

**GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
HELD IN BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUALLY
JANUARY 8, 2024
7:20 P.M.**

Members Present: Mr. Gerwick, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Hazy Bishop, Dr. Nichols, Dr. Tedford and Ms. Wilson

Member Absent: Dr. Bardy and Mr. Hurst

Non-Members Present: Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Atty. Evankovich, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), approximately 10 guests remotely and 3 guests in person

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an executive session immediately preceding this meeting to discuss high school student discipline issues and discussion of possibly joining with other similarly situated school districts as to potential litigation against the Commonwealth concerning various issues related to the education of GJR students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Gerwick asked for changes to the minutes from the December 4, 2023 Reorganization and Voting Meeting. There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Gerwick reminded newly elected and re-elected Board Members to complete the required training with PSBA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Finch discussed the meeting he and Dr. Weaver held with the Student Advisory Committee regarding their role at School Board Meetings.

STUDENT AFFAIRS and ACTIVITIES

1. Mr. Arnold discussed student travel requests.
2. Mr. Arnold discussed school facility use on Sundays.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Dr. Nichols discussed Staff and Board Conference requests.
2. Dr. Nichols discussed a date change for the September 2024 Educational Services and Personnel Committee meeting.
3. Dr. Nichols reviewed the draft options of the 2024-25 school calendar.

FACILITIES and SCHOOL SAFETY

1. Mr. Thomas discussed the additional MS HVAC contract with Johnson Controls for the replacement of valve "B" on RTU 3.
2. Mr. Thomas gave an update on the HS – MEP Project Scope.
3. Mr. Thomas and Dr. Finch discussed a MS HVAC Engineering Study.
4. Mr. Thomas discussed the GPRS Inc – HS storm and sanitary pipe investigation proposal.
5. Mr. Thomas discussed the need for a new maintenance truck and developing a cycle for equipment replacement.

PERSONNEL

1. Dr. Weaver discussed hirings, head custodian position, additional substitutes, additional 2023-24 supplemental positions, 2023-24 spring sports supplementals and resignations.
2. Dr. Weaver discussed the teacher contract negotiations timeline and board representation.

POLICY and LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Mr. Gerwick discussed the first reading of policy 815 – Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources with recommended updates from PSBA.

FINANCE

Dr. Tedford discussed the following topics:

1. The financial statement and bills payable for December 2023 and bills payable and budget transfers for January 2024 will be included with the Voting Meeting packet.
2. PCCD Grant Funded Mental Health Coordinator
3. Appointment of the 2024 Mercer County Tax Collection Committee primary and alternate delegates

Mrs. Harris gave a presentation on the 2022-23 Budget Variances.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Happy to see a large number of students attending PMEA District Band
- Two of her children, who were home over winter break, were reminiscing about their favorite GCASD teachers.

Dr. Tedford – Subject of Commentary

- Speaking as a parent, is very impressed with the MS Boys Basketball team and coaches.

Mr. Gerwick – Subject of Commentary

- Thanked the students and staff who prepared the Board appreciation dinner.

FUTURE BUSINESS MEETING DATES

A Voting Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Board and community members may attend in person or virtually. Remote connection information will be posted on the homepage of the district website prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.