

Pine Grove Area School District



Regular Board Meeting
October 19, 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	Keily Chavez Zunun		

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Attorney Nick Quinn, Jodie Dermo, Ryan Allar, Russ Frantz, Mary Jo Nabholz, Vicki Martinez, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Steph Ziegmont, Bill Kimber, Melissa Mekosh, Dawn Reiter, Renee Hughes, Mary Debus, Sue Seavey, Donna Medierous, Jacob Herring, Jenn Cleary, Kyler Burke, Mason & Lauren Grimes, Shandra Allar, Ryan Fasnacht, Mary Jo Nabholz, Ken Newswanger, Tanya Burke, Jen Lewis, Deanna Shanahan, Rebecca Pugh, Josh Zelinsky, Sue Halcovich, Sue Kuchinsky, Megan Bux, Samantha Rehrer, Jordan Zerbe, Taylor Ott and parents, Cairi Cedeno with parents and sisters, John Hatter with parents, Kamryn Heming with parents and sister.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Heath Renninger, Mike Janicelli and Dave Lukasewicz honored October Seniors of the Month- Taylor Ott, Cairi Cedeno

Heath Renninger, Melissa Mekosh and Dave Lukasewicz honored October 8th Graders of the Month- John Hatter and Kamryn Heming.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Russ Frantz, Sue Kuchinsky, Gerald Salen and Shandra Allar read a statement asking the Board to table under Finance Items F and G.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. R. Stump made a motion to approve the September 19, 2023 Committee of the Whole Minutes and September 21, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by G. Moyer. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

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

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to ratify the recommendation by Quandel Enterprises, LLC to team with El Associates, Harrisburg for a thorough, timely and well-appointed feasibility study. The Feasibility Study has been approved prior.
 - B. Approval of the HS Stack Removal Project Change Order #1 in the amount of \$3,400.00 to CS&E. This CO will provide a locking damper on the water heater exhaust. The cost will be taken from the Capital Projects Fund.
8. **CURRICULUM** – *Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*
- G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to approve Items A and B.
Vote was Unanimous
 - A. Approval of the High School Band trip to Orlando Florida to perform at Disney during Easter Break, 2025.
 - B. Approval of the JROTC trip to the U.S. Naval Academy in Maryland on November 7, 2023.
9. **FINANCE/AUDIT** – *Dave Frew, Chairperson*
- D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to approve Items A, B, C, D, E, and H.
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.
 - D. Approval to allow Portnoff Law Associates, LTD to move forward with the writs of execution for Parcel #58-08-0089 and #58-08-0090.
 - E. Approval of the 2023-2024 Special Education Agreement with the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29.
 - D. Frew made a motion to table Item F and G, seconded by A. Daubert.
Vote was Unanimous
 - F. Approval to authorize, until further notice, a \$5,000 sign on bonus for highly qualified professional staff. This bonus will follow an administrative procedure to be put in place.
 - G. Approval to authorize, until further notice, a \$2,500 referral bonus for any staff member to receive upon finding a highly qualified professional staff who is hired. This bonus will follow an administrative procedure to be put in place.
 - H. Approval to increase the daily rate for long-term substitute teachers after subbing in the same assignment for 45 days on the 46th day to raise the rate from \$150 per day to \$200 per day.

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

R. Stump made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to approve Items A through F.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to accept the letter of resignation from Ken Newswanger as head wrestling coach effective October 12, 2023.
- B. Approval to hire Joshua Hewes and Paul Frantz as Co-Head Wrestling Coaches for the 2023/2024 season. They will each receive a stipend of \$4,250.00
- C. Approval to hire the following wrestling assistant coaches and volunteers for the 2023/2024 season: Jacob Herring, Assistant at a stipend of \$3,000.00
Eric Kurtz, Assistant at a split stipend of \$1,500.00
Dillion Kintzel, Assistant at a split stipend of \$1,500.00
Volunteers: Jack Drey, Ted Butler, Ken Newswanger.
- D. Approval to hire the following girls' basketball assistants for the 2023/2024 season:
Ryan Achenbach at a stipend of \$3,250.00
Faith Shiffer at a stipend of \$3,000.00
Kaylin Ryan at a split stipend of \$1,500.00
Abigail Swanson at a split stipend of \$1,500.00
Pam Ryan as a volunteer
- E. Approval to hire the following boys' basketball assistants for the 2023/2024 season:
Jake Leininger at a stipend of \$3,250.00
Steele Fekette at a stipend of \$3,000.00
Todd Lengle at a split stipend of \$1,500.00
Keith Lehman at a split stipend of \$1,500.00
Volunteers: Garrett Brandt, Bob Lehman, Dennis White, Abe Hitz
- F. Approval of Lynn Deichert and Emily Daubert as volunteers for the winter indoor track program.
- G. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to hire Casey Clauser and Selina Daubert as the Bocce Ball Coaches for the 2023-2024 season, they each will receive \$1,000 each. **Vote was Unanimous**

11. PERSONNEL – *Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*

A Daubert made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve Items A through C and F through M. **Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval to accept the resignation of Samantha Bullock from her position as English Teacher in the high School effective October 12, 2023.
- B. Approval to accept the resignation of Abraham Hitz from his position as Gifted Teacher K-12 effective October 17, 2023.
- C. Approval of Patrolman Greg Pritchard as an additional School Resource Officer. Patrolman Pritchard is employed by the Pine Grove Borough Police Department and his assignment will be as a School Resource Officer. He will fall under the current Memorandum of Understanding between the district and the borough.

D. A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to hire Corey Mentzer as Assistant Middle School Principal. Corey will be paid \$70,000 and receive all benefits as per the administrative contract.

Vote was 7 yes, 2 no (Brown & Herber)

E. S. Primeau made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to hire Matt Gianelli as Assistant High School Principal. Matt will be paid \$80,000 and receive all benefits as per the administrative contract.

Vote was 7 yes, 2 no (Brown & Herber)

F. Approval to hire Melissa Aungst as a High School Science Teacher. Melissa will be paid Step 23, Masters+36 for a salary of \$73,670 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract.

G. Approval to rescind the offer of employment made to Elijah Hendrick on August 17, 2023 as a cleaning person.

H. Approval to terminate the employment of employee #91222 due to excessive absences.

I. Approval to accept the resignation of Tanya Tice from her position as Paraprofessional effective November 2, 2023.

J. Approval to change the status of Ashley Greeninger from Paraprofessional to Substitute Paraprofessional, effective immediately.

K. Approval to add Avery Levan as the advisor of the International Club in the high school. There is no stipend for this position.

L. Approval to add Jeremy Jefferson, Jr., and Marlin Levan to the list of substitute custodians and cleaners.

M. Approval of Andrea Moyer, Tayler Rodichok, Stacey Harris, Jane Cassidy as school volunteers.

12. POLICY – J.T. Herber, Chairperson

J.T. Herber made motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve Items A and B.

Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of policy 626.1 (Federal Programs)

B. Approval of the second reading and final adoption of policy 202 “Eligibility of Nonresident Students.”

13. TRANSPORTATION – Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson

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

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

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to ratify hiring Brett Zimmerman to do a Co-op with the technology department. Brett will be paid 10.00 dollars an hour and work Wednesday through Friday, his first day was October 4th. He is a Pine Grove student currently at South Vo-Tech studying Computer Information Systems.
- B. Approval of the disposition list from the technology department to dispose of out dated equipment and broken equipment to our recycle center. Our disposal center wipes our drives out to Department of Defense standard.

15. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** - Keily Chavez Zunun

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

They are looking for a new director, trying to decide how to modify the delivery of services and looking at other models of IU's.

Lauren Potter will replace Dave Frew and the upcoming IU retreat.

17. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mason and Lauren Grimes spoke about an incident of bullying with their child.

Teachers Kyler Burke, Jacob Herring, Renee Hughes, Rebecca Pugh, Megan Bux and Sue Kuchinsky spoke about issues with the current teachers' contract.

Jordan Zerbe, Senior, spoke about our teacher shortage and how it will affect the younger students.

Tanya Burke, Samantha Rehrer, Chris Pomanti, and Jennifer Lewis spoke about bullying in the schools.

Jennifer Cleary spoke about fights in the high school and bullying in the high school.

Ryan Allar asked the Board why they no longer read aloud at the meetings the emails that they receive from citizens.

18. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm into an executive session to discuss personnel.



Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary