

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

Regular Voting Meeting

February 13, 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 7:02 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 were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, 4 guests in person and approximately 7 guests remotely.

There was no scheduled Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Ms. Tricia Whitling – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed the gifted and talented students' trip in April which is listed on the agenda.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Mr. Gerwick asked for the approval of the minutes from the January 18, 2023 Board Voting Meeting and the February 6, 2023 Work Session Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Ms. Wilson 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 stated a meeting has been scheduled for March 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the PSBA's Board Assessment Survey Report and recommendations.

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT****Superintendent's Report:**

- Nothing to report.

**SUPER-
INTENDENT'S
REPORT****Solicitor's Report:**

- Atty. Evankovich discussed the Commonwealth Court's decision released this week in regard to the state's educational funding system being ruled as unconstitutional.

**SOLICITOR'S
REPORT****MCCC and MIU4 Report:**

- Ms. Wilson discussed the High School students who earned medals at this year's Skills USA regional competition, two of whom will be moving on to compete at the state level.
- Ms. Wilson discussed the Mercer County Career Center's Diversified Occupational Program being reinstituted.

**MCCC & MIU4
REPORT**

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

**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 Mr. Thomas to approve the Bills Payable for February 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 Mr. Thomas to approve the Budget Transfers for February 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 Ms. Wilson to approve the appointment of the 2023 Mercer County Tax Collection Committee primary and alternate delegates.

MERCER COUNTY
TAX COLLECTION
COMMITTEE
DELEGATES
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 \$500 petty cash for the high school musical.

HIGH SCHOOL
MUSICAL PETTY
CASH
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. Hurst to approve the following resolution for 2022-2023:

TAX COLLECTION
RESOLUTION
APPROVED

WHEREAS, Matthew Fischer, Grove City Borough; Starla Lindey, Liberty Township; Elizabeth Mattocks, Pine Township; Christi Cratty, Springfield Township; and Amanda McGhee, Wolf Creek Township; Collectors of School Taxes, have requested exoneration for the collection of all unpaid real estate and per capita taxes, and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Matthew Fischer, Grove City Borough; Starla Lindey, Liberty Township; Elizabeth Mattocks, Pine Township; Christi Cratty, Springfield Township; and Amanda McGhee, Wolf Creek Township, Real Estate Tax Collectors for School Taxes have filed unpaid real estate taxes with the Mercer County Courthouse by January 31, 2023, and they are hereby exonerated and released from the collection of all unpaid 2022 real estate taxes.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Matthew Fischer, Starla Lindey, Elizabeth Mattocks, Christi Cratty, and Amanda McGhee, Per Capita Tax Collectors of School Taxes have filed unpaid per capita taxes with Sharp Collection by January 31, 2023, and

they are hereby Exonerated and released from the collection of all unpaid 2022 per capita taxes.

PROVIDING, however, that the responsibility of the taxables for the payment of said taxes shall be in no manner affected by this action, it is being for the purpose and intention of the School Board that said taxables shall not be charged against them under the duplicates for said year 2022.
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 Dr. Nichols and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve the following student travel requests (approval with conditions for change that may be impacted by the COVID pandemic):

- Gifted and talented students and two chaperones to travel to the National Academic Tournament in Orlando, Florida on April 21-26, 2023 at a District cost not to exceed \$25,445.00.

STUDENT TRAVEL
REQUEST
APPROVED

The motion carried; 7 ayes, 1 nay, with voting as follows:

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	aye
Mr. Ryan Thomas	aye	Dr. Constance Nichols	aye
Mr. Randy Arnold	nay	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:

- Dr. Jennifer Nemet – Aspiring Leadership Workshop on February 3, 2023, virtually, at a District cost of \$109.
- Casey Young – PA State Athletic Director Association Conference on March 21-24, 2023 in Hershey, PA at a District cost of \$1,525.

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 scheduling and advertising for a public hearing regarding the redesignation in the PDE's Educational Names and Addresses (EdNA) system of the schools known as Grove City Area George Junior Elementary School, Grove City Area George Junior Middle School and Grove City Area George Junior High School. The redesignation of these schools will result in the technical closure of the neighborhood school designations. (Closing refers to the elimination of the neighborhood school designations by removal from the PA EdNA database. This process has been developed in consultation with PDE and the Department stands ready to provide technical support, resources and guidance.)

CLOSURE OF GJR
SCHOOLS IN EDNA
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	abstained	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 additional course (error/omission) for the 2023-24 High School Program of Studies Course Catalog for grade 9 and for grades 10-12.

ADDITIONAL
2023-24 COURSE
FOR HIGH
SCHOOL
PROGRAM OF
STUDIES COURSE
CATALOG
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 Ms. Wilson to approve hiring the following: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:

S. BOYLE
P. BOYD-TERRY
HIRED

- Summer Boyle – 6th grade English Long-term Substitute – retroactive to August 29, 2022.
- Payton Boyd-Terry – Full-time Custodian – at a salary of \$14.00 hourly, effective February 14, 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 Ms. Wilson to approve sabbatical leave for Anthony Molinaro for the 2023-24 school year.

A. MOLINARO
2023-24
SABBATICAL
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 Ms. Wilson to approve sabbatical leave for Amy Divoky for the 2023-24 school year.

A DIVOKY
2023-24
SABBATICAL
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. McCracken to approve tenure for Trevor Bortz - Secondary Art.

T. BORTZ
TENURE
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 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 Stage Sets - \$1,080.50
- Pat McElroy – High School Musical Theater Tech - \$1,272.50
- Christine Martuccio – mentor for Hannah Grim - \$1,299 (pro-rated)
- She'bee Hostetler – mentor for Summer Boyle - \$1,299 (pro-rated)
- Tammy Fritz – High School Prom Advisor - \$1,000

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

- Kathleen Conrad – PK-4
- Brant Jones – Pre-graduate 20 day
- Eve Davis – Pre-graduate 20 day
- William Giesler – Emergency Substitute

ADDITIONAL
2022-23
SUBSTITUTES
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 Ms. Wilson to approve additional 2022-23 Spring Sports Supplementals: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Bob Thorne – Track and Field 7-8 Assistant Coach - \$3,408
- Steve Rihel – Track and Field Volunteer
- Mike Sample – Track and Field Volunteer

ADDITIONAL
2022-23 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 Mr. Thomas to approve additional 2022-23 Krise Transportation Inc. school bus drivers – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District paperwork.

- Teresa Firek – monitor
- Marvin Meredith - Driver

ADDITIONAL
KRIS TRAN., INC
DRIVERS
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 final 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)
- 802 – School Organization

POLICY 011
POLICY 251
POLICY 802
FINAL READING
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 Hurs	aye	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye

Dr. Nichols -- Subject of Commentary

- Commended Grove City Cross Country head coach Mike Sample for being named the 2022 Boys' High School Cross Country Coach of the Year by the US Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

MOMENT FOR
MISSION

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meetings – Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.
- Policy & Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting – Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Standing Committees and Work Session Meetings – Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Public Hearing regarding the redesignation of the George Junior Schools – Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- Board Voting Meeting – Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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