

**GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
HELD IN BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUALLY  
OCTOBER 2, 2023  
7:15 P.M.**

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

**Member Absent:** Dr. Sciallo

**Non-Members Present:** Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Atty. Evankovich, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), approximately 2 guests remotely and 1 guest in person

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an executive session immediately preceding this meeting to discuss negotiation of the Assistant Superintendent's contract and discussion of possibly joining with other similarly situated school districts as to potential litigation against the Commonwealth concerning various issues related to the education of GJR students.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Mr. Gerwick asked for changes to the minutes from the September 11, 2023 Voting Meeting. There were none.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. Mr. Gerwick gave an update on the PSBA Onboarding Workshop he attended and discussed some onboarding ideas along with other training programs, such as School Safety, offered by the PSBA.
2. Mr. Gerwick discussed upcoming Board training dates:
  - a. December 11, 2023 – PSBA will be presenting on Board goal-setting.
  - b. January 13, 2024 – PSBA will be providing on-site Board member training.

Mr. McCracken left the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Dr. Finch reported that on November 13, 2023 a group from the District will be presenting at the Capitol Area Intermediate Unit on teacher retention and recruiting.
2. Dr. Finch announced that on November 15, 2023 the Mercer County Career Center will be holding their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.
3. Dr. Finch gave an update on District CTC student enrollment; 61 GCASD students are attending the MCCC and 40 GCASD students attend the District's CTC.

4. Dr. Finch reported that the 2024-25 Adjusted Act 1 Index for the District is 7.0%. The Resolution not to exceed the Adjusted Act 1 Index may need to be approved at the November voting meeting depending on the date set by the State for the 2024 Primary Election.

### **STUDENT AFFAIRS and ACTIVITIES**

1. Mr. Arnold discussed a student travel request.
2. Dr. Weaver gave an update on the GCASD Student Advisory Council.
3. Dr. Weaver discussed Unlocking a Season of Significance – District 10 Leadership/Sportsmanship Symposium scheduled to be held at GCHS.

### **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Dr. Nichols summarized the following topics from the September 26, 2023 Committee Meeting:

1. Staff conference requests
2. Affiliation agreement with Grove City College
3. Educational Services Program update and Joint Board Introductory Meeting

### **FACILITIES and SCHOOL SAFETY**

1. Dr. Finch gave an update on the High School Roofing Project.
2. Dr. Finch and Mr. Thomas discussed the HS – MEP Project Scope.

### **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Hurst summarized the following topics from the September 26, 2023 Committee Meeting:

1. Hirings, a building substitute, additional substitutes, temporary part-time custodians, additional 2023-24 supplemental positions, 2023-24 Winter Coaches, a sabbatical leave, a child-rearing leave and a resignation
2. 2023-24 Hillview after school extension of learning staff
3. Wendell August Forge Proposal: 3-year program for GCASD service awards

Dr. Weaver discussed the Professional Development Committee.

Mr. Hurst announced that Dr. Tedford, Mr. Gerwick and himself would represent the Board in negotiating the Assistant Superintendent's contract.

### **POLICY and LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

There was nothing to report.

### **FINANCE**

Dr. Tedford discussed the following topics:

1. The financial statement for September 2023 and bills payable and budget transfers for October 2023 will be included with the Voting Meeting packet.
2. The cancellation of the Wise Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine contract, effective August 29, 2023
3. Additional 2023-24 Krise Transportation, Inc. school bus drivers and monitor

4. Petty cash of \$400 for the Middle School Fall Play

Mrs. Harris discussed Real Estate Assessment Appeals data and gave an updated from the Mercer County Tax Committee.

### **MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Thanked the high school student council for sponsoring the Homecoming Parade

Dr. Finch – Subject of Commentary

- Thanked the Hovis family for loaning several cars for the Homecoming Parade

Ms. Wilson – Subject of Commentary

- Recognized Homer Christie, a retired GCASD teacher, who turned 100 years old, for his service to the District, especially through the Saturday Science program

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed the upcoming Federal Programs training meeting at the District which he organized in his role as a PAFPC regional representative.

Dr. Finch – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that LEEP is being held this week for all district 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.

### **FUTURE BUSINESS MEETING DATES**

A Voting Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 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 8:22 p.m.