

Pine Grove Area School District



Regular Board Meeting
September 21, 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(6:48PM)
Genavieve Moyer	Sascha Primeau	Lauren Potter	Randy Stump
Dave Lukasewicz	Keily Chavez Zunun		

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Attorney Nick Quinn, Melissa Mekosh, Rich Dunkelberger, Bill Kimber, Mike Janicelli, Kyler Burke, Katie Burke, Tanya Burke, Megan Bux, Jacob Herring, Mr. & Mrs. Boyer, Mr. & Mrs. Karenda, Evan Karenda, Ella Fasnacht, Kaleb Boyer, Lori Roshannon, Renee Hughes, Jane Fennelly, Juli Sidleck, Rebecca Pugh, Jennifer Hall, Josh Zelinsky, Lorna Shollenberger, Mary Chappel, Suzanne Dubbs, Sara Jane Hutchinson, Russ Frantz.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Heath Renninger, Dave Lukasewicz and the Principals honored September Seniors of the Month- Ella Fasnacht and Evan Karenda and September 8th Graders of the Month- Kaleb Boyer and Hailey Keefer

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by S. Primeau the board approved the August 15, 2023 COW Meeting Minutes and the August 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

A. On a motion by D. Frew, seconded by D. Brown the board approved the final payment of the High School Stack demolition portion of the project to SDL Construction LLC in the amount of \$7,735.00. All final documentation has been completed and this will close out the demolition portion of the High School Stack Project. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

R. Stump made a motion to approve Items A and B, seconded by S. Primeau.

Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval of the Language Instruction Educational Plan (LIEP) for the 2023-2024 school year.

B. Approval of the 2023/2024 Pine Grove Area School District Calendar to change the last day of school May 30, 2024.

7. **FINANCE/AUDIT** – *Dave Frew, Chairperson*

D. Frew made a motion to approve Items A through C, seconded by D. Brown.

Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval of the bills for payment.

B. Approval of the treasurer's report.

C. Approval of the Disposition of Assets Forms as found in the Board Packet and dispose of them as per Board Policy.

8. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR** – *Randy Stump, Chairperson*

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve Items A and B.

Vote was Unanimous with one abstention (D. Lukasewicz)

A. Approval to hire Heather Kawski as a cheerleading coach as a stipend of \$2,250, and Sierra Nowicki-Santonastaso as a volunteer.

B. Approval to ratify adding Dave Lukasewicz to the list of volunteers for Jr. High Girls Soccer.

9. **PERSONNEL** – *Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by L. Potter to approve Items A through K.

Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Andrea Hatter from her position as high school English Teacher effective September 5, 2023.

B. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Raymond Kenneth Newswanger from his position as high school Science Teacher effective September 7, 2023.

C. Approval to ratify accepting the resignation of Melissa Mekosh from her position as Middle School Principal effective September 11, 2023.

D. Approval to hire Clair Dunkelberger III to the position of Middle School Principal effective November 11, 2023. He will be paid \$90,000 pro-rated and receive benefits as per the Act 93 Contract.

E. Approval to ratify accepting the letter of resignation from Ariel Cedeno from her position as Business Office Secretary effective September 15, 2023.

F. Approval to ratify hiring Kimberley Umbenhauer as a Paraprofessional. She will

be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. She will begin when all paperwork is completed.

- G. Approval to ratify hiring Daisy Williams as a Paraprofessional. She will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. She will begin when all paperwork is completed.
- H. Approval to ratify hiring Felicia Wylezik as a Paraprofessional. She will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. She will begin when all paperwork is completed.
- I. Approval to ratify hiring Ashley Greeninger as a Paraprofessional. She will be paid \$12.35 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract. She will begin when all paperwork is completed.
- J. Approval to ratify allowing Amber Holland to take FMLA leave intermittently beginning on Sept. 1, 2023 through the end of the 23/24 school year.
- K. Approval to add Jade Shollenberger, Kimberly Steward, Danielle Scheer to the list of school volunteers.

10. POLICY – J.T. Herber, Chairperson

L. Potter made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to approve Item A

Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval of the first reading of School Board Policy #626.1 Travel Policy – Federal Programs.

11. TRANSPORTATION – Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson

12. TECHNOLOGY – Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson

13. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - Keily Chavez Zunun
Keily gave her report to the Board.

14. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – Dave Frew, Representative
Mr. Frew gave his report Tuesday evening.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS

16. ADJOURNMENT –On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by L. Potter the meeting adjourned into an executive session at 7:01 pm to discuss personnel.



Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary

