

# *Pine Grove Area School District*



Board of School Directors Public Meeting  
Thursday August 18, 2022, 6:30 PM  
Middle School Library

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz  
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger  
Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Donald E. Brown, Jr.

Amanda Daubert

~~Dave Frew~~

J.T. Herber

~~Genavieve Moyer~~

Lauren Potter

Sascha Primeau

Randy Stump

Dave Lukasewicz

Mason Kroh, Student Rep

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Attorney Nick Quinn, Melissa Mekosh, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Jill Hlavaty, Todd Lengle, Todd Rizzardi, Scott Dimon.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Heath invited the Board to opening day breakfast and activities on Monday.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Todd Rizzardi thanked the Board for the time he spent working here.

6. **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. D. Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to revise the 2022 School Board Meeting Calendar to have the Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> and the Board Meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>, the October Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> and the October Board Meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The November Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> and the November Board Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The COW meeting will be held at 5:30 pm and the Regular meeting at 6:30 pm. **Vote was Unanimous**

B. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the revised 2022-2023 Health & Safety Plan. **Vote was Unanimous**

**THE BOARD ADJOURNED INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL FROM 6:46 PM TO 7:05 PM**

## 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve items A through C.

**Vote was Unanimous**

A. Approval of the June 16, 2022 COW and Board Meeting Minutes.

B. Approval of the July 28, 2022 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes.

C. Approval of the August 15, 2022 COW Meeting Minutes

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

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Item A.

**Vote was Unanimous**

A. Approval to hire The Quandel Group as the districts Construction Design Professional.

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

D. Brown made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Items A through L.

**Vote was Unanimous**

A. Approval of the 2022-2023 list of curriculum facilitators.

B. Approval of the revision to the 2022-2023 school year calendar. The only change is May 12, 2023 will now be an Act 80 day instead of an In-service day.

C. Approval of the Pine Grove Area School District Comprehensive Plan that extends through June 30, 2025.

D. Approval of the Weekender Site Agreement with Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank to distribute food to students that qualify for the program.

E. Approval of the Title I Agreement with Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 to provide remedial reading and/or remedial math instruction at non-public schools.

F. Approval of the Cardinal Virtual Campus Student Handbook.

G. Approval of the high school, middle school and elementary school student handbooks.

H. Approval of the textbook list for the 2022-2023 school year.

I. Approval to authorize the Superintendent to make an application for the School Mental Health & Safety and Security Grants for \$247,760 to fund salaries and benefits of mental health staff, an additional school resource officer, as well as specific items to address school safety and mental health per Activity 12 allowable expenses.

- J. Approval to purchase Foundations in Personal Finance, an online personal finance subscription, from Ramsey Solutions for \$1,650. This will be funded by the ARP ESSER grant under the requirements of addressing learning loss. This will be implemented in the middle school.
- K. Approval to renew Renaissance STAR, our online elementary diagnostic reading subscription, from Renaissance for \$14,926. This will be funded by Title IIA grant.
- L. Approval to partner with Educational Testing Service (ETS) for the Middle School's participation in ETS's "Leveraging Process Data to Investigate the Effects of Nudges on Disengaged Students," project through September 23, 2022.

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

J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Items A through D.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval of bills for payment.
- B. Approval of treasurer's report.
- C. Approval of the disposition of assets forms as found in the board packet as to dispose of them as per board policy.
- D. Approval of the Transportation Contract between Pine Grove Area School District and Patricia Snyder who will provide transportation for her grandson who is in a wheelchair. This is the same contract as last school year.
- E. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to instruct the Business Administrator to retire the remaining debt service in the amount of 3,425,000.00 plus accrued interest. **Roll Call Vote 6 yes, 0 no (Primeau left the meeting for a short time)**

**11. EXTRA-CURRICULAR** (*Randy Stump, Chairperson*)

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Items A through E.

**Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation from Frank D'Agostino as head boys' basketball coach.
- B. Approval to ratify hiring Scott Dimon as Athletic Director for the 2022-2023 school year at a stipend of \$8,920. This will be paid as \$2,230 on July 1<sup>st</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> for this contract.
- C. Approval to ratify hiring the following assistant football coaches:
  - Joe Barra was previously hired at .30 will now be .60 at a stipend of \$2,730.
  - Brendan Fox at a stipend of \$2,730.
  - Eric Kurtz at a stipend of \$2,730
  - Derrick Hatter at a stipend of \$2,730
  - Mason Freed and Paul Frantz as volunteers

- D. Approval to ratify hiring the following cross county assistant coaches:  
 Jamie Hitz, at a stipend of \$910.00  
 Rochelle Myers at a stipend of \$910.00  
 Kristina Wilde and Jamie Aungst volunteers
  - E. Approval to ratify hiring the following cheerleading coaches:  
 Denise Schneck at a stipend of \$3,822  
 Heather Leininger at a stipend of \$1,820  
 Kelsey Fidler at a stipend of \$910  
 Baylie Schneck at a stipend of \$910  
 Misty Maidenford as a volunteer
  - F. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to hire Jordan Lehman as Head Boys Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$4,550. **7 yes, 1 no (Herber)**
  - R. Stump made a motion, seconded A. Daubert to approve Items G and H.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
  - G. Approval to hire Paul Felty and Jamie Hitz as Co-Assistant Athletic Director(s) at a stipend (\$3,300) each.
  - H. Approval to officially recognize a Girls' Jr. High/JV and Varsity Wrestling Program.
12. **PERSONNEL** (*David Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)  
 D Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Items A through AA  
**Vote was Unanimous**
- A. Approval to ratify hiring Mary Cozzi, Elijah Hendricks, Gabriella Dubbs and Melanie Love as summer workers. They all received minimum wage and began on June 22, 2022.
  - B. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Michael Curtis from his position as custodian effective July 6, 2022.
  - C. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Jennifer Lutz from her position as 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher effective June 24, 2022.
  - D. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Melinda Diehl from her position as 7<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher effective July 13, 2022.
  - E. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Pam Imler from her position as high school life skills teacher effective July 13, 2022.
  - F. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Courtney Boone from her position as special education teacher in the elementary school effective July 21, 2022.
  - G. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Dara Moucheron from her position as school psychologist (10 month) effective July 13, 2022.
  - H. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Todd Rizzardi from his position as 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in the elementary school effective July 28, 2022.

- I. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of William Hall from his position as special education teacher in the elementary school effective August 10, 2022.
- J. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Robyn Naus from her position as Paraprofessional effective August 1, 2022.
- K. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Emily Brown from her position as Paraprofessional effective August 15, 2022.
- L. Approval to hire Chase Tillett as a temporary professional beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Chase will be paid Step 1 with a bachelor's degree for a salary of \$43,290 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. He will teach business in the middle school.
- M. Approval to hire Justene Frushon as a professional employee beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Justene will be paid bachelors +15, Step 9 for a salary of \$51,850 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach 7<sup>th</sup> grade science in the middle school.
- N. Approval to hire Nicole Yeastadt as a temporary professional employee beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Nicole will be paid masters Step 1 for a salary of \$46,415 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach 8<sup>th</sup> grade science in the middle school.
- O. Approval to hire Selena Slackus as a professional employee beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Selene will be paid masters Step 13 for a salary of \$57,535 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the elementary school.
- P. Approval to hire Kylie Taylor as an administrative employee beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Kylie will be paid a salary of \$65,000 and all benefits in accordance with administrative staff contract. She will be the 10-month school psychologist.
- Q. Approval to hire Lieutenant Colonel Matt Farson as the high school JROTC Instructor LTC Farson will receive a salary of \$43,375, district shared salary, prorated the first year due to LTC Farson having some previous commitments. He will be a 10-month employee with the same contract as LTC Stefanichik had.
- R. Approval to hire Nicholas Taylor as a temporary professional beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Nicholas will be paid Masters Step 1 for a salary of \$46,415 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. He will teach computer science in the high school.
- S. Approval to hire Myranda Aponte as a temporary professional beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Myranda will be paid bachelors Step 3 for a salary of \$44,290 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach special education in the elementary school.
- T. Approval to hire Debra Newswanger as a paraprofessional beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Debra will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME contract. She will start the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

- U. Approval to hire Kristen Ney as a paraprofessional beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Kristen will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME contract. She will start the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.
- V. Approval to hire Tracey Handling as a paraprofessional beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Tracey will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any applicable benefits as per the AFSCME contract. She will start the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.
- W. Approval of the mentors for the 2022-2023 school year. They will receive a stipend of \$400 when all assignments are completed:
  - Chris Coombe for Chase Tillett
  - Lindsay Semar for Nicole Yeastadt
  - Renee Hughes for Nicholas Taylor
- X. Approval to hire the following non-school district personnel as game workers for the 2022-2023 school year: Bruce Kosack, Stephanie Dimon, Will Shiffer, Pam Lengle, Linda Dietrich, Kelly Wolfe, Kristina Wilde.
- Y. Approval of the list of advisors as found in the board packet.
- Z. Approval of the following substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year: Mary Cozzi, Elijah Hendricks, Nikita Merwine for the cleaning custodial staff and Tiffany Kohr for paraprofessionals.
- AA. Approval to add Ann Felty, Dawn Christensen and Glen Gray to the list of volunteers.

**INFORMATIONAL:** The district is working to add a second SRO for the middle and elementary school with the borough of Pine Grove. This will be paid for through the School Mental Health & Safety and Security Grant for the next two years.

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

J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Items A through E

**Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of Policy 816 “District Social Media.”
- B. Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of Policy 824 “Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries.”
- C. Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of the revisions to Policy 317 “Conduct Disciplinary Procedures”
- D. Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of the revisions to Policy 319 “Outside Activities.”
- E. Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final adoption of the revisions to Policy 320 “Freedom of Speech in Non-Instructional Settings.”

14. **TRANSPORTATION-** (*Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*)
  - R. Stump made a motion, seconded D. Brow to approve the 2022-2023 drivers list.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
  
15. **TECHNOLOGY** – (*Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson*)
  - D. Brown made a motion to approve Items A and B, seconded by R. Stump.  
**Vote was Unanimous**
  
  - A. Approval to ratify the 2022-2023 Chromebook Protection Plan fee structure of \$20 for first child and \$15 for each additional child.
  
  - B. Approval to ratify purchasing Chromebooks for the incoming Kindergarten Class.
  
16. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE-** (*Mason Kroh, Student Representative*)
  - *Mason reported on the fall sports teams.*
  
17. **SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT** – (*Dave Frew, Representative*)
  
18. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Scott Dimon invited everyone to attend the soccer game on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 where there will be a tribute to Mark Wyllie.
  
19. **ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by D. Brown, seconded by R. Stump the board adjourned at 7:30 pm

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Joanne Brindle  
Board Secretary