

**GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
HELD IN BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUALLY
APRIL 3, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

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

Member Absent: Mr. Gerwick and Dr. Sciuillo

Non-Members Present: Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Atty. Evankovich, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), approximately 3 guests remotely and 6 guests in person

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session originally scheduled for after the special voting meeting tonight was canceled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Sallie Riddle – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed concerns over the closure of the George Junior Republic Schools

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Thomas asked for changes to the minutes from the March 13, 2023 Voting Meeting. There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas thanked community members for attending meetings and showing concern over what is happening in the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Finch announced that although the executive session for tonight was canceled, it will most likely be rescheduled for next week.

STUDENT AFFAIRS and ACTIVITIES

Mr. Arnold discussed student travel requests.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Dr. Nichols summarized the staff conference requests that were discussed at the March 28, 2023 Committee Meeting.
2. Dr. Weaver discussed updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

FACILITIES and SCHOOL SAFETY

1. Mr. Thomas discussed the Draw Collective and H.F. Lenz meeting today regarding the High School Project.
2. Dr. Weaver discussed the Gardiner HVAC Series Class that Ray Dennis will be taking.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Hurst summarized the following topics from the March 28, 2023 Committee Meeting:

1. Additional substitutes, additional 2023 Hillview summer school staff, 2023 Summer help, and 2023 Summer ESY Staff
2. Dr. Weaver discussed the School Psychologist shared services and costs contract with Seneca Valley School District.

POLICY and LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Mr. Thomas discussed the final reading of policies: 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities, 113.4 – Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information, 137 – Home Education Programs, 137.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students, 137.2 – Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students and 137.3 – Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students.

Mr. Hurst recommended the use of a “consent agenda” for the Voting Meeting. The Board discussed different options and agreed to implement the agenda changes at next week’s Voting Meeting.

FINANCE

1. Dr. Tedford stated that the financial statement for March 2023 and bills payable and budget transfers for April 2023 will be included with the Voting Meeting packet.
2. Dr. Tedford discussed the 2023-24 Mercer County Career Center Budget.
3. Mrs. Harris and Dr. Finch discussed the Middle School PlanCon J report.
4. Dr. Finch discussed the proposal to offer reduced-price lunches at no cost to students and the RFPs for Food Service Equipment and the Food Serving Line Upgrade.
5. Dr. Finch discussed the timeframe for a potential bond issue to finance the High School Project.

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated all performers and everyone involved with the musical on a successful performance.

Dr. Tedford – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated Mr. Andrew Garay on being selected to receive the 2023 PMEA Outstanding Young Music Educator Award.

FUTURE BUSINESS MEETING DATES

A Voting Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 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 8:27 p.m.