

**GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
HELD IN BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUALLY
NOVEMBER 6, 2023
7:30 P.M.**

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

Member Absent: Dr. Sciullo and Dr. Tedford

Non-Members Present: Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Atty. Evankovich, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), approximately 4 guests remotely and 3 guests in person

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an executive session immediately preceding this meeting to discuss negotiation of the Assistant Superintendent's contract and a proposed special education litigation settlement. An executive session was held on October 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm via zoom to discuss safety procedures and potential litigation related to educational services problems for institutionalized youth at GJR.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Gerwick discussed issues that were addressed at the PSBA General Assembly meeting he participated in. He highlighted discussions related to Charter School residency verification and rates of billing.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Finch reported that on November 16, 2023 the District will be hosting the Mercer County Chorus Festival at the high school.
2. Dr. Finch noted that a roofer on the YMCA Early Education Center roofing project fell off the roof this morning during student drop off. He appeared not to have been seriously injured.
3. Dr. Finch announced that Krise Transportation purchased the property they had been leasing in the District (where their bus garage is currently located), plus some additional acreage.
4. Dr. Finch announced that the Fred Bell wrestling tournament will be held Friday, January 26, 2024 and discussed some of the fees involved with the event.

5. Dr. Finch congratulated the Cross Country Team for their District 10 Championship.
6. Dr. Finch shared the thank you note from Mrs. Trinchese and a photo from the conference where Hillview employees received state recognition for their PBIS program.

STUDENT AFFAIRS and ACTIVITIES

1. Dr. Weaver discussed student travel requests.
2. Dr. Weaver gave an update on the GCASD Student Advisory Council.
3. Mr. Arnold brought up the topic of outside events being held at the District on Sundays.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dr. Nichols summarized staff conference requests that were discussed at the October 31, 2023 Committee Meeting.

FACILITIES and SCHOOL SAFETY

1. Dr. Finch discussed the High School Gymnasium Crack Monitoring Agreement.
2. Mr. Thomas and Dr. Finch gave an update on the HS – MEP Project Scope.
3. Mr. Thomas gave an update on the HS – Roof Project.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Hurst summarized the following topics from the October 31, 2023 Committee Meeting:

1. Hirings, additional substitutes, additional 2023-24 supplemental positions and a resignation
2. Early Retirement MOU

POLICY and LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

1. Mrs. Harris discussed the first reading of policy 626 – Federal Program Compliance (recommended updates from PSBA).
2. Mr. Gerwick discussed the first reading of policies 916 – Volunteers and 815 – Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources, both with recommended updates from PSBA.

FINANCE

Mrs. Harris discussed the following topics:

1. The financial statement for October 2023 and bills payable and budget transfers for November 2023 will be included with the Voting Meeting packet.
2. The tax resolution which states that the District will not increase taxes above the Act 1 Adjusted Index for the 2024-25 fiscal year.
3. Assignment of the General Fund balance as of June 30, 2023
4. The use of Capital Reserve funds to pay for the Middle School HVAC repairs.
5. 2023-24 IU IV IDEA-B, Section 611 and IDEA-Section 619 contracts
6. Year 2 of Developing Future Special Educators Grant
7. 2024-25 Joint Purchasing Agreement with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV
8. Agreement with the Educational Consortium for E-Rate consulting
9. Update on the Grove City Factory Shops assessment
10. Food Service – Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) discussion

Dr. Finch discussed Wendell August Forge Ornament Sales.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated the Boys Cross Country team for winning the District 10 Championship and finishing second at the state meet

Dr. Finch – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed feedback he received from a Hampton Cross County coach who complimented the Grove City Cross Country athletes for their kindness and sportsmanship.

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Thanked Mr. Gerwick for attending the PSBA Voting Meeting in her absence.
- Commented on discussions she had with Grove City College students who had recently completed fieldwork at the District and how complimentary they were of the professionalism and caring nature exhibited by the teachers at GCASD

Mr. Arnold – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed the Middle School's Best Robotics program which he helped with. It was a great experience for the students and he thanked Mrs. Krenzer for her work with the program.

Dr. Finch – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed Buhl Health Foundation's \$850,000 grant toward renovations for the AHN pediatric clinic in the YMCA Early Education Center building.

FUTURE BUSINESS MEETING DATES

A Voting Meeting will be held on Monday, November 13, 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 8:50 p.m.

