

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

Regular Voting Meeting

January 18, 2023

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 7:15 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. Lee McCracken
Mr. Ryan Thomas	Dr. Constance Nichols
Mr. Randy Arnold	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford
Mr. August Hurst	Ms. Patty Wilson

Dr. Armando Sciullo was absent.

Others present included: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mrs. Dennis (remotely) and approximately 3 guests remotely.

An Executive Session was held prior to this meeting, to discuss a middle school student discipline issue and ongoing negotiations with GJR to complete a rental and articulation agreement.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Mr. Gerwick asked for the approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2022 Board Voting Meeting and January 9, 2023 Work Session Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the minutes.

VOTING MEETING,
WORK SESSION
MEETING
MINUTES
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

President's Report:

- Mr. Gerwick discussed the PSBA Board Assessment surveys.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Finch acknowledged the Board of Directors for their dedication to our District. Gifts created by the Elementary STEM classes were presented for Board Appreciation Month.
- Dr. Finch discussed the High School project and the ongoing discussions with DRAW Collective and H.F. Lenz Company.

SUPER-
INTENDENT'S
REPORT

Solicitor's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S
REPORT

MCCC and MIU4 Report:

- There was nothing to report.

MCCC & MIU4
REPORT

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the Financial Statement for December 2022.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the Bills Payable for December 2022 and January 2023.

LIST OF BILLS
PAYABLE
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the Budget Transfers for January 2023.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. McCracken to approve the tax resolution which states that the District will not increase taxes above the Act 1 Adjusted Index for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

2023-24 FISCAL
YEAR TAX
RESOLUTION
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve closing the General Fund ACH Account at Mars Bank.

CLOSING ACH
ACCOUNT AT
MARS BANK
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the following student travel request: (approval with conditions for change that may be impacted by the COVID pandemic).

STUDENT TRAVEL
REQUEST
APPROVED

- French students to travel to Quebec, Canada on February 18-21, 2023 at no cost to the District. All insurance through ACIS (American Council for International Studies) Educational Tours.

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

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

- Anthony Molinaro – Dalcroze Society of America National Conference on January 13-15, 2023 at Baldwin Wallace University, Berea, OH at a District cost of \$500.
- Tiffany Thompson – Assessment, Eligibility and Dismissal in Schools: Strategies, Tools and Decision Making on February 1, 2023 virtually, at a District cost of \$300.
- Kevin Jaszemski and Doug Maxwell – ALICE Instructor Certification Training on March 8-9, 2023 at Penn West University, Edinboro, PA at a District Cost of \$1,655.
- Dr. Brendan Smith – NCAA Workshop on January 18, 2023 at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA at a District cost of \$118.
- Michelle Beck – The Flexibility Formula on February 1, 2023 virtually, at a District cost of \$297.
- Beth Harris – PASBO-Elements of Budgeting and Planning on February 21-March 19, 2023 virtually, at a District cost of \$125.

STAFF
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2023-24 District Calendar.

2023-24 DISTRICT
CALENDAR
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve the 2023-24 High School Program of Studies Course Catalog for Grade 9.

2023-24 PROGRAM
OF STUDIES,
GRADE 9
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve the 2023-24 High School Program of Studies Course Catalog for Grades 10-12.

2023-24 PROGRAM
OF STUDIES,
GRADES 10-12
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

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

H. GRIM
HIRED

- Hannah Grim – 8th grade Reading Long-term Substitute – effective January 3, 2023.

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the additional 2022-23 Supplemental(s): subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

ADDITIONAL
2022-23
SUPPLEMENTALS
APPROVED

- Pat McElroy – High School Musical – \$2,701.50
- Hannah Flowers – High School Musical – Voice - \$2,161
- Andrew Garay – High School Musical – Orchestra - \$2,161
- Ashley Hazy – High School Musical – Choreographer - \$919
- Kristy Thrasher – Middle School Accompanist - \$829

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the following additional 2022-23 Substitutes: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork

2022-23
SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED

- Skyler Tortorea -- Pre-graduate 20 days
- Katherine Schilling -- Mid-level Math 4-8
- Dante Mamone -- PK-4, Mid-level Math 4-8 and Mid-level Science 4-8

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2022-23 Spring Sports Supplementals: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

2022-2023 SPRING
SPORTS
SUPPLEMENTALS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the additional 2022-23 Krise Transportation Inc. school bus drivers: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

ADDITIONAL
KRIS TRANSPORTATION
INC. DRIVERS
APPROVED

- Michael Casteel
- Mariah Casteel
- Gayle Cameron
- Theresa Firek

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following District Employee that is eligible to provide transportation support in District owned vehicles: conditional on the completion and approval of required paperwork and driver's license verification.

DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE
DRIVER
APPROVED

- Jessica Bish

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following temporary part-time custodian position – (\$12.00 hourly) – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

TEMPORARY
PART-TIME
CUSTODIAN
APPROVED

- Alexandria Grossi

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas 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:

RESIGNATION
AND
RETIREMENTS
APPROVED

- Julia Basel – Full-time High School Aide – resignation effective December 22, 2022
- Eugene Moon – Full-time Custodian – retirement effective July 7, 2023
- Laura Augspurger – Full-time Middle School Aide – retirement June 2, 2023

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve repairs to the high school roof – Kitchen/Cafeteria – not to exceed \$10,000. (Paid through Capital Reserve Fund)

HIGH SCHOOL
ROOF REPAIR-
PAID THROUGH
CAPITAL RESERVE
FUNDS APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

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

- 011 – Principles for Governance and Leadership (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 251 – Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and other Educational Instability (Recommended updates from PSBA)

FIRST
READING:
POLICY 011
POLICY 251
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

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

- 808 – Food Services (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products - Pupils (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 323 – Tobacco and Vaping Products – Employees (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 237 – Electronic Devices (Recommended updates from PSBA)

FINAL READING:
POLICY 808
POLICY 222
POLICY 323
POLICY 237
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the following Board member to attend the NSBA 2023 Annual Conference on April 1-3, 2023, in Orlando, Florida:

- Mr. Douglas Gerwick at a District cost not to exceed \$1,800

The motion carried; 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention with voting as follows:

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	abstain	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	aye	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

Mr. McCracken – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the Burgettstown Wrestling Tournament where the team took 3rd place out of 33 teams attending and had 3 individual winners.

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on Karen Senita's conference she held with other Foreign Language teachers in the region and the fact that other faculty are now looking at also setting up conferences with others within our region in their programs of study.

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on Superior Ambulance holding a Town Hall Meeting to inform the public of the ongoing EMS crisis and discussed a short video our students created for this Town Hall Meeting as well as future potential educational opportunities for District students.

Dr. Tedford- Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the great job the students did at Inventionland and mentioned that the Middle School play will be the beginning of February.

2023 NSBA
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
APPROVED

MOMENT FOR
MISSION

Mr. Thomas – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the splendid job the custodial staff have done in all the buildings, but especially in Hillview school, where there have been ill students on a daily basis.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meetings – Tuesday, January 31, 2022 at 8:15 a.m.
- Student Affairs and Activities Committee Meeting – Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Standing Committees and Work Session Meetings – Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Voting Meeting – Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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