

Pine Grove Area School District



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2023
Middle School Library

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The 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		

In attendance: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Attorney Nicholas Quinn, Mike Janicelli, Stephanie Ziegmont, Rich Dunkelberger, Sandy Burns, Bill Kimber, Felicia Blain with parents and grandmother, Alyssa Zenz with parents and Preston Umbenhauer with parents, Sofie Harris with a group of high school students and their parents and a group of teachers.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Heath Renninger, Dave Lukasewicz and Mike Janicelli honored November Senior of the Month- Felicia Blain.

Heath Renninger, Dave Lukasewicz and Rich Dunkelberger honored November 8th Graders of the Month- Alyssa Zenz and Preston Umbenhauer.

Heath Renninger talked about the successful career fair held in the middle school, that the high school Aveidum Club was chosen for a state award and the high school held their National Honor Society Induction.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the October 5, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, October 19, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, October 25, 2023, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, and November 9, 2023 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

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

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 to add a Debate Club in the high school. Jacob Herring will run the club. There is no stipend or cost to the district.
- B. Approval to require 4 years of full 8 period days, 23 credits connected to standards and to recognize our high school accounting program as a math credit, starting with the 2024-2025.

9. FINANCE/AUDIT – Dave Frew, Chairperson

- D. Frew made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to approve Items A through D.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of the bills for payment.
- B. Approval of the treasurer’s report.
- C. Approval of the Addendum to the Contract with ESS Northeast, LLC. This addendum allows the Special Education Paras to work with their students beyond the 5 hours that the district allows them to work. The students will benefit greatly with having the same para working with them.
- D. Approval of the 2024 Budget Timeline.

D. Frew made a motion approve Item E and then rescinded the motion to add at the end “Pending Solicitors Review.”

- E. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pine Grove Area Education Association and the Pine Grove Area School District for Elementary School Trade Days. This MOU will take effect November 28, 2023, pending solicitors review.

Vote was Unanimous

10. EXTRA-CURRICULAR – Randy Stump, Chairperson

- R. Stump made a motion to approve Items A through H, seconded by G. Moyer.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of the overnight trips for winter and spring sports teams. This would cover district, regional and state participation for wrestling and track & field.
- B. Approval of the wrestling program request for an overnight trip for the girls’ wrestling team to North Allegheny High School on the weekend of February 2-3, 2024. This would be funded by the booster club.
- C. Approval of Emily Daubert as a volunteer for the girl’s wrestling team.
- D. Approval of the following volunteers for the Wrestling Team: Justin Daubert, Ted Kemmerling, Tim Bast.
- E. Approval to change the status of Dillon Kintzel from paid wrestling coach to volunteer and hire Ryan Reichert as a paid wrestling coach at a stipend of \$1,500.
- F. Approval to add Andrew Griffiths to the list of volunteers for the girls’ basketball team.

- G. Approval for Zofia Fegley to swim at practices and meets with the Schuylkill Haven swim team.
- H. Approval of Teri Fegley to serve as “deck coach” for practices and meets with the Schuylkill Haven swim team.

11. PERSONNEL – *Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*

R. Stump made a motion to approve Items A through E and G and H, seconded by J.T. Herber. **Vote was Unanimous**

- A. Approval to accept the resignation of Melissa Yourey from her position as High School Science Teacher effective October 24, 2023.
- B. Approval to accept the intent to retire from Gloria Noecker from her position as 8th Grade Learning Support Teacher in the Middle School effective January 2, 2024
- C. Approval to ratify hiring Marlin Levan as a Cleaning Person. Marlin will be paid \$13.00 per hour and receive any benefits in accordance with the AFSCME Contract. His first day was November 2, 2023.
- D. Approval to hire Erica Ledezma as a temporary professional. Erica will be paid Bachelors Step 2 for a salary of \$45,790 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach 8th Grade Learning Support.
- E. Approval to hire Devon Smith as a temporary professional. She will be paid Bachelors Step 2 for a salary of \$45,790 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach English in the high school.
- F. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to transfer Jamie Hitz from her position as STEAM teacher in the elementary school to the open K-12 Gifted Teacher. **Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 1 no (Herber)**
- G. Approval to accept the resignation of Jason Albon from his position of Middle School Counselor effective today November 16, 2023.
- H. Approval to add Sheila Leininger to the substitute list for cleaning/custodial.

12. POLICY – *J.T. Herber, Chairperson*

13. TRANSPORTATION – *Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson*

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

- A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by D. Frew to sign a contract with the IU for SentinelOne. This is an antivirus that is endpoint detection and response. Capital Intermediate Unit signed a 3-year agreement and are expanding the offering to surrounding IU’s and districts. The cost would be prorated when we start. **Vote was Unanimous**

15. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** - Keily Chavez Zunun
Keily reported on the high school, middle school and elementary schools current and upcoming events.
16. **SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT** – *Dave Frew, Representative*
Discussion on utilization of the building and expanding programs are ongoing.
17. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Sophie Harris, high school student read a statement on how the high school students are feeling about losing so many of their teachers, having unqualified teachers replacing them and how the teachers are upset and leaving because of their low wages.
18. **ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by J.T. Herber the Board adjourned the meeting into Executive Session for personnel reasons at 6:55 PM.



Joanne Brindle
Board Secretary