

**GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
HELD IN BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUALLY
MAY 6, 2024
7:08 P.M.**

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

Member Absent: Dr. Bardy, Ms. Hazy Bishop

Non-Members Present: Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Atty. Evankovich, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), approximately 6 guests remotely and 2 guests in person

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an executive session held immediately preceding this meeting to discuss high school students' discipline issues and teacher contract negotiations update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Gerwick asked for changes to the minutes from the April 8, 2024 Voting Meeting and the April 22, 2024 Special Work Session/Voting Meeting. There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Mr. Gerwick reported that he talked to Dr. Bardy last week and updated him on current Board issues. Dr. Bardy is expected to participate remotely for next week's voting meeting.
2. Mr. Gerwick discussed a \$2,500 grant opportunity for the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Finch discussed the \$2,500 Board grant application and the expectation that, if received, the funds will be used to further the Board's goal of community outreach and communication.
2. Dr. Finch shared information on the PA Needs Teachers new 2024 Playbook which will feature an article on GCASD's efforts to promote a positive workplace culture.

FINANCE

1. Dr. Tedford stated that the financial statement for April 2024 and bills payable and budget transfers for May 2024 will be included with the Voting Meeting packet.
2. Dr. Tedford discussed the following 2024-25 voting items:
 - a. Dr. Tedford as treasurer
 - b. List of depositories
 - c. Dr. Thomas Lah as school dentist
 - d. Voluntary student accident insurance
 - e. Athletic trainer services

3. Mrs. Harris presented the 2024-25 Proposed Budget.

Mr. Hurst left the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

STUDENT AFFAIRS and ACTIVITIES

1. Mr. Arnold discussed a student travel request.
2. Dr. Finch discussed a 10th grade exchange student.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dr. Nichols summarized a staff conference request that was discussed at the April 30, 2024 Committee Meeting.

PERSONNEL

Dr. Weaver reported on the following items discussed at the April 30, 2024 Committee Meeting:

1. Hirings, summer student workers, additional substitutes, additional summer school staff, employee leave requests, 2024-25 fall coaches, and resignations.
2. Increasing the teacher substitute pay rate.

FACILITIES and SCHOOL SAFETY

Mr. Thomas discussed the Johnson Controls contract for the 2024-25 school year.

POLICY and LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

1. Mr. Gerwick discussed the first reading of policy 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students.
2. Mr. Gerwick discussed the final reading of policies: 121 – Student Trips and 360 – Employee Damage to Personal Property
3. The Board agreed to recommend Ryan Thomas and Doug Gerwick to be appointed as PSBA voting delegates for the 2024 Delegate Assembly.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Thanked local first responders for their assistance with the District's safety drill last week.
- The student advisory council is going very well. Students will be presenting at next week's Voting meeting

Ms. Wilson – Subject of Commentary

- Prom went well and hopes that more Board Members will participate in the receiving line next year.

Mr. Thomas – Subject of Commentary

- Enjoyed Elementary STEAM night and commented on its success.

FUTURE BUSINESS MEETING DATES

A Voting Meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 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 9:51 p.m.