

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

Regular Voting Meeting

May 8, 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 7:01 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. Ryan Thomas  
Mr. Randy Arnold  
Mr. August Hurst

Dr. Constance Nichols  
Dr. Armando Sciallo  
Dr. Jeffrey Tedford  
Ms. Patty Wilson

Mr. Lee McCracken was absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), 8 guests in person and approximately 23 guests remotely.

There was no Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

The Board recognized Mr. Mike Sample and commended him on receiving the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association 2022 Boys High School Cross Country Coach of the Year.

BOARD  
RECOGNITION

There were two public comments.

- Ms. Robbin Rihel expressed financial concerns related to transporting students to out of district placement facilities.
- Ms. Amanda Dicus expressed concern related to community awareness regarding the proposed 2023-2024 Financial Budget and possible educator furloughs.

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2023 Board Voting Meeting and the May 1, 2023 Work Session Meeting.

VOTING MEETING/  
WORK SESSION  
MEETING  
MINUTES  
APPROVED

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

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

**President's Report:**

- There was nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT

**Superintendent's Report:**

- Dr. Finch announced that there are handouts at each Board member's seat that list end of the school year activities that are scheduled for Hillview School.
- Dr. Finch announced that there is also a copy at each Board member's seat of the Educational Services Planning and Proposal draft which has been submitted to PDE for review.

SUPER-  
INTENDENT'S  
REPORT

**Solicitor's Report:**

- There was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S  
REPORT

**MCCC and MIU4 Report:**

- Ms. Wilson discussed the new aquaponics program which will be offered to students at the Mercer County Career Center.
- Ms. Wilson announced that Acceptance Letters have been sent out to students who have been accepted to the Career Center for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Ms. Wilson updated the Board concerning some of the assistive learning aids that are available through the MIU4 for use by students in the district.

MCCC & MIU4  
REPORT

Dr. Tedford made the motion, in consideration of related discussions in our previous 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 April 2023.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Bills Payable for May 2023.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Budget Transfers for May 2023.

FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT  
APPROVED

LIST OF BILLS  
PAYABLE  
APPROVED

BUDGET  
TRANSFERS  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye*	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Sciullo	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

\*Mr. Gerwick voted with exception to his reimbursement check for the NSBA Conference.

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve Dr. Jeffrey Tedford as treasurer for the 2023-24 school year.

2023-24  
SCHOOL  
TREASURER  
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the 2023-24 Depositories:

2023-24  
DEPOSITORIES  
APPROVED

- General Fund: PLGIT, PNC Bank, PSDLAF and First National Bank
- Student Activities: Mars National Bank
- Cafeteria Account: PLGIT and First National Bank
- Capital Reserve Account: PLGIT

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve Dr. Thomas Lah as the school dentist for the 2023-24 school year at a cost of \$1,000.

2023-24  
SCHOOL DENTIST  
DR. LAH  
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve Student Insurances – effective 7/1/2023 through 6/30/2024, ranging in price, depending on coverage level selected, from \$30 up to \$458 for the year.

2023-24  
STUDENT  
INSURANCES  
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the athletic trainer contract with Wise Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine for \$21,500 per year for five years – contingent upon review and approval of the solicitor.

2023-24  
ATHLETIC  
TRAINER  
CONTRACT  
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve student meal prices beginning in the 2023-24 school year.

2023-24  
MEAL PRICE  
INCREASE  
APPROVED

- \$2.75 -- Elementary lunch meal price
- \$3.00 -- Secondary (middle and high) lunch price
- \$1.50 -- All buildings' breakfast meal price

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to authorize the Administration to work with PFM Financial Advisors LLC, as Independent Financial Advisor, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel, and the Solicitor to proceed with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2023 in the approximate amount of \$9,995,000, via a competitive internet auction, the proceeds of which will be used towards funding the High School Project.

ISSUANCE OF  
GENERAL  
OBLIGATION  
BOND  
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2023-24 Proposed Final Budget with a 2 mill increase. After a discussion by Board members, Mr. Hurst called to question the motion on the floor.

2023-24  
PROPOSED FINAL  
BUDGET  
2 MILL INCREASE  
FAILED

The motion failed; 1 aye, 7 nays, with roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	nay	Dr. Nichols	nay
Mr. Thomas	nay	Dr. Sciullo	nay
Mr. Arnold	nay	Dr. Tedford	nay
Mr. Hurst	aye	Ms. Wilson	nay

A motion was made by Dr. Sciullo and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2023-24 Proposed Final Budget with a 3 mill increase.

2023-24  
PROPOSED FINAL  
BUDGET  
3 MILL INCREASE  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 6 aye, 2 nays, with roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Sciullo	aye
Mr. Arnold	nay	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mr. Hurst	nay	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the following staff conference request:

- Kirstie Stich – National Autism Conference at Penn Stater Conference Center on July 31 – August 3, 2023 at a District cost of \$1,175.

STAFF  
CONFERENCE  
REQUEST  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 7 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows\*:

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

\*Mr. Thomas stepped out of the meeting prior to this vote.

Mr. Hurst 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 through #11, be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Dr. Tedford.

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| <p>1. It is recommended that the Board approve 2023 Summer Help at a rate of \$12.00 per hour – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniel Gerwick – college student</li> <li>• Lucas Geyer – high school student</li> <li>• Clayton Gould – high school student</li> <li>• Tommy McCoy – high school student</li> <li>• Anthony Davis – high school student</li> <li>• Michelle Cooper – cafeteria worker</li> </ul> | <p>2023<br/>SUMMER HELP<br/>APPROVED</p>                                     |
| <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Lange – teacher</li> <li>• Matt Nichols – teacher</li> </ul>   | <p>ADDITIONAL<br/>2023 HILLVIEW<br/>SUMMER SCHOOL<br/>STAFF<br/>APPROVED</p> |
| <p>3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following additional substitutes: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rhiannon Rearick – pre-graduate 20 days</li> <li>• Ella Lanshcaak – support</li> <li>• Isabelle Hughes – support</li> <li>• Ryan Bosch – emergency substitute</li> <li>• Ashley Hazy – support</li> </ul>  | <p>2022-23<br/>ADDITIONAL<br/>SUBSTITUTES<br/>APPROVED</p>                   |
| <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brandon Jones – ESY teacher</li> <li>• Karey Westwood – ESY teacher</li> <li>• Barb Gilliland – ESY substitute nurse</li> <li>• Ava Ekstam – ESY teacher</li> <li>• Lynda Barrett – ESY teacher</li> </ul>   | <p>2023<br/>SUMMER ESY<br/>STAFF<br/>APPROVED</p>                            |
| <p>5. It is recommended that the Board approve 2023 Cafeteria Summer Feeding Program staff – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melanie Williams</li> <li>• Cathy Gilliland</li> <li>• Andrea Pringle</li> <li>• Lynn Budnick</li> <li>• Andrea Hawke</li> <li>• Lynn Davis-Edwards</li> </ul>   | <p>2023<br/>CAFETERIA<br/>SUMMER FEEDING<br/>STAFF APPROVED</p>              |

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| <p>6. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2023 Middle School Summer Programming Staff - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katie Schilling – teacher</li> <li>• Hannah Grim – teacher</li> <li>• Shelbee Hostetler – teacher</li> <li>• Erin Persch – teacher</li> </ul>   | <p>2023<br/>MIDDLE SCHOOL<br/>SUMMER<br/>PROGRAM STAFF<br/>APPROVED</p>   |
| <p>7. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2023 GJR Summer Programming Staff - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lynda Barrett – Orientation</li> <li>• Chad Weierstall – GED</li> <li>• Tiffany Brinkley – Orientation substitute</li> </ul>  | <p>2023<br/>GJR SUMMER<br/>PROGRAM STAFF<br/>APPROVED</p>                 |
| <p>8. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2023 High School Programming Staff - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nate Barber – teacher</li> <li>• Dennis Ranker – teacher</li> <li>• Will Logan – teacher</li> <li>• Janine Stuart – teacher</li> <li>• Beth Sciuillo – teacher</li> <li>• Tom Lilly – teacher</li> <li>• Billy Herman – teacher</li> <li>• Karyn Senita – teacher</li> <li>• Adam Jury – teacher</li> <li>• Rob Haggart – teacher</li> <li>• Tammy Fritz – teacher</li> <li>• Amanda DiAlesandro – teacher</li> <li>• Pat McElroy – teacher</li> <li>• Hannah Flowers – teacher</li> <li>• Ashley Hazy – support</li> <li>• Bobby Thorne – teacher</li> <li>• Greg Mulato – teacher</li> </ul> | <p>2023<br/>HIGH SCHOOL<br/>SUMMER<br/>PROGRAM<br/>STAFF<br/>APPROVED</p> |
| <p>9. It is recommended that the Board approve 2023-24 Fall Coaches as presented in Board packet attachments - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.</p>  | <p>2023-24<br/>FALL COACHES<br/>APPROVED</p>                              |

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the following resignations as well as any necessary documentation as to terms and conditions to finalize the employees' separation from the District employment.

- David Paserba – school psychologist – effective June 30, 2023
- Christeena Mershimer – Hillview full-time aide – effective May 12, 2023

2023  
RESIGNATIONS  
APPROVED

11. 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.

- James Leavens

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

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye*	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Sciullo	aye**
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

\*Mr. Gerwick voted with exception to Item #1 since his son is listed as a hire for the Summer Help.

\*\*Dr. Sciullo voted with exception to Item #8 since his wife is listed as a teacher for the High School Summer Program Staff.

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the MOU with GCAEA regarding an early retirement incentive.

EARLY  
RETIREMENT  
INCENTIVE MOU  
WITH GCAEA  
APPROVED

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

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

Mr. Thomas made the motion, in consideration of related discussions in our previous public work session meeting, the Facilities and School Safety committee recommends, and I move that action items #1 and #2 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hurst.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the food service serving line upgrades contract with TriMark – contingent upon review and approval of the District solicitor.

TRIMARK  
CONTRACT  
APPROVED



2. It is recommended that the Board approve Construction Management (CM) pre-construction services proposal.

CONSTRUCTION  
MANAGEMENT  
PROPOSAL  
APPROVED

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

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

Mr. Gerwick made the motion, in consideration of related discussions in our previous public work session meeting, the Policy and Legislative Affairs committee recommends, and I move that action items #1 and #2 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the first reading of the following policies:
- 209 – Health Examinations/Screenings (Recommended updates from PSBA)
  - 705 – Facilities and Workplace Safety (Recommended updates from PSBA)
  - 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs
  - 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement

POLICY 209  
POLICY 705  
POLICY 626.1  
POLICY 918  
FIRST READING  
APPROVED

2. It is recommended that the Board approve Dr. Connie Nichols and Douglas Gerwick as PSBA voting delegates for the 2023 Delegate assembly.

2023 PSBA VOTING  
DELEGATES  
APPROVED

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

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

Mr. Thomas – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the STEAM Night at Hillview and the great job that was done.

MOMENT  
FOR MISSION

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the Academic Games our students attended in Florida. Many of those students earned trophies and awards.
- Dr. Weaver also congratulated Heather Fry on receiving the Outstanding Educator Award at the Academic Games.

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on Educator Appreciation Week and appreciation for the tremendous teachers at Grove City who inspire others by using their individual potential to unlock the potential in their students.

Mr. Hurst – Subject of Commentary

- Commented and thanked Mallory Rihel for her contribution in the completion of the Gaga Ball Pits at Hillview School.

Dr. Finch – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the correspondence sent to the staff in regards to Educator Appreciation Week on behalf of the District Administrators and the Board of School Directors, and his appreciation that the Board is challenging themselves to not forget the values of the District while facing some of the upcoming difficult decisions.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meetings – Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.
- Student Affairs and Activities Committee Meeting – Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Standing Committees and Work Session Meetings – Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Voting Meeting – Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8.26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris  
Board Secretary

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