

# Pine Grove Area School District



**Board of School Directors Public Meeting Thursday, November 18, 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**

**Call to Order** – the Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.

In Attendance: Dave Lukasewicz, Dave Frew, Wes Ney, J.T. Herber, Donald Brown, Amanda Daubert, Sascha Primeau, Gena Moyer, Randy Stump, Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Gerald Salen and officers from Little Cardinals, Jeremy Schaeffer, Steve Shanahan, Scott Dimon, Reporter from Pottsville Republican, Alison Gimbi, Vince Hoover, Todd Lengle, Rich Dunkelberger, Mike Janicelli, Henry Snyder, Keith Lehman, Melissa Mekosh, Bernie Kelly, Jill Hlavaty, Sandy Burns.

- Electric Procurement Update – Dave Frew gave an update on the renewal process for the electric procurement.
- Dave and Henry explained the request to repair the roof at the high school.
- Mike Janicelli explained the Aevium Club which he is asking to create in the high school.
- Scott Dimon explained the reason the district would like to form a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade football team and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade cheerleading squad.
  - Gerald Salen, President of the Little Cardinals read a statement on behalf of the Little Cardinals Officers against this move and stating that they were given no warning that this was going to happen.
  - Steve Shanahan, Coach of Little Cardinals and Parent, agreed that the Head Coach should have come to the Little Cardinals and explain what was going on.
  - Jeremy Schaeffer, stated that he coached the Little Cardinals, it is a great program, the kids are well rounded when they come to the high school. He said if the Board votes in favor they will not have the numbers next year.
- Don Brown explained why we are extending the warrant on the Chromebooks and Todd Lengle explained what has been happening to the computers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

**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, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Gerald Salen and officers from Little Cardinals, Jeremy Schaeffer, Steve Shanahan, Scott Dimon, Reporter from Pottsville Republican, Alison Gimbi, Vince Hoover, Todd Lingle, Rich Dunkelberger, Mike Janicelli, Henry Snyder, Keith Lehman, Melissa Mekosh, Bernie Kelly, Jill Hlavaty, Sandy Burns, Megan Wolfe and mom, Eva Karenda and mom, Mikaili Donmoyer with mom and step-father, Savannah Collazo and mom, Makenzie Daubert and parents, Henry Anderson and father, Caden Lucas with mom and boyfriend, Molly Drumheller with mom. Scouts working on a badge, Collin Adams.

**4. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mike Janicelli, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored September Seniors of the Month – Megan Wolfe and Eva Karenda, October Seniors of the Month – Mikaili Donmoyber and Savannah Collazo and November Seniors of the Month – Makenzie Daubert and Henry Anderson.

Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored November 8<sup>th</sup> Graders of the Month – Caden Lucas and Molly Drumheller.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to approve the October 21, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes and the November 11, 2021 Extra-Curricular and Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Vote was Unanimous**

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

A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to contract services with Blair Contracting to install a new EPDM roofing system at the High School at a cost of \$272,000. This is under Carlisle Syntec Systems COSTARS # 008-533. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account.

**Vote was Unanimous**

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

A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber to provide homebound instruction to an elementary student beginning as soon as possible and lasting until he is cleared by his doctor.

**Vote was Unanimous**

B. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to ratify providing homebound instruction to a middle school student who had surgery for approximately 4 weeks or until he is cleared by his doctor.

**Vote was Unanimous**

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

A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert for approval of the bills for payment.

**Vote was Unanimous**

B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer for approval of the Treasurer’s Report.

**Vote was Unanimous**

C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer for approval of the 2022-2023 Budget Timeline.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to create an Aevium Club in the high school as an activity club. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. Approval of the Disposition of Assets Form as found in the Board Packet, and to dispose as per the Board Policy. **Vote was Unanimous**

**Informational:** Pine Grove Area School District was awarded the ARP ESSER 7% Set Aside Grant in the following amounts:

- ARP ESSER 5% Learning Loss Set Aside \$136,677
- ARP ESSER 1% After School Set Aside \$27,335
- ARP ESSER 1% Summer School Set Aside \$27,335

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

- A. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to hire Ted Butler as the Assistant Archery Coach for the 2021-2022 season. Ted will be paid a stipend of \$1,592.50 and approve Daniel Kassab as a volunteer. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the HS wrestling team to attend the following overnight tournaments:
  - December 10-12, 2021 – Bloomsburg HS (DKI Tournament)
  - January 21-22, 2022 – Lehighon HS (Coal Cracker Tournament – scheduled to end at 11 pm Friday evening)
  - February 25-26, 2022 – Freedom HS (AA District XI Tournament)
  - March 4-5, 2022 – Freedom HS (AA Southeast Regional Tournament)
  - March 10-12, 2022 – AA Individual State Tournament

**Vote was Unanimous**
- C. W. Ney made a motion to accept the resignation of Chris Coombe as Head Golf Coach effective immediately. **Vote was Unanimous**

On a motion by W. Ney, seconded by J.T. Herber the Board tabled Items D and E to the January Board Meeting. **Vote was Unanimous**

- D. **Approval of the formation of a Junior High Football program, grades 7 & 8, to begin play at the start of the 2022-2023 season.**
- E. **Approval of the formation of a Junior High Cheerleading Program, grades 7 & 8, to begin events at the start of the 2022-2023 season.**
- F. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the following Spring Sports Head Coaches:
  - Keith Lehman, Baseball at a stipend of \$4,254.25
  - Ryan Leffler, Softball at a stipend of \$4,060.88
  - Emily Daubert, Track & Field at a stipend of \$3,867.50

**Vote was Unanimous**

G. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to hire Ed Kreiser as the first assistant for softball at a stipend of \$2,730, Joe Barra and Katie Deegan as assistants at a split stipend of \$910 each.

**Vote was Unanimous**

H. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to hire Madeline Frew as the first assistant for track and field at a stipend of \$2,730; Jacob Herring and Gerald Salen as assistants at a split stipend of \$1,365 each and approve John Gradwell, Kris Wilde and Brittney Shelton as volunteers for track and field.

**Vote was Unanimous with the exception of Frew abstaining**

I. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to hire Joe Drumheller and Steve Zimmerman as the first assistants for baseball at a split stipend of \$1,365 each, and Jason Gerber as assistant at a stipend of \$1,820.

**Vote was Unanimous**

J. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to add James Schaeffer to the list of wrestling volunteers for the 2021-22 season.

**Vote was Unanimous**

#### 11. PERSONNEL (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)

A. W. Ney made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to hire Dara Moucheron as a 10-month School Psychologist. Dara will be paid \$63,000 pro-rated and receive all benefits in accordance with the administrative contract. She will begin when she is released from her current district.

**Vote was Unanimous**

B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pine Grove Area Education Association and the Pine Grove Area School District to approve advisors for the Aavidum Club.

**Vote was Unanimous**

C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve Katie Rogers and Jennifer Heming as the Aavidum Club Advisors. They will split the stipend and receive \$932.25 each.

**Vote was Unanimous**

D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to grant FMLA leave to employee #96741 for medical reasons from December 27, 2021 through February 7, 2022.

**Vote was Unanimous**

E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to add Katlyn Krieger to the school volunteer list.

**Vote was Unanimous**

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to ratify purchasing an extended warranty from GDC IT Solutions for our 1300 Chromebooks at a cost of \$19,188. This will extend the warranty to May of 2023. The extended warranty work will be done through Lenovo. **Vote was Unanimous**

15. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** (*Karissa Morgan*)- Karissa gave an update on the events happening in the high school, middle school and elementary school and a sports recap of the fall sports.

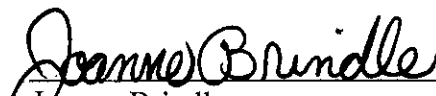
16. **SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT** – (*Dave Frew, Representative*)  
No Report

17. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Collin Adams addressed the Board about mental health issues in the high school and talked about the Aevium Club just started in the high school. He believes this will be a great start but we need more.

Dave Lukasewicz announced that the Pine Grove Area Board of Directors Reorganization Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 01, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the Middle School Library.

18. **ADJOURNMENT** – on a motion by D. Frew, seconded by J.T. Herber the Board adjourned the meeting into an executive session for legal and personnel issues at 7:12 pm.

  
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Joanne Brindle  
Board Secretary