

Pine Grove Area School District



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday August 20, 2026 @ 6:00pm
Middle School Library

Mr. Dave Lukasewicz
Board President

Mr. Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Lukasewicz called the meeting to order at 6pm.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Donald E. Brown, Jr.	Amanda Daubert	Dave Frew	J.T. Herber (6:02)
Genavieve Moyer	Kim Pribilla	Lauren Potter(6:09)	Randy Stump
Dave Lukasewicz			

Others in Attendance: Heath Renninger, Angel Green, Attorney Nick Quinn, Brittney Harner, Bernie Kelly, Rich Dunkelberger, Todd Lengle, Steph Ziegmont, Art Aungst, Mary Jo Nabholz, Scott Dimon, Luke McMurtrie, Rieleigh Purcell, Bill Kimber, Gerald Salen, Corrine Stricker, Corey Mentzer, Joelle Bretz.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- We are fully staffed at the Professional level.
- We have a long-term substitute for the Math Intervention Pilot Program in the Elementary School.
- Teacher in-service happened on August 19th and August 20th. We had a great turn out and very productive days.
- Rahn Richards, Safety and Security Coordinator, is making the transition from ALICE to Run/Hide/Fight.
- Thanked everyone involved to make sure the school/district was ready to open on Monday, August 24th for the first day of school.
- There was a moment of silence for Bryan Stump, a 7th grade boy who passed away suddenly at the beginning of August.

5. **BOARD BUSINESS**

INFORMATIONAL: The Board met in an Executive Session on June 16, 2026 as a requirement under Section 1309-B of the PA Public School Code in order for the school Safety and Security Coordinator to report on current Safety and Security practices and discuss strategies for improvement.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve the June 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Vote was unanimous.

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

- A. *D. Brown made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve and partner with KCBA Architects, Hatfield, PA, to provide professional architectural services for the school district in accordance with the attached proposal. This includes a base fee of \$18,225.

Vote was unanimous.

- B. *D. Brown made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to revise a previously approved March 18, 2025 (2.A) board motion which "awarded the High School Asbestos Abatement/Demolition portion of the Public School Environmental Repairs Program Grant Project in the amount of \$550,744.00 to Prism Response, LLC". The record should be revised to reflect the correct amount as being \$550,774.00.

Vote was unanimous.

9. CURRICULUM – *Genavieve Moyer, Chairperson*

- A. *G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by K. Pribilla* to approve the Pre-K Counts Partnership Agreement between Pine Grove Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Vote was unanimous.

- B. *G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by R. Stump* to approve the PGA Language Instruction Education Program for the 2026-2027 school year.

Vote was unanimous.

- C. *G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by K. Pribilla* to approve the PGA Elementary School Title I Schoolwide Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Vote was unanimous.

- D. *G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve the PGA High School Non-Title I TSI Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Vote was unanimous.

- E. *G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve the Curriculum Facilitators for the 2026-2027 school year.

Vote was unanimous.

- F. *G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by K. Pribilla* to approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement with Reading Area Community College (RACC).

Vote was unanimous.

- G. *G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve the 2026-2027 Pre-K Counts Handbook, the 2026-2027 Elementary School Student Handbook, the 2026-2027 Middle School Student Handbook, and the 2026-2027 High School Student Handbook.

Vote was unanimous.

10. FINANCE/AUDIT – Dave Frew, Chairperson

- A. *J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by R. Stump* to approve of the bills for payment.

Vote was unanimous.

- B. *J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer* to approve of the treasurer's reports for June and July.

Vote was unanimous.

- C. *J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer* to approve recognizing the tax exemption granted by the Courts for the Pine Grove Temple Association and Swatara Lodge for 2025 and future years. (Note: Statewide and county court rulings have exempted all Masonic lodges from real estate and school taxes as they are recognized to operate for charitable purposes as defined by statute).

Vote was unanimous.

- D. *J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer* to approve refunding \$1,333.87 to Pine Grove Temple Association for 2025 taxes.

Vote was unanimous.

- E. *J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer* to approve refunding \$1,777.18 to Swatara Lodge for 2025 taxes.

Vote was unanimous.

- F. *J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by L. Potter* to approve refunding \$73,632.24 to Safari Properties LLC (Tractor Supply Company) for taxes paid in years 2023-2025 in accordance with the agreed upon revised assessment and fair market values established by the Court pursuant to the settlement agreement resolving the litigation docketed to No. S-1660-2022 in the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas.

Roll Call Vote 6 yes, 2 no

Motion passes

- G. *J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by L. Potter* to approve the contract with Mangat Family Dentistry for dental services for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$3.00 per dental exam.

Vote was unanimous.

- H. *J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by L. Potter* to approve the contract with Dr. Bajwa as the school physician for the 2026-2027 school year. He will be paid \$10.00 for each student physical.

Vote was unanimous.

- I. *J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer* to approve the 2026-2027 LIEP Service Agreement with the Schuylkill IU#29 for a total of \$18,048.00.
Vote was unanimous.
- J. *J.T. Herber made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve the Disposition of Assets as found in the Board Packet and to dispose of them as per Board Policy.
Vote was unanimous.

11. EXTRA-CURRICULAR – Randy Stump, Chairperson

- A. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer* to ratify hiring Kyler Burke as Cross-County Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend of \$5,500.
Vote was unanimous.
- B. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve hiring Joe Drumheller as Baseball Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend of \$5,500.
Vote was unanimous.
- C. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer* to approve hiring Gerald Salen as Track and Field Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend of \$5,775.
Vote was unanimous.
- D. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve Ryan Leffler as Softball Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend of \$5,775.
Vote was unanimous.
- E. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve the following assistants for the 2026-2027 Cross-Country season:
Jamie Hitz, assistant, at a stipend of \$2,200.
Volunteers: Jennifer Wolfgang, Britney Shelton, Tanya Burke, Kurt Emerich, Randy Warner.
Vote was unanimous.
- F. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve the following assistants for the 2026-2027 Girls' Soccer season:
Kristen Owens, assistant, at a stipend of \$3,300.
Vote was unanimous.
- G. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber* to approve Mark Frankenfield as a volunteer for the Boys' Soccer Program for the 2026-2027 school year.
Vote was unanimous.

- H. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve the following assistants for the 2026-2027 Boys' Wrestling season:

Robert Schaeffer, assistant, at a stipend of \$3,300.

Brandon Schaeffer, assistant, at a stipend of \$3,300.

Ted Kemmerling, assistant, at a stipend of \$3,300.

Volunteers: Eric Kurtz, Allen Daubert, Austin Martin, Austin Frantz, Josh Hewes, Tim Bast, Chard Reiner, William Hummel.

Vote was unanimous.

- I. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve the following assistants for the 2026-2027 Girls' Wrestling season:

Timothy Bast, assistant, at a stipend of \$3,300.

Volunteers: Taylor Bast, Allen Daubert, Paul Frantz, Eric Kurtz, Eve Kurtz.

Vote was unanimous.

- J. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to approve the following assistants for the 2026-2027 Archery season:

Daniel Kassab, assistant, at a stipend of \$1,925.

Volunteers: Kole Mease, Rick Ney, Jamie Shollenberger, Bruce Frymoyer, Danielle Readinger, John Eidem, John Gehres, Ted Butler, Lexi Butler.

Vote was unanimous.

INFORMATIONAL: If the curtailment of a Junior Varsity/Junior High program during the 2026-2027 season occurs, the Board may be required to adjust the number of paid positions for the season.

12. PERSONNEL – Dave Lukasewicz, Chairperson.

- A. *A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer* to ratify approving the letter of resignation from Faith Myers from her position as Paraprofessional effective July 12, 2026.

Vote was unanimous.

- B. *A. Daubert made a motion, seconded by K. Pribilla* to ratify approving the letter of resignation from Paige Kalbach from her position as Paraprofessional effective July 27, 2026.

Vote was unanimous.

- C. *G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber* to ratify approving the letter of resignation from Brady Gehres from his position as Cleaning Person effective August 14, 2026. Brady will remain on the Substitute Cleaning list.

Vote was unanimous.

- D. *G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber* to ratify hiring Brittany Schenck as Speech-Language Pathologist starting with the 2026/2027 school year. Brittany will be paid Master's Step 1 for a salary of \$55,125 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract.

Vote was unanimous.

- E. *G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to ratify hiring Danielle Harding as a Temporary Professional starting with the 2026/2027 school year. Danielle will be paid Bachelor's +15 Step 1 for a salary of \$54,000 and receive all benefits in accordance with the professional staff contract. She will teach General Science/Biology and be assigned to the High School.

Vote was unanimous.

- F. *G. Moyer made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert* to ratify hiring Jennifer Koch as Paraprofessional II. Jennifer will be paid \$14.80 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance to the AFSCME Contract. She will be a Regular Education Paraprofessional. Her start date was August 19, 2026.

Vote was unanimous.

- G. *L. Potter made a motion, seconded by K. Pribilla* to ratify hiring Virginia Keefer as Paraprofessional I. Virginia will be paid \$13.35 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance to the AFSCME Contract. She will be a Special Education Paraprofessional. Her start date was August 19, 2026.

Vote was unanimous.

- H. *D. Brown made a motion, seconded by L. Potter* to ratify hiring Mason Boyer as Cleaning Person. Mason will be paid \$14.00 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance to the AFSCME Contract. His start date was August 17, 2026

Vote was unanimous.

- I. *D. Brown made a motion to table Motion I under Personnel, seconded by L. Potter.* A motion is requested to approve hiring Erika Kroh as Paraprofessional I. Erika will be paid \$13.35 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance to the AFSCME Contract. She will be a Special Education Paraprofessional. Her start date is pending clearances.

Vote was unanimous. Motion Tabled until next meeting.

- J. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by G. Moyer* to approve hiring Samantha Dalton as Health Room Tech. Samantha will be paid \$24.00 per hour and receive all benefits in accordance to the AFSCME Contract. Her start date will be August 24, 2026.

Vote was unanimous.

- K. *R. Stump made a motion, seconded by J.T. Herber* to approve moving Jessica Lyons' base rate to \$24.00 per hour, effective August 24, 2026.

Vote was unanimous.

- L. *D. Brown made a motion, seconded by R. Stump* to approve the following people as mentors for the new employees, each mentor will receive a stipend of \$400:

Malarie Casagrande for Aaron Miller
Deanna Shanahan for Morgan Biege
Lisa De La Ronde for Gillian Cheezum
Lori Roshannon for Danielle Harding
Katie Wolfgang for Brittany Schenck

Vote was unanimous.

13. POLICY – J.T. Herber, Chairperson

- A. *D. Brown made a motion to table Motion I under Personnel, seconded by L. Potter.* Approval of the 2nd reading and adoption of Policy #237 “Electronic Devices.”

Vote was unanimous. Motion Tabled until next meeting.

14. TRANSPORTATION – Lauren Potter, Chairperson

- A. *L. Potter made a motion, seconded by R. Stump* to approve the 2026-2027 Drivers List.

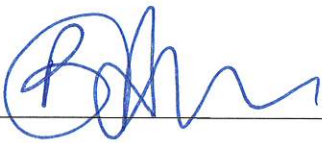
Vote was unanimous.

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

16. SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – Dave Lukasewicz and Kim Pribilla, Representative

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS

18. ADJOURNMENT – R. Stump made a motion, seconded by A. Daubert to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.



Brittney Harner, Board Secretary