

# *Pine Grove Area School District*



**Board of School Directors Public Meeting Thursday, May 19, 2022, 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** – Board President Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and announced “The Board held an Executive Session on May 9<sup>th</sup> in the District Office Boardroom from 5:15 pm to 5:40 PM to discuss personnel.”

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Amanda Daubert	Dave Frew	<del>J.T. Herber</del>
Genavieve Moyer	Sascha Primeau	Lauren Potter	Randy Stump
Dave Lukasewicz	Karissa Morgan - Student Representative		

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Jodie Dermo, Vince Hoover, Bernie Kelly, Melissa Mekosh, Jill Hlavaty, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Attorney Nick Quinn, Sandy Burns, Renee Hughes, Todd Lenge, Henry Snyder, Renee Hughes and Business Students, Steven Shanahan and parents, Paige Zerbe with mother and grandmother.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mrs. Renee Hughes announced all the students who competed in the Regional Competition and then the State Winners. She then announced and recognized the Statewide Budget Challenge and Stock Market and the Bloomsburg University Entrepreneurial Competition winners.

**FBLA Regional Competition Winners** – Felicia Blain, Garrett Brandt, Macie Brown, Savannah Collazo, Grant Culbert, Makenzie Daubert, Taylor Donmoyer, Bailey Dorson, Gabriella Dubbs, Emma Filiash, Chase Fraley, Tanae Frey, Ethan Hannevig, Faith Harris, Kaydence Himmelberger, Kyla Koons, Mason Kroh, Ava Legarht, Garrett Lineweaver, Dennis Moyer, Gary Pominville, Carter Raudabaugh, Rachel Sarge, Payton Schach, Connor Sirbaugh, Tori Wilkerson, Kyla Wolfe, Taylor Wright, Emily Zimmerman.

**FBLA State Winners** – Gabriella Dubbs, 7<sup>th</sup> Place in Database Design and Applications; Macie Brown 10<sup>th</sup> place in Microeconomics; Carter Raudabaugh, 7<sup>th</sup> place in Job Readiness and Rachel Sarge, 4<sup>th</sup> place in PA FBLA Policies and Procedures.

**Statewide Budget Challenge and Stock Market** – Brodie Lyons, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in County Budget Challenge and Garrett Lineweaver, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in State and County Stock Market Challenge.

**Bloomsburg University Entrepreneurial Competition** – Claire Balmer and Laure Koppenhaver – 9<sup>th</sup> Place; Emily Zimmerman, Ava Legarht and Katie Herring – 24<sup>th</sup> Place.

Mike Janicelli, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored **May Seniors of the Month** – Ethan Hannevig (not present) and Steven Shanahan.

Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored **May 8<sup>th</sup> Graders of the Month** – Kaiden Echternach (not present) and Paige Zerbe .

Heath Renninger announced that he and some Board Members and Education Foundation Board Members went to Tamaqua School District to tour their esports classroom.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the April 21, 2022 COW and Board Meeting Minutes and the May 11, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to ratify purchasing 7 water fountains from Plumbmaster at a price of \$9,765. They will be placed at various locations throughout the district. This will be funded by the ESSER II grant.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to purchase two electric convection ovens from Singer Equipment for the Middle School Cafeteria at a price not to exceed \$19,620. The purchase is via Costars and has received approval from PDE. The funds will come from the Cafeteria account. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to purchase 8 large-screen televisions and mounting brackets from Best Buy for \$6,483.34. This will be funded by the ESSER II grant to improve communication about upcoming events as well as for large group instruction in the cafeterias. Televisions will be placed in the foyer of each building and in the Middle School and High School Cafeteria's. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to renew Exact Path, an online personalized learning subscription from Edmentum for \$17,423.20. This will be funded by the ARP ESSER grant under the requirements of addressing learning
- B. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to renew Study Island, an online Standards-based practice and assessment subscription from Edmentum for \$4,990.60. This will be funded by the ARP ESSER grant under the requirements of addressing learning loss. This is utilized in the Middle and High School.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- C. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to run a Pine Grove Area Summer Scholars program July 26-27, August 2-4 and August 9-11, 2022 for incoming 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. This will be at no cost to the students and will be funded from ESSER 7% set aside grant funds. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the Pine Grove Area Credit Recovery Summer School Program that will run from June 16<sup>th</sup> through July 29, 2022 for Middle School Students and June 16<sup>th</sup> through August 11, 2022 for High School Students. This will be at no cost to students and will be funded from the ARP ESSER grant. **Vote was Unanimous**

- E. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to purchase EdOptions Academy Licenses for credit recovery summer school course content, from Edmentum for \$8,000 for Session I. This will be funded by the ARP ESSER Grant under the requirements of addressing learning loss. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to purchase Second Step Digital from Committee for Children for \$2,468.74. This will be funded from ESSER 7% set aside grant fund under the requirements of social, emotional, and mental health supports. This will be used in the elementary school. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to purchase SafeSchools Online Staff Training from Vector Solutions for \$7,318.44 for a 2-year extension. This will be funded by Title IIA. This is used districtwide by all staff. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the 2022-2023 Pine Grove Area School District Proposed Final Budget. The budget is open for public inspection.

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
\$27,732,040	\$27,732,040

The Preliminary Budget is currently balanced with no tax increase.

**Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**

- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to extend the discount due date on the 2022 School District Real Estate Tax Bill from 8/31/2022 to 9/30/2022 and the face period due date from 10/31/2022 to 11/30/2022. The penalty period will be after 11/30/2022 until 12/31/2022. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the bills for payment. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the request for Disposition of Assets as found in the Board Packet. **Vote was Unanimous**
- F. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by L. Potter to contract with Mangat Family Dentistry for dental services for the 2022-2023 school year at a cost of \$3.00 per dental exam. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to contract with Dr. Bajwa as the school physician for the 2022-2023 school year. He will be paid \$10.00 for each student physical. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to appoint Jodie Dermo, Business Administrator as the Management Trustee to the Berks County School District Health Care Trust for the 2022-2023 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**

- I. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve a 4-year agreement with ESS Northeast LLC at the rate of 31.9%, 32.4%, 33.4% and 33.9% for substitute teacher services. The terms of our current agreement have not changed. Pending solicitor approval. **Vote was Unanimous**
- J. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to accept the Private Sale offers received by the Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau for parcel nos. 33-15-0071.001, 67-01-0002.005, and 67-03-0128.000. **Vote was Unanimous**
- K. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to authorize Portnoff Law Associates to proceed with the writs of execution for eight (8) parcels located within Pine Grove Area School District. **Vote was Unanimous**
- L. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the Lease Agreement between the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and the Pine Grove Area School District to lease a classroom in our elementary school for the 2022-2023 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**
- M. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to award the following bids for the 2022-2023 school year: **Vote was Unanimous**

Municipal Waste Removal Bid to Waste Management in the amount of \$28,800 (p/y \$14,069.48), extra waste pickup \$90.00 (p/y \$100.00), and extra recycle pickup \$90.00 (p/y \$75.00).

Propane to Ferrellgas, Inc. in the amount of \$1.809/gallon non-escalating (p/y \$1.289/gallon non-escalating).

Coal to Reading Anthracite in the amount of \$210.00/ton (p/y \$142.00/ton).

Lumber to Werner Lumber in the amount of \$3.34/BF for Red Oak (p/y \$3.24/BF) and \$1.79/BF for Pine (p/y \$1.58/BF).

#### 10. EXTRA-CURRICULAR (*Randy Stump, Chairperson*)

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to add Zane Ingram to the list of volunteer football coaches for the 2022-2023 season. **Vote was Unanimous**
- B. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to allow members of the track and field team who qualify for States to stay overnight in Shippensburg. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

- A. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to hire Sean Lyons as a Social Worker beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Sean will be paid \$52,000 and receive all benefits in accordance with the Administrative Contract. **Vote was Unanimous**

- B. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to hire Melynda Cochran as a Temporary Professional beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Melynda will be paid Master's Step 1 for a salary of \$46,415 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will be the Crisis Interventionist assigned to the Elementary School. **Vote was Unanimous**
- C. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to hire Rochelle Myers as a Temporary Professional beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Rochelle will be paid Bachelor's Step 1 for a salary of \$43,290 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will be the Crisis Interventionist assigned to the Middle School. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Lukasewicz made a motion seconded by D. Brown to hire Melissa Luckenbach as a Temporary Professional beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Melissa will be paid Master's Step 1 for a salary of \$46,415 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach 4<sup>th</sup> grade.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- E. D. Lukasewicz made a motion seconded G. Moyer to hire the following mentors for the 2022-2023 school year. Each will be paid \$400 when all assignments have been completed:
- Jason Albon for Jenny Clay; Jason Albon for Rochelle Myers; MaryAnn Hedges for Katie Wolfgang, Michelle Brand for Melynda Cochran, Sue Kuchinsky for Melissa Luckenbach.
- Vote was Unanimous**
- F. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the resignation of Travis Mumma from his position as High School Health and Physical Education Teacher at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**
- G. D. Lukasewicz made a motion seconded by A. Daubert to approve the resignation of Jason Gerber from his position as Middle School Business Education Teacher at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**
- H. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the new job description for Instructional Advisor of Pupil Services. **Vote was Unanimous**
- I. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to hire Amber Moyer as a Paraprofessional I. Amber will be paid \$11.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. **Vote was Unanimous**
- J. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the request to take Maternity Leave/FMLA Leave from employee #95020 beginning approximately August 24, 2022 and lasting until approximately October 5, 2022. **Vote was Unanimous**
- K. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by to ratify allowing employee #95430 leave without pay beginning on May 2, 2022 and ending on May 6, 2022. **Vote was Unanimous**

- L. D. Lukasewicz made a motion Made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to accept the resignation of Katherine Rogers from her position as Student Council Co-Advisor at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. **Vote was Unanimous**
  - M. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to ratify adding Melissa Luckenbach to the list of approved game workers. **Vote was Unanimous**
  - N. G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to add Elizabeth Eller, Kelita Gehres, Jason Harris, Daisy Mae Williams, Megan Harding, Patrick Brown, Daniel Hatter, Miranda Bainbridge, Amymarie Robertson, Christopher Brown, Santino Mangine, Jill Kelly, Skye Witmer, Sabra Shade to the list of approved school volunteers. **Vote was Unanimous**
12. **POLICY-** *(J.T. Herber, Chairperson)*  
Heath Renninger announced that the Board will be working on a policy concerning Social Media.
  13. **TRANSPORTATION-** *(Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)*
  14. **TECHNOLOGY** – *(Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson)*
  15. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** *(Karissa Morgan)*  
Karissa gave her final report on the end of the year happenings in the elementary, middle and high school.
  16. **SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT** – *(Dave Frew, Representative)*
  17. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Sandy Burns thanked everyone for their prayers and support during this time when her husband had been very sick.
  18. **ADJOURNMENT** – on a motion by R. Stump, seconded by D. Brown the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

---

Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary