

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

Regular Voting Meeting

April 12, 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	Dr. Armando Sciullo
Mr. Randy Arnold	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford
Dr. Constance Nichols	Ms. Patty Wilson

Mr. Ryan Thomas, Mr. August Hurst and Mr. Lee McCracken were absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), Dr. Smith, 6 guests in person and approximately 3 guests remotely.

There was no Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

The Board recognized Andrew Garay and commended him on winning the 2023 PMEA Outstanding Young Music Educator Award.

BOARD
RECOGNITION

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2023 Board Voting Meeting, the April 3, 2023 Work Session Meeting and the April 3, 2023 Special Voting Meeting.

VOTING MEETING/
WORK SESSION
MEETING
MINUTES
APPROVED

The motion carried; 6 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Sciullo	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Nichols	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

President's Report:

- Mr. Gerwick discussed the National School Board Association Conference he attended in Orlando, Florida.

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

- Dr. Finch discussed the Reimagining High School Design program and the work of the High School Leadership team in partnering with the program.
- Carlow University has been meeting with Mrs. Martin and her team to discuss the elementary program utilized for competency-based advancement strategies.
- Progress is being made on submitting the Renew America's Schools grant application. A decision is expected in mid-June.
- Progress has been made on narrowing down the targeted roofing replacement strategy for cost effectiveness at the high school.
- Dr. Finch will be attending the PASA Board of Governors Meeting in Harrisburg and discussed the focus of the Board of Governors.

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

- Settlement discussions are continuing with the Prime Outlets regarding their real estate tax assessment appeal.

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

- Nothing to report.

MCCC & MIU4
REPORT

Mrs. Harris and Dr. Finch presented the 2023-24 Budget Planning Presentation: General Funds and Projected Revenues.

2023-24 BUDGET
PLANNING
PRESENTATION

Dr. Sciullo left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Tedford made the motion, in consideration of related discussions in our most recent public work session meeting, the Finance committee recommends, and I move that action items #1, #2 and #3 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Dr. Nichols.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Financial Statement for March 2023.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
APPROVED

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Bills Payable for April 2023.

LIST OF BILLS
PAYABLE
APPROVED

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Budget Transfers for April 2023.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

The motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Dr. Nichols	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the 2023-24 Mercer County Career Center Budget.

2023-24
MERCER COUNTY
CAREER CENTER
BUDGET
APPROVED

The motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Dr. Nichols	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the Middle School PlanCon J.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
PLANCON J
APPROVED

The motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Dr. Nichols	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve reduced-price student lunches to receive a lunch meal at no cost.

REDUCED
STUDENT
LUNCHES TO
RECEIVE FREE
LUNCH
APPROVED

The motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Dr. Nichols	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the RFP for Food Service Equipment.

RFP FOOD
SERVICE
EQUIPMENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Dr. Nichols	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the RFP for Food Service Line Upgrade.

RFP FOOD
SERVICE LINE
UPGRADE
APPROVED

The motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Dr. Nichols	aye		

Mr. Arnold made the motion, in consideration of related discussions in our most recent public work session meeting, the Student Affairs and Activities committee recommends, and I move that action item #1 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Dr. Tedford.

STUDENT TRAVEL
REQUESTS
APPROVED

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following student travel request(s): (approval with conditions for change that may be impacted by the COVID pandemic).

- High school students and one chaperone to travel to the State National History Day Contest at the University of Scranton on April 22-23, 2023 at a District cost not to exceed \$2,000.
- High School band 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 \$1,650.
- Middle School Gifted Students and one chaperone to travel to the State K'Nex Tournament in Harrisburg, PA on May 11-12, 2023 at a District cost not to exceed \$535.

The motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Dr. Nichols	aye		

Dr. Nichols made the motion, in consideration of related discussions in our most recent public work session meeting, the Educational Services committee recommends, and I move that action items #1 and #2 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Dr. Tedford.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2023-2026 Comprehensive Plan.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following staff conference request(s):
 - Rebecca Limberg - Certified Autism Spectrum Disorder Clinical Specialist Intensive Training
 - March 21 - April 30, 2023
 - District cost - \$212
 - Virtual

2023-2026
COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN APPROVED

STAFF
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS
APPROVED

- Jennifer Reiser - Menu Ideation Training
 - April 20, 2023
 - District cost - \$125
 - North Huntingdon, PA
- Rebecca Trinchese, Erin Persch, Michelle Albertini, Stephanie Sumner and Kate Siekkinen - Regional School Counseling Woman's Workshop
 - April 28, 2023
 - District cost - \$1,150
 - Slippery Rock, PA

The motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Dr. Nichols	aye		

Dr. Sciuillo returned to the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Mr. Gerwick made the motion, in consideration of related discussions in our most recent public work session meeting, the Personnel committee recommends, and I move that action items #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Dr. Tedford.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve 2023 Summer Help at an hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.
 - Alex Holmes
2. It is recommended that the Board approve additional 2023 Hillview Summer School Staff - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.
 - Megan Warinner - Instructional Aide
 - Tammy Cook - Instructional Aide
 - Emma Isenberg - Instructional Aide
 - Ella Lanshcaak - Instructional Aide
 - Belle Hughes - Instructional Aide
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following additional 2022-23 Substitutes: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.
 - Lily Maguire - Pre-graduate 20 days
 - Madaline Hinz - Pre-graduate 20 days

2023 SUMMER
WORKER HIRED

ADDITIONAL
2023 HILLVIEW
SUMMER SCHOOL
STAFF APPROVED

ADDITIONAL
2022-23
SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2023 Summer ESY Staff Services: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve a contract with Seneca Valley School District regarding shared school psychologist services and cost.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the additional 2022-23 Krise Transportation, Inc. school bus driver - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.
 - Gary Dickerson
7. It is recommended that the Board approve the following retirement as well as any necessary documentation as to terms and conditions to finalize the employee's separation from the District employment.
 - Kelly Campbell - full-time custodian - effective date - December 29, 2023

2023 SUMMER ESY
STAFF APPROVED

PSYCHOLOGIST
SERVICES WITH
SENECA VALLEY
APPROVED

ADDITIONAL
2022-23 KRISE
TRANS., INC.
DRIVER
APPROVED

RETIREMENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 6 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Sciallo	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Nichols	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve the final 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)
- 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)

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

The motion carried; 6 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Sciallo	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Nichols	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the Spring Musical and the great job that was done.

Dr. Tedford – Subject of Commentary

- Commented that another student has qualified for the All-State Music Conference.

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the community organization Food for Kids, who in the past decade has distributed approximately 24,000 bags of food to district children.

Dr. Finch – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the High School Guidance Counselors organizing the Summer Job Fair being held this Friday, April 14 from 1:30 to 4:30 and the opportunity it will afford the students.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Special Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meetings – Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.
- Policy and Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting – Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Standing Committees and Work Session Meetings – Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Voting Meeting – Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8.38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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