

Pine Grove Area School District



Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, January 18, 2024
6:30 PM
Middle School Library

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Board President Dave Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
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, Student Rep.

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Jodie Dermo, Joanne Brindle, Mike Janicelli, Rich Dunkelberger, Henry Snyder, Todd Lengle, Steph Ziegmont, Kim Pribilla, Alex Dubbs, Scott Dimon, Sandy Burns, Bill Kimber, Bernie Kelly, Josh Zelinsky, Renee Hughes, McKenna Valentine and parents, Tyler Sleva with parents and girlfriend, Samuel Krawchuk with parents, Lainey Fidler with parents, Blake Arnold with parents and brothers, Lily Fisher with parents. Deanna Shanahan.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
Mike Janicelli, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored December Seniors of the Month – McKenna Valentine and January Seniors of the Month – Tyler Sleva Rich Dunkelberger, Heath Renninger and Dave Lukasewicz honored December 8th Graders of the Month – Samuel Krawchuk, Lainey Fidler and January 8th Graders of the Month – Blake Arnold, Lily Fisher
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
6. **BOARD BUSINESS**
 - A. Heath Renninger recognized the Board Members, each received a framed certificate, Don Brown and J.T. Herber received certificates from PSBA for 8 years of service and Dave Frew received one from PSBA for 12 years of service.
 - B. R. Stump made a motion to approve the 2024 Committees of the Pine Grove Area Board of Directors as found in the Board Packet, seconded by G. Moyer. **Vote was Unanimous**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to approve the November 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, December 4, 2023 Reorganization/General Purposes Meeting Minutes and January 11, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes. **Vote was Unanimous**

8. BUILDING & GROUNDS- (Dave, Frew, Chairperson)

- A. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to make the final payment for the High School Stack Demolition project to CS&E in the amount of \$43,850.00. All final documentation has been completed and this will close out the project. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- B. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to contract services with Illuminated Integration to provide & install theatrical equipment and systems in the High School auditorium at a cost not to exceed \$772,881.00. This project addresses theatrical lighting, rigging, curtains and sound integration including all required electrical work and equipment to complete the project. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account. This will be a COSTARS Contract #034-E22-163 project. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- C. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to contract services with Moyer Electronics to provide & perform final connections and setup for audio equipment in the High School auditorium at a cost not to exceed \$63,387.00. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account. This will be a COSTARS Contract #141-235 purchase.
Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no
- D. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer to commit \$45,492.00 from the capital projects fund as a 5% contingency for the HS Auditorium improvements. **Roll Call Vote 8 yes, 0 no**
- E. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to contract professional services with Quandel Construction Group, Inc. to provide Program Management services for the High School Auditorium Improvements at a Not to Exceed cost of \$30,000.00. Quandel will provide services throughout the project as needed when requested by the District. This cost will be taken from the Capital Projects Fund.
Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no
- F. D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump to purchase acoustical grid fusors and panels from Moyer Electronics to be used in the High School auditorium at a cost not to exceed \$35,839.00. This cost will be taken from the capital projects account. This will be a COSTARS Contract # 141-235 purchase. **Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no**

9. **CURRICULUM** – (*Genavieve Moyer, Chairperson*)

G.Moyer made a motion to approve Items A and B, seconded by S. Primeau.

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to form a Math Counts Club in the Middle School. Ms. Sterner will serve as the advisor, there is no stipend for this club.
- B. Approval of the new novels for English Courses:
 - Best Sellers Course (High School)
 - The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
 - Dune by Frank Herbert
 - Kenobi by John Jackson Miller
 - Film & Literature Course (High School)
 - The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
 - LifeSkills (High School)
 - Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt
 - Middle School English (Grade 7)
 - Scrawl by Mark Shulman

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

J.T. Herber made a motion to approve Items A and B, seconded by L. Potter

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval of the bills for payment.
- B. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report.
- C. J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by D. Brown to adopt the resolution indicating the Board of School Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the fiscal year 2024-2025 by more than its index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. **Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 no**

11. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR** – (*Randy Stump, Chairperson*)

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

Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to ratify adding Ryan Culbert to the list of game workers for basketball, he will be the score keeper.
- B. Approval to ratify adding Cade Schneck to the list of wrestling volunteers.
- C. Approval to ratify adding Shannon Shughart as a volunteer for the girls’ wrestling program.
- D. Approval to ratify hiring Lynn Delinko as Head Track and Field Coach for the 2024 season. Lynn will receive a stipend of \$4,250.

- E. Approval to add Eva-Jean Budd to the list of cheerleading volunteers.
- F. Approval to hire the following Fall Head Coaches for the 2024 season:
 - David Shiffer, Football at a stipend of \$5,000
 - Marvin Weber, Boys' Soccer at a stipend of \$4,462.50
 - Andrew Haas, Girls' Soccer at a stipend of \$4,250
 - Lynne Delinko, Cross Country at a stipend of \$3,000
 - Brittanie Deibler, Volleyball at a stipend of \$4,250
 - David Mease, Archery at a stipend of \$1,900
- G. Approval to allow the Baseball Team to attend the All Star Baseball Facility in West Chester to watch the WCU-Shippensburg Baseball DH. They will be staying overnight at a local hotel and workout on Saturday at the All Star Facility from 10 to noon. The Diamond Club will cover all expenses.

12. **PERSONNEL** - *(Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson)*

A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to approve Items A through N.
Vote was Unanimous

- A. Approval to ratify accepting the letter of resignation from Matthew Giannelli as Assistant High School Principal effective December 11, 2023.
- B. Approval to ratify accepting the letter of resignation from Daniel Nester as ELA teacher in the high school effective December 11, 2023.
- C. Approval to accept the resignation of Tasha Byerly from her position as Paraprofessional effective January 19, 2024. She would like to remain on the substitute list.
- D. Approval to accept the resignation of Brianna Krall from her position as Cleaning Person.
- E. Approval to ratify hiring Maria Strouse as a professional employee. Maria will be paid Masters Step 22 for a salary of \$69,155 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach special education in the high school.
- F. Approval to ratify hiring Laura Mechling as a temporary professional employee. Laura will be paid Bachelors Step 3 for a salary of \$46,290 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach Art in the high school.
- G. Approval to hire Christopher Burak as a professional employee. Christopher will be paid at Step 28 M+60 for a salary of \$80,495 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. He will teach Science in the high school.
- H. Approval to hire Joelle Bretz as a temporary professional employee. Joelle will be paid Step 1 with a bachelor's degree for a salary of \$45,290 and all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach STEAM in the elementary school.

- I. Approval to re-assign Rochelle Myers from her current position as Crisis Interventionist to School Counselor for Middle School Guidance and to advertise for a School Counselor for Crisis Intervention.
- J. Approval to grant tenure to Kelly Jochems, Susan Seavey and Robert Frankford.
- K. Approval to hire Richard Koperna as a cleaning person. Richard will be paid \$13.00 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract.
- L. Approval to hire Sheila Leininger as a cleaning person. Sheila will be paid \$13.00 per hour and receive any benefits as per the AFSCME Contract.
- M. Approval to accept the resignation of Maryann Wike from her position as payroll secretary effective February 2, 2024.
- N. Approval of the following volunteers: Pamela Rhein; Katelyn Witman, Jennifer Lengel, Catherine Schneck, Karen Abdo.

13. **POLICY**- (*J.T. Herber, Chairperson*)

14. **TRANSPORTATION** - (*Lauren Potter, Chairperson*)

- A. L. Potter made a motion, seconded by S. Primeau to ratify adding Aubrie Wolfe as a van driver beginning on December 18, 2023.

Vote was Unanimous

15. **TECHNOLOGY** - (*Donald E. Brown, Jr., Chairperson*)


16. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** - (*Keily Chavez Zunun*)

Keily gave her monthly report on what's going on in all three buildings.

17. **SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT** - (*Dave Frew, Representative*)

18. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 19. **ADJOURNMENT**- On a motion by J.T. Herber, seconded by G. Moyer the board adjourned the meeting into an executive session at 7:05 pm for legal and personnel reasons.



 Joanne Brindle