

GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
GROVE CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Regular Voting Meeting

March 11, 2024

A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, prior to the meeting being called to order by the President, Mr. Douglas Gerwick, at 7:00 p.m. in the board room. Board members and the public participated either in person or remotely.

The following members were present:

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	Dr. Constance Nichols
Mr. Ryan Thomas	Ms. Patty Wilson
Mrs. Karen Hazy Bishop	

Mr. Randy Arnold, Dr. Erik Bardy, Mr. August Hurst and Dr. Jeffrey Tedford were absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mr. Breitenbach (remotely), 2 guests in person and 4 guests remotely.

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

There was no Board recognition.

BOARD
RECOGNITIONS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2024 Voting Meeting and the March 4, 2024 Work Session.

VOTING MEETING/
WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

The motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

President's Report:

- Mr. Gerwick commented on the COSSBA Conference he attended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

SUPER-INTENDENT'S REPORT

Solicitor's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

MCCC and MIU4 Report:

- Ms. Wilson spoke about various workshops being offered by Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV.

MCCC & MIU4 REPORT

Mr. Gerwick made the motion, in consideration of related discussions in our previous public work session meeting, as the Board of School Directors' President, I move that all action items in the Voting meeting agenda as listed be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Dr. Nichols.

The motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays, with roll call voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

It is recommended that the Board approve the Eckles Construction Management Services Proposal for High School MEP & renovations project.

PROPOSAL FOR HIGH SCHOOL MEP & RENOVATION APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve specifications for advertisement contracts for athletic scoreboards.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACTS FOR SCOREBOARDS APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchasing of a truck for the maintenance department, using costars, that is no older than 4 years old, does not exceed 50,000 miles and at a price that does not exceed \$38,000.

MAINTENANCE
DEPT. TRUCK
PURCHASE
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve the Financial Statement for February 2024.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve the Bills Payable for March 2024.

LIST OF BILLS
PAYABLE
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve the Budget Transfers for March 2024.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve Budget Transfers for March 2024 from the budgetary reserve.

BUDGETARY
RESERVE
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve the 2024-25 Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV General Operating Budget.

2024-25
MIU IV GENERAL
OPERATING
BUDGET
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve the PSBA BUCS Comprehensive Agreement.

PSBA BUCS
COMPREHENSIVE
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve the 2024-25 MCCC General Fund Budget.

2024-25 MCCC
GENERAL FUND
BUDGET
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve the following student travel requests:

- High School Choral Member and one chaperone to travel to Mars High School for Region Chorus on March 6-7, 2024 at a District cost not to exceed \$350.
- Two High School Concert Band Members and one chaperone to travel to Deer Lakes High School for PMEA Region 1 Band on February 22-24, 2024 at a District cost of \$775.
- Gifted and talented students and 3 chaperones to travel to the National Academic Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia on April 19-23, 2024 at a District cost not to exceed \$11,197.03.
- High School Concert Members and one chaperone to travel to Erie, PA for the PMEA All-State Festival on April 17-20, 2024 at a District cost not to exceed \$1,325.
- High School Bocce Team and four chaperones to travel to Hershey, PA for State Bocce Tournament on March 20-21, 2024 at a District cost not to exceed \$3,258.

STUDENT
TRAVEL
REQUESTS
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of Bertino & Bertino Forensic Science – Fundamentals & Investigations – 3rd Edition textbooks.

TEXTBOOK
PURCHASE
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve the following staff conference requests:

- Dr. Brendan Smith – State Wrestling Championship in Hershey, PA on March 7-9, 2024 at a District cost of \$500.
- Dr. Joshua Weaver – Navigating Artificial Intelligence in Education at the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV on April 11, 2024 at a District cost of \$250.
- Jennifer Connelly and Amber Fitch – Safety Care Training at the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV on March 21-22, 2024 at a District cost of \$130.

STAFF
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve a 2-hour early dismissal on April 8, 2024.

APRIL 8, 2024
EARLY DISMISSAL
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve hiring the following: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Michelle Dosch – Department BB, Class II: LPN – Health Aide Coordinator at an hourly salary of \$19.89, plus an additional, pro-rated, stipend of \$4,000, effective date TBD.
- Shannon Merriman – Part-time Cafeteria Worker – at a salary of \$12.50 hourly, (Dept. C-II) – effective March 12, 2024.

M. DOSCH
S. MERRIMAN
HIRED

It is recommended that the Board approve the change in status for the following:

- Andrea Hawke – from Dept. C, Class II cafeteria worker to non-union Assistant to the Director of Food Service at an hourly salary of \$15.00 – effective date TBD.

CHANGE IN
STATUS
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve the additional 2023-24 Spring Sport Supplemental – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

2023-24
ADDITIONAL
SPRING SPORT
SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROVED

- Amanda Krise – Track and Field Volunteer Assistant

It is recommended that the Board approve the following additional substitutes: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

ADDITIONAL
SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED

- Jessica Martin – Pre-graduate 20 day
- Chelsea Dunn – Pre-graduate 20 day
- Grace Hall – Pre-graduate 20 day
- Emily Warren – Pre-graduate 20 day
- Genevieve Harvey – Pre-graduate 20 day
- Alyssa Coleman – Pre-graduate 20 Day

It is recommended that the Board approve Sabbatical leave for Debra Wagner for the 2025 Spring Semester through the 2025 Fall Semester.

SABBATICAL
APPROVED

It is recommended that the Board approve the following retirements as well as any necessary documentation as to terms and conditions to finalize the employees' separation from the District employment.

DISTRICT
RETIREMENTS
APPROVED

- Stephanie McGahey – High School Spanish Teacher – retirement effective May 30, 2024
- Micky Hardenburg – High School Math Teacher – retirement effective May 30, 2024
- Christine Martuccio – Middle School English Teacher – retirement effective May 30, 2024
- Kathy Dillaman – Ed. Services Program Full-time Aide – retirement effective May 30, 2024
- Brenda Auvil – Ed. Services Program Math Teacher – retirement effective May 30, 2024
- Jennifer Henry – Ed. Services Program English Teacher – retirement effective May 30, 2024
- Lisa Lowers – Hillview Elementary Teacher – retirement effective May 30, 2024
- Jim Jaskowak – Ed. Services Program Music Teacher – retirement effective May 30, 2024

It is recommended that the Board approve the contracted communication services partnership with Beaver Valley IU (27) – contingent upon review and approval of the District solicitor.

CONTRACTED
COMMUNICATION
SERVICES
PARTNERSHIP
APPROVED

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated Milena Sciullo on her 4th place finish at New Balance Nationals.

MOMENT
FOR MISSION

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated all the winter season sports teams on their successful seasons.

Mr. Thomas – Subject of Commentary

- Recognized a Grove City Area School District alumni, Gannon Coach Jordan Fee for being named Western Division PSAC Coach of the Year.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meetings – Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 8:15 a.m.
- Special Meeting of the Policy and Student Affairs Committees – Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- Work Session Meeting – Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Voting Meeting – Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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