

# *Pine Grove Area School District*



Board of School Directors Public Meeting  
Thursday, October 27, 2022, 6:30 PM  
Middle School Library

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz  
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger  
Superintendent

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Donald E. Brown, Jr.  
Genavieve Moyer  
Dave Lukasewicz

Amanda Daubert  
Lauren Potter  
Mason Kroh, Student Rep

~~Dave Frew~~  
Sascha Primeau

J.T. Herber  
Randy Stump

Others in attendance: Heath Renninger, Joanne Brindle, Melissa Mekosh, Todd Lingle, Sandra Burns, Tanya Burkert, Ryan and Keith Allar, Jill Hlavaty, Rieleigh Purcell with parents and sister, Hunter Zellin with parents and sister, Gloria Noecker, Tiffany Renninger.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Melissa Mekosh, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored October 8<sup>th</sup> Graders of the Month: Hunter Zellin and Rieleigh Purcell.

Mr. Renninger said the girls are winning the game so far and congrats to the rest of the fall athletes on a great season.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Mr. Lukasewicz asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Ed Kimmel who was a long time principal here in the middle school.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by G. Moyer the Board approved the 9/27/2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes and the 9/29/2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

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

*On a motion by A. Daubert, seconded by R. Stump the Board approved Items A through D. **Vote was Unanimous***

- A. Approval to ratify granting homebound instruction to a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student beginning on October 7, 2022 and ending no later than January 5, 2023.
- B. Approval to grant homebound instruction to an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student beginning on November 14, 2022 and lasting to approximately December 16, 2022.
- C. Approval to add Mary Chappell as the Elementary Special Education Curriculum Facilitator at a stipend of \$500.
- D. Approval of the JROTC Field Trip on November 14, 2022 to Washington DC Zoo and Dulles Air & Space Museum.

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

**On a motion by J.T. Herber, seconded by D. Brown the Board approved Items A through C. **Vote was Unanimous****

- A. Approval of bills for payment.
- B. Approval of treasurer's report.
- C. Approval of Portnoff Law Associates resolution and updated fee schedule.
- D. On a motion by J.T. Herber, seconded by A. Daubert the Board accepted the bid of \$9,677.33 for repository parcel 67-04-0215.001. This parcel is located in the Borough of Tremont. **Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no**

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

**On a motion by Randy Stump, seconded by G. Moyer the Board approved Items A and B. **Vote was Unanimous****

- A. Approval to correct the stipends for the Boys' Basketball Coaches as follows and to add a volunteer:
  - Abe Hitz, from Assistant (split stipend) to First Assistant at a stipend of \$2,957.50.
  - Jake Leininger, from First Assistant to Assistant at a stipend of \$2730.
  - Todd Lengle, Assistant (split stipend) at a stipend of \$1,365.
  - Kaden Lengle as a volunteer
- B. Approval to correct the stipends for the Girls' Basketball Coaches as follows:
  - Kaylin Ryan from Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$2,730 to Assistant Coach (split by 3) stipend of \$910.
  - Pamela Ryan from Assistant Coach at a stipend (split by 2) of \$1,365 to Assistant Coach at a stipend (split by 3) of \$910.
  - Abigail Swanson from Assistant Coach at a stipend (split by 2) of \$1,365 to Assistant Coach at a stipend (split by 3) of \$910.

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

**On a motion by A. Daubert, seconded by R. Stump the Board approved Items A through L. **Vote was Unanimous****

- A. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Tanya Burke from her position as 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in the Pine Grove Area Elementary School effective 10/7/2022.

- B. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Tara Zulick from her position at 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA/Reading teacher in the Pine Grove Area Middle School effective September 30, 2022.
- C. Approval to hire Madeline Lesher as a temporary professional. Madeline will be paid Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$43,290 pro-rated and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA/Reading.
- D. Approval to hire Haley Appleby as a temporary employee. Haley will be paid Bachelors Step 3 for a salary of \$44,290 pro-rated and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA/Reading.
- E. Approval to hire Breanna Sattizahn as a temporary professional. Brianna will be paid Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$43,290 pro-rated and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will be the high school guidance counselor.
- F. Approval to hire Tiffany Renninger as a temporary professional. Tiffany will be paid Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$43,290 pro-rated and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will be teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- G. Approval to hire Gloria Noecker as a professional employee. Gloria will be paid Bachelors +15 Step 22 for a salary of \$66,670 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach Life Skills in the middle school.
- H. Approval to grant intermittent Family Medical Leave to employee #90377 from October 2022 through June 2023.
- I. Approval to ratify granting Family Medical Leave to employee #95005 from September 15, 2022 through December 8, 2022.
- J. Accept the resignation from Tracey Handling from her position as paraprofessional effecting November 4, 2022.
- K. Approval of the following mentors for the new teachers each will receive a \$400 Stipend:
  - Mary Chappell for Jennifer Hall
  - Amanda Kenneff for Madeline Lesher
  - Jack Drey for Haley Appleby
  - Jason Albon for Breanna Sattizahn
- L. Approval to ratify the following volunteers: Nicole Blain, Kristy Henry, Matthew Farson.

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

***On a motion by J.T. Herber, seconded by R. Stump the Board approved Items A through H. Vote was Unanimous***

- A. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of policy 805 "Emergency Preparedness and Response."

- B. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of changes to policy 805.2 “School Security Personnel.”
- C. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of changes to policy 808 “Food Services.”
- D. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of changes to policy 913 “Non-school Organizations-Groups-Individuals.”
- E. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of changes to policy 220 “Student Expression – Dissemination of Materials.”
- F. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of changes to policy 227 “Controlled Substances – Paraphernalia.”
- G. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of changes to policy 218 “Student Discipline.”
- H. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of changes to policy 236.1 “Threat Assessment.”

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

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

**On a motion by Donald E. Brown, Jr., seconded by G. Moyer the Board approved Items A and B. Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval to renew the maintenance contract with Edwards at a cost of \$958.23 a month for unlimited copies for the rest of the year. We will be looking into a new contract for next year.
- B. Approval of the purchase of (20) gaming computers from Bytespeed out of Minnesota at a cost of \$60,800 for the high school computer lab. The lab will serve a dual purpose, Mr. Taylor will keep teaching his classes on the new updated computers and they will also be used for the Esports.

15. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE-** *(Mason Kroh, Student Representative)*

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

17. **PUBLIC COMMENTS –** Ryan Allar of Donaldson stated that his sons bullying has been taken care of for now. He attended last night’s assembly on bullying and thanked the Board for the presentation. He asked the Board if they had attended. He also disagreed with some of the ways bullying should be handled. He will also be meeting with Mr. Renninger in the next few weeks.

18. **ADJOURNMENT –** On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by G. Moyer the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

  
 Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary