

Pine Grove Area School District



Regular Board Meeting
May 16, 2024
Middle School Library

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Board President 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	David Lukasewicz
Keily Chavez Zunum, Student Rep.		

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Bill Kimber, Jodie Dermo, Corey Mentzer, Mike Janicelli, Joanne Brindle, Collin Adams with mother and grandmother, Gerald Salen and 10 quiz bowl members, Joel Natale with parents, Jacob Herring, Josh Zelinsky.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mike Janicelli, Corey Mentzer, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored May Seniors of the Month - Abigail Wolfe (not present) and Collin Adams, May 8th Graders of the Month - Arianna Chen (not present) and Joel Natale, Scholastic Award Winners (Taylor Ott, Sophia Wessner and Lauren Wessner not able to attend) and the Quiz Bowl Team.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6. **BOARD BUSINESS**

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

Vote was Unanimous

A. Approval to appoint Dave Lukasewicz and Genavieve Moyer to the PSBA 2024 Legislative Committee.

B. Approval to increase the base salary for coaches from \$5,000 to \$5,500 effective July 1, 2024.

- C. Approval to request a Public School Facility Improvement Grant of \$5,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Equipment and Controls. Pine Grove Area School District does hereby designate Heath Renninger, Superintendent and Jodie Dermo, Business Administrator as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.
- D. Approval to commit \$1,250,000 of fund balance for the purpose of reserving the 25% cash match of the potential \$5,000,000 Public School Facility Improvement Grant.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve the following minutes: 02/08/24 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes; 04/11/2024 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes; 04/16/2024 COW Meeting Minutes; 04/18/2024 Board Meeting Minutes; 04/29/2024 Extra-Curricular Committee Meeting Minutes and 5/9/2024 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

8. 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 contract services with D’s Painting to paint the High School Auditorium walls at a cost not to exceed \$11,050.00. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account.
- B. Approval to make the final payment of \$80,066.25 to NRG for the district wide security upgrade project. A portion of the \$333,000 total project cost came from the School Mental Health & Safety Grant, with the remainder coming from the Capital Projects Fund.
- C. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to purchase a replacement Aerco Innovation 1060 water heater from Trane at a cost of \$26,311.00. This cost will be taken from capital projects. **Vote was Unanimous**
- D. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to commit \$20,000.00 from the capital projects fund for contingency costs related to the replacement of the middle/elementary school domestic water heater. Funds would be used for additional materials and labor. **Vote was Unanimous**

9. CURRICULUM – Genavieve Moyer, Chairperson

G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve Items A through I.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approve of the list of 2024 high school graduates.
- B. Approval of the FBLA National Qualifiers Conference in Orlando Florida on June 28th through July 3, 2024. Mrs. Hughes and four students will attend.
- C. Approval of the Flexible Instructional Days Application for the 2024-2025 school year.
- D. Approval to update the Curriculum Facilitator Job Description as found in the Board packet.
- E. Approval of the 2023-2024 Title I Letter of Agreement between the Pine Grove Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit for Title I Math and Reading Programs at Non-Public Schools.
- F. Approval of the Pine Grove Area Summer Camps for incoming 1st through 4th grade students. June 12 - Art Camp - Design, create, and learn about different elements of Art. June 19 - Book Camp - Enjoy some favorite books and participate in a Readers Theatre! July 10 - Cooking/Gardening Camp - Participate in helping the process of home grown to plated! YUM! July 17 - Music Camp - Sing and dance along to some tunes. August 7 - Nature Camp - Explore the great outdoors and learn about our native plants and animals. August 14 - STEM Camp - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math - what will you create! This camp will be paid from the ESSER 7% Summer Set Aside Grant.
- G. Approval of the Pine Grove Area Credit Recovery Summer School Program that will run from June 3, 2024 – June 28, 2024 for Middle School students and High School students. Middle School Students will only take the half credit courses and High School Students can take half and/or full credit courses depending on credits needed. Parents must pay for the course up front, \$80.00 for half credit and \$160.00 for full credit. If the student passes the course 50% will be reimbursed to the parent.
- H. Approval of the Achieve Summer Program which will run June 11-13th and June 17-20th for students who have completed grades 4 thru 8. This program will be paid for with Achieve Grant Money.
- I. Approval of the Middle School Summer Camp for students who have completed grade 4 thru 8. This camp will be held on July 9-11th and July 16 – 18th. This camp will be paid from ESSER 7% Summer Set Aside Grant.

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

- A. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to adopt the resolution for the Levy of School District taxes for the school year 2024-2025. The tax rate

increase from 2023-2024 is 3.006 mills. Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 44.756 mill on real property on each dollar of assessed valuation.

Roll Call Vote, 6 yes, 0 no

- B. D. Frew made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to adopt the resolution for the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget. The Budget is balanced; however, there is a deficit of \$349,900 that will be absorbed by the Fund Balance.

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
\$29,402,685	\$29,402,685

Roll Call Vote, 6 yes, 0 no

- D.Frew made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to approve Items C through S.

Roll Call Vote, 6 yes, 0 no

- C. Approval to request a \$250.00 tax levy on the occupation of individuals living within the district.
- D. Approval to request a 1% tax levy on earned income under Act 511 (to be shared with component municipalities). A 1% levy on transfer of real estate under Act 511 (to be shared with municipalities).
- E. Approval to request a \$10.00 tax levied on the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the Pine Grove Area School District.
- F. Approval to adopt the 2024-2025 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.
- G. Approval to extend the discount due date on the 2024 School District Real Estate Tax Bill from 8/31/2024 to 9/30/2024 and the face period due date from 10/31/2024 to 11/30/2024. The penalty period will be after 11/30/2024 until 12/31/2024.
- H. Approval of the bills for payment.
- I. Approval of the treasurer's report.
- J. Approval of the FSMC Renewal Contract for Cafeteria Services with Metz Culinary Management for the 2024-2025 school year. The 2024-2025 contract represents the last optional renewal year of the contract and contains a guarantee of \$98,000.
- K. Approval to contract with Mangat Family Dentistry for dental services for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$3.00 per dental exam.
- L. Approval to contract with Dr. Bajawa as the school physician for the 2024-2025 school year. He will be paid \$10.00 for each student physical.

- M. Approval to appoint Jodie Dermo, Business Administrator as the Management Trustee to the Berks County School District Health Care Trust for the 2024-2025 school year.
- N. Approval of the contract with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) for Computer Service Rates for the 2024-2025 School year in the amount of \$21,575.70. This is an increase of \$470 from last year.
- O. Approval of the contract with SCView Document Management System for the 2024-2025 School Year in the amount of \$10,534.66. This is a decrease of \$1,244.34 from last year.
- P. Approval of the Lease Agreement between the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and the Pine Grove Area School District to lease a classroom in our elementary school for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Q. Approval to award the following bids for the 2024-2025 School year:
 - Coal to Reading Anthracite in the amount of \$295.00/ton. (p/y \$295.00)
 - Propane to Koppy's Propane in the amount of \$1.349/gallon. (p/y \$1.399/gallon)
 - Lumber to Werner Lumber in the amount of \$3.69 for Red Oak (p/y \$3.69) and \$1.89 for Pine (p/y \$1.89)
- R. Approval to accept the donation of \$250.00 from Sudzz LLC for the PGA Elementary Special Education Department.
- S. Approval to authorize a settlement agreement pertaining to student #9485.

11. EXTRA-CURRICULAR – Randy Stump, Chairperson

- A. R. Stump made a motion, seconded by to hire Casey Clauser and Selina Daubert as Bocce Ball Coaches for the 2024-2025 school. They each receive a \$1,000 stipend. **Vote was Unanimous**

12. PERSONNEL – Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson

- G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to approve items A through M.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to accept the letter of resignation from Denise Felty from her position as Payroll Specialist effective May 7, 2024.
- B. Approval to hire Mikayla Backo as a Social Worker. She will be paid a salary of \$54,000 and all benefits in accordance with the Administrator's Contract. She will work a 200-day work year. She will begin with the 2024-2025 school year.

- C. Approval to accept the letter of resignation from Elaine Myers from her position as Pre-K teacher effective June 30 2024.
- D. Approval to accept the letter of intent to retire from Mary Ann Hedges, Speech/Language Pathologist at the end of the 2023/2024 school year.
- E. Approval to ratify paying Maryann Wike her exit hourly rate from February 3, 2024 to the last day of the 2023/2024 school year on an as needed basis.
- F. Approval to pay the following advisor stipends: \$684.00 to \$1,368.00 to Dan Blydenburgh in the high school, he was splitting the stipend with another teacher, who has left the district, so he will receive the full stipend. Eric Kurtz, Travel Club Advisor a stipend of \$110.75. Shannon Shughart, MS Chorus Director at a stipend of \$316.80.
- G. Approve the payment of the following teachers at the contractual rate of \$30.00 per hour as instructors for the Elementary Summer Camps: Joelle Bretz, Nikkole Brown, Robert Frankford, Jennifer Hall, Jamie Hitz, Amber Holland, Sue Kuchinsky, Melissa Masser, Donna Medeiros, Cindy Moyer, Mary Pontician and Hannah Werley. Their wages will be paid from ESSER 7% Summer Set Aside Grant.
- H. Approval to pay the following professional staff the contractual rate of \$30.00 per hour to teach ESY for the Summer, 2024: Jennifer Hall, Rose Ward, Vicki Martinez, Hannah Werley, Suzanne Dubbs, Jessika Sadusky and substitutes Selina Daubert and Mary Jo Nabholz.
- I. Approval to pay the following paraprofessionals and middle school nurse their negotiated rate to help with the ESY Program for the Summer 2024: Brandy Sonoski, Brenda Lengel, Sarah Gibson, Doreen Houseknecht, Jody Edwards, Samantha Zerbe, Tina Joseph, Felicia Wylezik, Jessica Lyons (nurse).
- J. Approval to pay Lindsey Semar, Shandra Allar and Pam Ryan to run the Middle School Schuylkill Achieve Summer Program. They will be paid with funds from the Achieve Grant.
- K. Approval to pay Lindsey Semar, Shandra Allar and Pam Ryan to run PGA Middle School Summer Camp. They will be paid with funds from ESSER 7% Summer Set Aside Grant. This grant will be finalized by September 2024.
- L. Approval to ratify approving the following volunteers: Chelsea Aungst, Aubrey Sep, Leon Witmam, Janelle Gruber, Andrea Kimmel., Laura Laucks, Nicole Neidlinger, Bobbie Jo Rios, Scott Delinko, Jordan Harris, Melissa Leonard.
- M. Approval to rescind the offer of employment to Jessika Sadusky who was hired as a Speech Pathologist on April 18, 2024 for the 2024/2025 school year.

13. POLICY - J.T. Herber, Chairperson

14. TRANSPORTATION - Lauren Potter, Chairperson

15. TECHNOLOGY - Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson

A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to dispose of the list of technology items as listed in the board packet as per Board Policy.

Vote was Unanimous

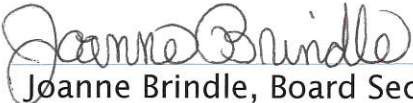
16. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - Keily Chavez Zunum, Student Representative

Keily gave her final report on all the end of the year happenings going on in the district.

17. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT - Dave Frew, Representative

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS

19. ADJOURNMENT - On a motion by R. Stump, seconded by A. Daubert the board adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.


Joanne Brindle, Board Secretary