

**GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
HELD IN BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUALLY
JUNE 5, 2023
7:45 P.M.**

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

Member Absent: Dr. Sciullo

Non-Members Present: Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Atty. Evankovich, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), approximately 18 guests remotely and 1 guest in person

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an executive session prior to the Work Session to discuss the proposed settlement of the Grove City Factory Shops real estate assessment tax appeal and to discuss the creation of a real estate tax assessment appeal program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Monica Pryts – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that she will be leaving the Sharon Herald to pursue a new career path

Ms. Amanda MacIsaac – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed concerns with planned staffing furloughs

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Gerwick asked for changes to the minutes from the May 8, 2023 Voting Meeting. There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was none.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Finch thanked Board Members who attended the Commencement Ceremony and commented on how proud he was of the students and their behavior.

STUDENT AFFAIRS and ACTIVITIES

1. Mr. Arnold discussed student travel requests.
2. Dr. Weaver gave an update on the GCASD branding project.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dr. Nichols discussed the following topics from the May 30, 2023 Committee Meeting:

1. Staff Conference Request
2. GCASD Educational Services Program
3. Resolution in Support of SB180 and HS180 -School Meals for All

FACILITIES and SCHOOL SAFETY

1. Mr. Thomas discussed the resolution to close the neighborhood designation of the Grove City Area George Junior Schools with PDE.
2. Mr. Thomas discussed the proposed high school roof replacement and restoration contract with David Maines & Associates.
3. Dr. Finch gave an update on the High School Project.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Hurst summarized the following topics from the May 30, 2023 Committee Meeting:

1. Hirings, a change in title, 23-24 Building Substitutes, additional substitutes, awarding tenure, additional 2023 summer school staff, additional 2022-23 supplemental position, additional 2023-24 supplemental positions, 2023-24 Head Custodians, 2023-24 Department Chairs, a sabbatical leave and resignations/retirements
2. Resolutions to furlough professional staff, paraprofessionals and move some paraprofessionals from full time to part time.

POLICY and LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

1. Mr. Gerwick discussed the first reading of the following policy:
 - 200 – Enrollment of Students
2. Mr. Gerwick discussed the final reading of the following policies:
 - 209 – Health Examinations/Screenings (Recommended updates from PSBA)
 - 705 – Facilities and Workplace Safety (Recommended updates from PSBA)
 - 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs
 - 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement

FINANCE

1. Dr. Tedford stated that the financial statement for May 2023 and bills payable and budget transfers for June 2023 will be included with the Voting Meeting packet.
2. Dr. Tedford discussed the 2023-24 District Insurances.
3. Dr. Tedford discussed authorizing Booster Clubs for games of chance for the 2023-24 year.
4. Dr. Tedford discussed Andrews and Price as solicitor for 2023-24.
5. Dr. Finch discussed the IU IV Intergovernmental Agreement.
6. Dr. Weaver discussed the Kids First Therapy contract for OT and PT services.
7. Mrs. Harris discussed the 2023-24 Homestead and Farmstead Resolution.
8. Mrs. Harris discussed the resolution authorizing the incurring of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2023.
9. Dr. Weaver discussed the Interim HealthCare of Pittsburgh, Inc. Agreement
10. The Board discussed the Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeal Program
11. Mrs. Harris summarized handouts and the Board discussed the 2023-24 School Year Budget.

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that her youngest child just graduated from the District and expressed her gratitude to all of the staff

Dr. Finch – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that, based on rankings in the Pittsburgh Business Times of all 500 Pennsylvania School Districts, GCASD moved from a rank of 279 seven years ago to a most recent rank of 97 in the state.

FUTURE BUSINESS MEETING DATES

A Voting Meeting will be held on Monday, June 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 10:01 p.m.