

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

Regular Voting Meeting

August 14, 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 7:03 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 (Remotely)

Dr. Armando Sciullo was absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mr. Breitenbach (remotely), 5 guests in person and approximately 2 guests remotely.

There was an Executive Session held immediately following the work session on August 7, 2023 regarding a pending special education litigation matter.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2023 Board Voting Meeting and the August 7, 2023 Work Session Meeting.

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:**

- There was nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT

**Superintendent's Report:**

- Dr. Finch welcomed a Boy Scout observing tonight's meeting.

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

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 Mr. Thomas.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Financial Statement for July 2023.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Bills Payable for June, July and August 2023.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve \$500 petty cash for the High School Fall Play and \$300 petty cash for Hillview's Fall Play.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT APPROVED

LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE APPROVED

2023-24 PETTY CASH FOR FALL PLAYS APPROVED

Each Board member voted with exception to their individual mileage reimbursement checks. 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 Mercer County Head Start to purchase meals from the District Food Services, (contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor).

MERCER COUNTY HEAD START MEAL PURCHASE 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 2023-24 Krise Transportation, Inc. school bus drivers and monitors – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

2023-24  
KRISE TRANS, INC.  
DRIVERS AND  
MONITORS  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nay, 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 2023-24 Glade Run Agreement (contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor).

2023-24  
GLADE RUN  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nay, 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 off-campus interpreting services with Western PA School for the Deaf for the 2023-24 school year - \$23,000.

2023-24  
WESTERN PA  
SCHOOL FOR THE  
DEAF SERVICES  
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 2023-24 Watson Institute Agreement (contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor).

2023-24  
WATSON  
INSTITUTE  
AGREEMENT  
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 Mr. McCracken to approve the following student travel request: (approval with conditions for change that may be impacted by the COVID pandemic).

STUDENT TRAVEL  
REQUESTS  
APPROVED

- Cross Country student and 2 chaperones to travel to Hershey, PA for the Foundation Race on September 22-23, 2023 at a District cost of \$224.

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

Dr. Finch discussed an 11<sup>th</sup> grade Foreign Exchange Student being enrolled in the District for the 2023-24 school year.

FOREIGN  
EXCHANGE  
STUDENT  
DISCUSSED

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve the following staff conference request(s):

STAFF  
CONFERENCE  
REQUEST  
APPROVED

- Kirstie Stich, Sharon Hunter and Robin Hanna – National Autism Conference at Penn State Conference Center on July 31-August 1, 2023 at a District cost of \$2,275.

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 DRAFT Memorandum of Understanding with George Junior Republic so as to support district administration in performing its duties and responsibilities in connection with the education of GJR students.

DRAFT MOU WITH  
GEORGE JUNIOR  
REPUBLIC  
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.

M. PRINKEY  
HIRED

- Matthew Prinkey – Professional Music Teacher – effective August 21, 2023 at a salary of \$58,665 (M-3).

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 additional substitutes: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

ADDITIONAL  
SUBSTITUTES  
APPROVED

- Julie Strouss – Elementary K-6, Ment. and/or Phys. Handi., MI. English 6-9 and English 7-12
- Ashley Kellogg – Emergency substitute
- John Sallmen – Emergency substitute
- Corrado Bello – Emergency substitute
- Stephen Gilliland – Emergency substitute

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 2023 Fall Sports Supplementals - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Joe Kosick – Football Volunteer Asst. Coach
- Meghann Rigney – Girls Soccer 7-8 Asst. Coach - \$3,483
- Brenton Turner – Boys Soccer 7-8 Asst. Coach – \$3,483
- Jacob Reddick – Football 7-8 Asst. Coach – ½ pay - \$2,189
- Katie Schilling – Cross Country Volunteer Asst. Coach
- Steven Biddle – Cross Country Volunteer Asst. Coach
- AJ Miller – Football Volunteer Asst. Coach

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

2023 ADDITIONAL  
FALL SPORTS  
SUPPLEMENTALS  
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the additional 2023 Summer Help at an hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

2023 ADDITIONAL  
SUMMER HELP  
APPROVED

- Madisyn Fisher – high school student – retroactive to July 10, 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 Mr. Thomas to approve the 2023-24 Supplementals – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

2023-24  
SUPPLEMENTALS  
APPROVED

- Emily Lozosky – mentor for Katie Foster - \$1,407
- Hannah Flowers – mentor for Matthew Prinkey - \$1,407
- Hannah Flowers -- High School Show Choir Advisor - \$3,844
- Brandon Jones – High School Student Council Advisor - \$3,971
- Matthew Prinkey – High School Asst. Band Director - \$4,276
- Matthew Prinkey – High School Jazz Band - \$3,531
- Nichole Kingston – Middle School Student Council Advisor - \$1,296
- Ben English – Middle School Yearbook Advisor - \$1,296
- Kristy Thrasher – High School Accompanist - \$953
- Kristy Thrasher – Middle School Accompanist - \$829
- Rob Haggart – High School Building Level Tech Support - \$2,016
- Justin Bandi – High School Building Level Tech Support - \$2,016
- Pat McElroy – High School Fall Play/2 - \$5,603
- Pat McElroy – High School Fall Play Stage Sets/2 - \$2,241
- Pat McElroy – High School Light and Sound Tech - \$1,378
- Pat McElroy – High School Theatre Tech Director/2 (Fall Play) - \$2,653
- Pat McElroy – High School Yearbook Advisor - \$2,757
- Barb Luccido – High School Jr. Fundraising – 1/3 position - \$333
- Michelle Albertini – High School Jr. Fundraising – 1/3 position - \$333
- Stephanie Sumner – High School Jr. Fundraising – 1/3 position - \$333
- Barb Luccido – High School Senior Class Advisor – 1/3 position - \$333
- Michelle Albertini – High School Senior Class Advisor – 1/3 position - \$333

- Stephanie Sumner – High School Senior Class Advisor – 1/3 position - \$333
- Jay Marstellar – High School TV Advisor - \$2,757
- Jay Marstellar – High School Video Tech - \$1,378
- Tom Lilly – Ski Club Co-Advisor – Volunteer
- Bill Hoffman – Ski Club Co-Advisor – Volunteer
- Gail Chutz – Driver’s Ed – Behind the Wheel Instructor - \$42 hourly
- Roger Flynn - Driver’s Ed – Behind the Wheel Instructor - \$42 hourly
- Wayne Peters - Driver’s Ed – Behind the Wheel Instructor - \$42 hourly
- Katie Stewart – Hillview Building Level Tech Support - \$2,016
- Amy Csajka – Hillview Building Level Tech Support - \$2,016
- Dwayne Lettie – Middle School Building Level Tech - \$2,016
- DJ Puskar – Middle School Building Level Tech Support – \$2,016
- Julie Pottinger – Semester Mentor for Melissa Krenzer - \$703.50
- Jess Hedegore – Semester Mentor for Alyssa Gargas - \$703.50
- Mike DeCola – Semester Mentor for Bobby Thorne - \$703.50
- Jason Dunn – Educational Services Program Building Level Tech Support - \$2,016

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 2023-24 Non-Union Personnel salary advancements and stipends.

2023-24  
NON-UNION  
SALARIES AND  
STIPENDS  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	aye	Mr. Lee McCracken	nay
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 Kayla Ward’s request for child rearing leave for the 2023-24 school year at no cost to the district.

2023-24  
CHILD REARING  
LEAVE  
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 the following resignations as well as any necessary documentation as to terms and conditions to finalize the employees' separation from the District employment.

DISTRICT  
RESIGNATIONS  
APPROVED

- Andrew Garay – music teacher – resignation effective June 20, 2023
- Robin Horner – Hillview aide – resignation effective June 29, 2023
- Payton Boyd-Terry – full-time custodian – resignation effective July 18, 2023
- Sam Leuenberger – 2023-24 Hillview Building Substitute – resignation effective August 17, 2023
- Nuria Gomez – Middle School part-time aide – resignation effective August 10, 2023
- David Carfang – High School part-time aide – resignation effective August 10, 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 Mr. Thomas to approve additional 2023 Hillview Summer School Staff – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

2023  
ADDITIONAL  
SUMMER SCHOOL  
STAFF  
APPROVED

- Noelle Torok – teacher

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

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 Johnson Controls contract for \$24,066, effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor).
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Middle School paving repair to be paid out of the Capital Reserve Account.

JOHNSON  
CONTROL  
CONTRACT  
APPROVED

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PAVING REPAIR  
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:

- 200 – Enrollment of Students

FINAL READING  
POLICY 200  
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

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated Tammi Martin on earning her Doctorate.
- Will be speaking along with Dr. Finch at the upcoming PSBA Conference regarding the AHN/Early Childhood initiative and the District’s involvement.

MOMENT  
FOR MISSION

Mr. McCracken – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated Chase Karenbauer on winning the 2023 Pan Am U15 Trials Freestyle Finals. Chase will be representing the USA in wrestling at the Pan Am Games in Panama City.

Mr. Thomas – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that the Grove City Athletic Club, in which his son is a member, was asked to participate in the Homecoming parade.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meetings - Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.
- Policy and Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting - Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Standing Committees and Work Session Meetings - Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Voting Meeting - Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris  
Board Secretary

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