, Assistant at a stipend of \$2,730
 - Ryan Reichert, Assistant at a stipend of \$2,730
 - Volunteers: Ted Butler, Jack Drey, Paul Dean, Dillion Kintzel, Travis Anderson, Ted Kemmerling, Eric Schneck, Eric Kurtz.

- B. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the following boys' basketball coaches for the 2021/2022 season, pending receipt of all clearances: **Vote was Unanimous**
 Edward Kreiser, 1st Assistant at a stipend of \$2,957.50
 Frank D'Agostino, Jr., Assistant at a stipend of \$2,730
 Jake Leininger, Assistant at a stipend of \$2,730
 Volunteers, Jessica Plisko, Dawson Ibarra, Ryan Culburt, Josh Leininger, Andrew Griffiths.
- C. J. T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the following girls' basketball coaches for the 2021/2022 season: **Vote was Unanimous**
 Ryan Achenbach, Assistant at a stipend of \$2,957.50
 Paul Felty, Assistant at a stipend of \$2,730
 Kaylin Ryan, Assistant at a split stipend of \$1,365
 Jamie Hitz, Assistant at a split stipend of \$1,365

12. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

- A. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to hire Pamela Imler as a professional employee. Pamela will be paid Bachelors +15, Step 16 for a salary of \$59,275 pro-rated and will receive all benefits in accordance with the Professional Staff Contract. She will teach Life Skills in the high school. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to accept the letter of resignation from Selena Slackus from her job as Special Education Teacher in the elementary school. Her last day will be November 22, 2021 unless her position is filled before then. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to pay Selena Slackus \$100 and accept her resignation as a mentor for Kelly Weiss and to approve Amy Harrison as the new mentor for Kelly. Amy will receive a \$300 stipend. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to hire Crystal Hallick as a professional employee. Crystal will be paid Bachelors, Step 4 for a salary of \$44,195 pro-rated and will receive all benefits in accordance with the Professional Staff Contract. She will teach learning support in the elementary school. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to accept the letter of resignation from Jordan Zimmerman from her job as School Psychologist. Her last day will be December 3, 2021 unless her position is filled before then. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to hire Valerie Artz as a Paraprofessional I. Valerie will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. She will begin as soon as all her paperwork is completed. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to add Tiffany Kohr to the list of Paraprofessional substitutes and Robert Wolfe to the list of cleaning/custodial substitutes, pending receipt of all updated clearances. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to accept the resignation from Mary Beth McKeever as Spelling Bee Coordinator and approve Jack Drey as Spelling Bee Coordinator. He will receive a stipend of \$734.50. **Vote was Unanimous**
- I. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert add Sarah Fisher to the list of approved school volunteers. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

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

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

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

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

- Wrapping up the building façade project. Total came in under budget.

18. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Lauren Murphy – Mountain Rd. Pine Grove, stated that the legislators met yesterday to discuss mask wearing and suggested the Board watch it.
- Gracieann Schneck – Sweet Arrow Lake Rd. Pine Grove, who is a student, talked about the student’s perspective to what is going on at the high school after the recent suicide.
- Pamela Rhein – Graciann’s mother asked that everyone be included in Trauma Informed Trainings.
- Collin Adams – Molleystown Rd. Pine Grove, who is a student also talked about the importance of the students, principals and teachers communicating together, let the students know what’s going on.

19. **ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by D. Brown, seconded by R. Stump the board adjourned the meeting and went into an executive session for a personnel issue at 6:15 pm.



Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary