

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

Regular Voting Meeting

March 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	Ms. Patty Wilson
Mr. August Hurst	

Dr. Jeffrey Tedford and Dr. Armando Sciullo were absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), 2 guests in person and approximately 3 guests remotely.

There was no scheduled Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. McCracken to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2023 Board Voting Meeting and the March 6, 2023 Work Session Meeting.

VOTING MEETING/
WORK SESSION
MEETING
MINUTES
APPROVED

The motion carried; 7 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	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye		

President's Report:

- Mr Gerwick discussed the District's plan to replace some of the older Chromebooks and utilize those older ones for use in the Board meetings.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent's Report:

- Nothing to report.

SUPER-
INTENDENT'S
REPORT

Solicitor's Report:

- Nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S
REPORT

MCCC and MIU4 Report:

- Nothing to report.

MCCC & MIU4
REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Mr. Hurst that since the Board has discussed each item in tonight's packet at their work session, and there is nothing new being presented, that all items and motions contained in tonight's agenda packet be approved under one single motion.

ALL ITEMS AND
MOTIONS IN
AGENDA PACKET
WITH EXCEPTION
OF STUDENT
TRAVEL REQUEST
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Arnold to amend Mr. McCracken's motion to include all items, with the exception of item number one under Student Affairs and Activities pertaining to a student travel request.

The motion to amend carried; 7 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	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye		

The amended motion to approve all items and motions contained in the agenda packet, with the exception of item number one under Student Affairs and Activities, carried; 7 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	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye		

FINANCE

1. The Board approved the Financial Statement for February 2023.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
APPROVED

2. The Board approved the Bills Payable for March 2023.

LIST OF BILLS
PAYABLE
APPROVED

3. The Board approved the Budget Transfers for March 2023.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

4. The Board approved the 2023-24 MIU IV General Operating Budget.

MIU IV GENERAL
OPERATING
BUDGET
APPROVED

STUDENT AFFAIRS and ACTIVITIES

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

STUDENT TRAVEL
REQUEST
APPROVED

- High School choral member and one chaperone to travel to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Annual State Conference at Kalahari Resort, Poconos, PA on April 19-20, 2023, at a District cost not to exceed \$1,222.34.

The motion carried; 6 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	Ms. Patty Wilson	aye
Mr. August Hurst	aye		

2. The Board approved District Logo Branding with TUSK Design.

DISTRICT LOGO
BRANDING WITH
TUSK DESIGN
APPROVED

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. The Board approved the following staff conference requests:

STAFF
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS
APPROVED

- Dr. Nicole Billak – PA Speech and Hearing Association State Convention – April 12-15, 2023 – King of Prussia-Valley Forge Casino Resort – District cost of \$500.
- Denise Ferguson, Beth Harris and Dr. Joshua Weaver – PAFPC Annual Conference – April 16-19, 2023 – Kalahari Conference Center, Pocono Manor, PA – District cost of \$3,200.
- Ann Lansheak – Marching Band and Chamber Choir trip – March 15-19, 2023 – Orlando, FL – District cost not to exceed \$824.48.

PERSONNEL

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| 1. The Board approved Zach Martin as a Football volunteer - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork. | FOOTBALL
SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROVED |
| 2. The Board approved the 2023 Hillview Summer School Staff - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork. | 2023 HILLVIEW
SUMMER SCHOOL
STAFF APPROVED |
| 3. The Board approved an additional 2022-23 Krise Transportation Inc. school bus driver – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District paperwork. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jessica Gossett | ADDITIONAL
KRIS TRAN., INC
DRIVER
APPROVED |
| 4. The Board approved the additional 2022-23 Supplemental: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erin Persch – Tutoring | ADDITIONAL
2022-23
SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROVED |
| 5. The Board approved the following additional 2022-23 Substitutes: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kyra Pruszko – Pre-graduate 20 days• Evah Hershberger – Pre-graduate 20 days• Olivia Carneval – Pre-graduate 20 days• Stephen Gilliland – Emergency Substitute• Haicy Tucker – Pre-graduate 20 days | ADDITIONAL
2022-23
SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED |
| 6. The Board approved additional 2022-23 Spring Sports Supplementals: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saige Craft – Softball volunteer coach• Bob Smiley – Softball volunteer coach• Erin Swartfager – Track and Field volunteer coach• Anna Schmid – Track and Field volunteer coach | ADDITIONAL
2022-23 SPRING
SPORTS
SUPPLEMENTALS
APPROVED |

7. The Board approved the following resignations and retirements as well as any necessary documentation as to terms and conditions to finalize the employee's separation from the District employment:

- Tim Green – 6th grade Reading teacher – retirement effective date – June 1, 2023
- Stephani Damato – GJR English teacher – resignation effective date – February 28, 2023
- Lisa Hershberger – Hillview full-time aide – retirement effective date – June 1, 2023
- Amy Gildersleeve – Hillview full-time aide – retirement effective date – June 1, 2023
- Sue Decker – High School math teacher – retirement effective date – June 1, 2023
- Jaimie Reed – Hillview full-time aide – resignation effective date – March 17, 2023
- Susan Palmiter – Hillview part-time aide – resignation effective date – March 3, 2023

2022-23
RESIGNATIONS
AND
RETIREMENTS
APPROVED

FACILITIES and SCHOOL SAFETY

1. The Board approved the Thyssenkrupp Elevator Service 3-year Agreement.

THYSSENKRUPP
ELEVATOR
SERVICE
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

2. The Board accepted the PianCon J Approval Letter.

PLANCON J
APPROVAL
LETTER
ACCEPTED

POLICY and LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

1. The Board approved the first reading of the following policies:
- 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities (Recommended updates from PSBA)
 - 113.4 – Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information (Recommended updates from PSBA)
 - 137 – Home Education Programs (Recommended updates from PSBA)

POLICY 113.1
POLICY 113.4
POLICY 137
POLICY 137.1
POLICY 137.2
POLICY 137.3
FIRST READING
APPROVED

- 137.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 137.2 – Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 137.3 – Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students (Recommended updates from PSBA)

Mr. McCracken – Subject of Commentary

- Commended the 3 wrestlers who attended States in Hershey this past weekend. All 3 athletes brought home medals in their weight classes.

MOMENT FOR
MISSION

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Commended the Boys' Basketball Team and their coaches on their District X championship, the first since 1999.

Mr. McCracken – Subject of Commentary

- Commended the teaching staff and support staff who will be retiring or leaving the District during this school year. Their time and dedication over the years has been greatly appreciated.

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Commended the Unified Bocce Team on their excellent season.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.
- Student Affairs & Activities Committee Meeting – Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Standing Committees and Work Session Meetings – Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Voting Meeting – Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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