

Pine Grove Area School District



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023
Middle School Library

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Dave Lukasewicz.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Amanda Daubert	Dave Frew	J.T. Herber
Genavieve Moyer	Sascha Primeau	Lauren Potter	Randy Stump
Dave Lukasewicz			

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Attorney Nick Quinn, Joanne Brindle, Dr. Stephanie Ziegmont, Mike Janicelli, Melissa Mekosh, Sandy Burns, Bill Kimber, Todd Lengle, Vicki Martinez, Rose Ward, Joshua Zelinsky, Kristin Maccready, Courtney Krise, Victoria Krumnacher, Ty Kistler.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by L. Potter to approve the 2023-24 Pine Grove Area School District Health and Safety Plan as required by the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Act.

Vote was Unanimous

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the June 13, 2023 COW Meeting Minutes and the June 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Vote was Unanimous

7. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – *Dave Frew, Chairperson*

A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve the Quandel Group proposal to perform a feasibility study as presented at a cost of \$45,000.

Vote was Unanimous

8. **CURRICULUM** – *Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*

G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Items A, B and D.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of the 9th Grade and possibly Travel Club Field trip to the Holocaust Museum and Capital Tour on October 9, 2023.
- B. Approval of the Curriculum Facilitators for the 2023-2024 School Year as found in the Board Packet.
- C. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the TSI Title I School Plan – Pine Grove Area Elementary; TSI non-Title 1 School Plan – Pine Grove Area High School. **Roll Call Vote 7 yes, 0 no**
- D. Approval of the High School, Middle School and Elementary School handbooks.

9. FINANCE/AUDIT – Dave Frew, Chairperson

J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Items A through H. **Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval of the bills for payment.
- B. Approval of the treasurer’s report.
- C. Approval of the agreement for Participation in Child Nutrition Programs between Pine Grove Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and Schuylkill County AVTS Operating Agency.
- D. Approval of the 2023-2024 LIEP Service Agreement between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Schuylkill IU 29.
- E. Approval to allow Portnoff Law Associates, LTD to move forward with the writs of execution for Parcel 29-05-0005012 and Parcel 67-04-00-48.
- F. Approval of the Disposition of Assets Forms as found in the Board Packet and dispose of them as per Board Policy.
- G. Approval of the maintenance agreement with Shop Specialties Incorporated to take care of the equipment in the high school and middle school shop areas. This replaces the contract with Rodney Zechman who has retired.
- H. Approval the Memorandum of Understanding with Newhurst, Inc. as presented.

10. EXTRA-CURRICULAR – Randy Stump, Chairperson

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Items A through J. **Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of James Burns as assistant football coach and adding him to the volunteer list.
- B. Approval to move Keith Koppenhaver from a .30 position to the open .60 position, his new stipend will be \$3,000.

- C. Approval to move Mason Freed from a volunteer position to the open .30 position, his stipend will be \$1,500.
- D. Approval to ratify accepting the letter of resignation from Rochelle Myers as cross country assistant at a split stipend.
- E. Approval to ratify changing Jamie Hitz from cross country assistant at a split stipend to cross country assistant full stipend of \$2,000.
- F. Approval to ratify hiring Kelly Fultz as Head Cheerleading Coach at a stipend of \$3,750.00.
- G. Approval to add Randy Warner to the list of Cross Country volunteers.
- H. Approval for the Softball Team to travel to Myrtle Beach, SC to the Ripken Experience. The team would depart 3/13/24 at 7:00pm and return 3/17/24 at 9:00pm. The trip will be funded through the booster association.
- I. Approval to add Denise Felty to the list of game workers.
- J. Approval to add the Bocce Ball Program starting with the 2023-2024 winter season at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

11. PERSONNEL - *Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*

Dave Lukasewicz made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve Items A through CC. **Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of James Hull from his position as Spanish Teacher in the high school effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.
- B. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Paul Dean from his position as Learning Support Teacher in the middle school effective August 11, 2023.
- C. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Makenzie Yablonsky from her position as Emotional Support Teacher in the high school effective August 4, 2023.
- D. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Eric Leymeister from his position as Middle School Assistant Principal on 8/9/2023.
- E. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Amanda Kenneff from her position as 6th grade Reading teacher effective August 14, 2023.
- F. Approval to accept the intent to retire from Kristi Robinson from her position as Kindergarten Teacher. Her last day will be October 31, 2023
- G. Approval to ratify hiring Ty Kistler as a temporary professional starting with the 2023-2024 school year. He will be paid Bachelors +15 Step 1 for a salary of \$47,290 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. He will be teaching middle school math.

- H. Approval to ratify hiring Rose Ward as a temporary professional starting with the 2023-2024 school year. She will be paid Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$45,290 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will be the Life Skills Teacher in the middle school.
- I. Approval to ratify hiring Hannah Werley as a temporary professional starting with the 2023-2024 school year. She will be paid Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$45,290 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach the pre-school class in the elementary school.
- J. Approval to ratify hiring Kristin MacCready as a School Psychologist beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Kristin will be paid a salary of \$75,370 pro-rated and receive all benefits in accordance with the administrative staff contract. She will be the School Psychologist for Elementary.
- K. Approval to ratify hiring Noah Allegretta as a temporary professional starting with the 2023-2024 school year. He will be paid Bachelors +15 Step 1 for salary of \$47,290 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. His position will be elementary school counselor.
- L. Approval to ratify hiring Joshua Zelinsky as a temporary professional starting with the 2023-2024 school year. He will be paid Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$45,290 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. His position will be emotional support teacher in the elementary school.
- M. Approval to ratify hiring Courtney Krise as a temporary professional starting with the 2023-2024 school year. She will be paid Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$45,290 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. Her position will be 7th grade ELA in the middle school.
- N. Approval to ratify hiring Victoria Krumanocker as a temporary professional starting with the 2023-2024 school year. She will be paid Bachelors Step 1 for a salary of \$45,290 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. Her position will be 6th grade Reading in the middle school.
- O. Approval to ratify promoting Jeremy Klinger from cleaning person to custodian effective June 26, 2023. Jeremy will now be paid \$15.00 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract.
- P. Approval to ratify hiring James Miller as a custodian. James will be paid \$15.00 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance with the AFSCME contract. He started on 8/14/2023.
- Q. Approval to ratify changing Fred Moyers title from custodian to Utility Worker effective 8/14/2023.
- R. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Alice Felty from her position as Paraprofessional effective July 28, 2023.

- S. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Valerie Artz from her position as Paraprofessional effective July 7, 2023.
- T. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Joelle Bretz from her position as Paraprofessional effective August 11, 2023.
- U. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Lori Kutz from her position as paraprofessional effective July 31, 2023.
- V. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Megan Kimmel from her position as paraprofessional effective July 31, 2023.
- W. Approval to hire Tina Niemi as a paraprofessional beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Tina will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract.
- X. Approval to hire Phyliss D'Ambrosio-Kull as a paraprofessional beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Phyliss will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract.
- Y. Approval to hire Alexis Guidas as a paraprofessional beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Alexis will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract.
- Z. Approval to hire Doreen Houseknecht as paraprofessional beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Doreen will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract.
- AA. Approval to ratifying the following people as mentors for new employees:
 - Shandra Allar - (Erica Lis)
 - Elaine Myers - (Hannah Werley)
 - Sue Kuchinsky - (Nikkole Brown)
 - Becky Griffiths - (Ty Kistler)
 - Mary Jo Nabholz - (Rose Ward)
 - Jack Drey (Madeline Leshner) - ½ stipend (replacement for A. Kenneff)
 - Lindsey Semar - (Courtney Krise)
 - Corrine Stricker - (Joshua Zelinsky)
 - Malarie Casagrande - (Vicki Martinez)
 - Tracey Bohn - (Victoria Krumanocker)
- BB. Approval of the cleaning/custodial substitutes for the 2024/2024: Tiana Masser, student; Faith McDevitt, student; Nikita Merwine, student; Nick McGrath; Robert Wolfe, Cathy Dallago, Cathy Burns.
- CC. Approval to hire Elijah Henricks as a cleaning person. Elijah will be paid \$13.00 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. He will begin as soon as he submits his clearance.

12. POLICY – J.T. Herber, Chairperson

13. TRANSPORTATION – *Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve Items A and B.
Vote was Unanimous

A. 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.

B. Approval of the 2023-2024 Drivers List.

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

15. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – *Dave Frew, Representative*

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS

17. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by J. T. Herber the meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.



Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary