

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

Regular Voting Meeting

April 8, 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 7:19 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	Mr. August Hurst
Mr. Ryan Thomas	Dr. Constance Nichols
Mr. Randy Arnold	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford
Mrs. Karen Hazy Bishop	Ms. Patty Wilson

Dr. Erik Bardy was absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), 14 guests in person and 2 guests remotely.

An executive session was held prior to the voting meeting to discuss legal issues related to our services on the campus of GJR.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

There was no Board recognition.

BOARD
RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Martin Phipps – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed concerns regarding the proposed high school project, in particular the changes proposed to the wrestling and weight rooms.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Mr. Wesley Phipps – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed concerns related to lack of communication regarding proposed change of space in high school wrestling room.

Mr. Jason Karenbauer – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed concerns with high school wrestling room proposed changes.

Mrs. Stephanie McCreary – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed concerns with high school wrestling room proposed changes.

Mr. Mitchell Augustine – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed concerns with high school wrestling room proposed changes.

Ms. Mary Hines – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed concerns regarding the proposed wrestling area and weight room change and the impact it would have on the entire wrestling program.

Ms. Heather Blanchard – Subject of Commentary

- Expressed concerns regarding the proposed changes to the wrestling and weight rooms which will not only impact the wrestlers but also the cheerleaders who utilize the wrestling room for practice.

Mr. Lee McCracken – Subject of Commentary

- Expressed concerns about the proposed wrestling room and weight room changes and asked for the Board to look at other options.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024 Voting Meeting and the April 3, 2024 Work Session.

VOTING MEETING/
WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

The motion carried; 7 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:*

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye		

*Mr. Thomas stepped out of the meeting prior to this vote.

President’s Report:

- There was nothing to report.

PRESIDENT’S
REPORT

Superintendent’s Report:

- Mrs. Harris gave a presentation on the financial considerations related to the proposed high school project.
- Dr. Weaver pointed out that the mechanical portion of the high school project could move forward at this time as proposed and that any additional adjustments could be addressed at a later time.

SUPER-
INTENDENT’S
REPORT

Solicitor’s Report:

- There was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR’S
REPORT

MCCC and MIU4 Report:

- Ms. Wilson spoke about a program at the Mercer County Career Center broadening their enrollment to include additional students.

MCCC & MIU4
REPORT

Dr. Tedford made the motion, in consideration of related discussions in our previous public work session meeting, the Finance committee recommends, and I move that action items #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9 and #10 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas.

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| 1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Financial Statement for March 2024. | FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
APPROVED |
| 2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Bills Payable for April 2024. | LIST OF BILLS
PAYABLE
APPROVED |
| 3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Budget Transfers for April 2024. | BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED |
| 4. It is recommended that the Board approve Budget Transfers for April 2024 from the budgetary reserve. | BUDGETARY
RESERVE
TRANSFERS
APPROVED |
| 5. It is recommended that the Board approve the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Intergovernmental Agreement - contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor. | MIU IV
INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL
AGREEMENT
APPROVED |
| 6. It is recommended that the Board approve the Thought Process Enterprises contract - contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor. | THOUGHT
PROCESS
ENTERPRISES
CONTRACT
APPROVED |
| 7. It is recommended that the Board approve the Frontline Education 5-year contract - contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor. | FRONTLINE
EDUCATION
5-YEAR
CONTRACT
APPROVED |
| 8. It is recommended that the Board approve the Finals site contract (website) - contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor. | FINALSITE
CONTRACT
APPROVED |

9. It is recommended that the Board approve the FMX contract (facilities management software) - contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor.

FMX CONTRACT
APPROVED

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the additional 2023-24 Krise Transportation Inc., drivers and monitor: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

2023-24
ADDITIONAL
KRISSE TRANS. INC.
DRIVERS &
MONITOR
APPROVED

- Joseph Swaim – driver
- Jennifer Rill – driver/monitor

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following student travel request:

STUDENT
TRAVEL
REQUEST
APPROVED

- Middle School Gifted Students to travel to Harrisburg, PA for the State K’NEX Competition on May 2 & 3, 2024 at a District cost of \$600.

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with roll call voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the high school Physics Club application.

HIGH SCHOOL
PHYSICS CLUB
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following staff conference request:

STAFF
CONFERENCE
REQUEST
APPROVED

- Nicole Billak – Pennsylvania Speech and Hearing Association Convention in Pittsburgh, PA on April 10-13, 2024 at a District cost of \$490.

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve hiring the following: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Caleen Bell – Part-time Cafeteria Worker – at an hourly rate of \$12.50 (Dept. C-II) – effective date TBD.
- Sarah Kavanagh – Part-time LPN – Health Aide (Dept. BB-II) at an hourly rate of \$19.89, effective date April 9, 2024.
- Todd Yeager – Part-time Aide – at an hourly rate of \$13.71, plus .94¢ per hour advanced education rate, (Dept. B-II – Step 1 – Year 1)) – effective April 9, 2024.
- Timothy Schoedel – Maintenance Carpenter/Plumber – at a pro-rated annual salary of \$50,000 – effective April 9, 2024.

C. BELL
S. KAVANAGH
T. YEAGER
T. SCHOEDEL
HIRED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Ms. Wilson approve the change in status for the following:

- Sarah Eshelmen – from Dept. B, Class II Part-time Aide to Dept. B, Class II Full-time Aide – retroactive to March 25, 2024.

CHANGE IN
STATUS
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following additional substitutes: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

ADDITIONAL
SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED

- Kaitlyn Aguglia – Pre-graduate 20 day
- Alexa Nulph – Pre-graduate 20 day
- Terri Persch – cafeteria volunteer
- Zoey Beck – aide
- Marina McCutcheon – Pre-graduate 20 days

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the 2024 high school summer school teachers and nurse.

2024
HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER SCHOOL
STAFF
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2024 Hillview summer school teachers, nurse, aides and cafeteria staff.

2024
HILLVIEW
SUMMER SCHOOL
STAFF
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2024 ESY summer school teachers and aides.

2024
ESY
SUMMER SCHOOL
STAFF
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the following resignation and retirements as well as any necessary documentation as to terms and conditions to finalize the employees' separation from the District employment.

DISTRICT
RESIGNATION
AND
RETIREMENTS
APPROVED

- Scott Lewis – Educational Services Program Special Education Teacher – retirement effective May 30, 2024
- Ashley Hodge – High School Life Skills Teacher – resignation effective May 30, 2024
- Sharon Hunter – Hillview Full-time Aide – retirement effective December 20, 2024
- Mike Gazzo – Educational Services Program English Teacher – retirement effective May 30, 2024,

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the substitute rate for nursing staff.

SUBSTITUTE
NURSING RATE
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve the high school project bid award Option #2 that includes the Base Bid plus Custodial Receiving with a total project cost of \$17,217,135.

HIGH SCHOOL
PROJECT BID
TABLED

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Hurst to table the previous motion regarding the high school project bid until a special work session meeting could be held for further discussion on this matter. A special work session/Voting meeting will be scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024 and a special voting meeting will be scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2024.

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Nichols to adopt a resolution for the Public School Facility Improvement Grant Resolution, with a grant amount not to exceed \$3 million dollars.

RESOLUTION FOR
PUBLIC SCHOOL
FACILITY
IMPROVEMENT
GRANT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve the purchase of a truck for the maintenance department at a price that does not exceed \$50,000 (payable from the Capital Reserve account).

MAINTENANCE
DEPT. TRUCK
PURCHASE
APPROVED

The motion carried; 7 ayes, 1 nay, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	nay	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve Patty Wilson's nomination to the MIU Board.

MIU BOARD
NOMINATION
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- 121 – Student Trips
- 360 – Employee Damage to Personal Property

POLICY 121
POLICY 360
FIRST READING
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

Mr. Thomas – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the success of the high school musical and congratulated Mr. McElroy and the cast on the wonderful performance.

Mr. Hurst – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the professionalism displayed by the cast members in regard to some of the musical's content.

Dr. Tedford – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated Mimi Weller, who has qualified for All-State PMEA chorus and All-State PMEA Band, for her continued musical accomplishments.

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on her appreciation in regard to the current Board and their willingness to put disagreements aside and reach compromises for the betterment of our students.

Mrs. Hazy Bishop – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated Charlie Miller, who had broken the middle school pole vault record, on continuing to set records in his field.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Special Work Session/Voting Meeting for high school project – Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Special Voting Meeting for high school project – Monday, April 29, 2024 at 7:00 PM
- Educational Services, Personnel and Special Finance Committee Meetings – Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 8:15 a.m.
- Work Session Meeting – Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Voting Meeting – Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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