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

Regular Voting Meeting — September 11, 2023

In honor of Patriot Day, the National Anthem was sung by Miss Ella Amodei.

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. Randy Arnold
Mr. August Hurst
Dr. Constance Nichols
Dr. Armando Sciullo
Dr. Jeffrey Tedford
Ms. Patty Wilson

Mr. Ryan Thomas and Mr. Lee McCracken were absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), 6 guests in person and approximately 1 guest remotely.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session held.

BOARD RECOGNITION

The Board of Directors recognized Dr. Armando Sciullo for his eight years of service on the Grove City Area School District's Board of Directors. A certificate was presented to him on behalf of PSBA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Donna Siegfried – Subject of Commentary

- Spoke of concerns involving the need for more drills within the schools, for other emergency situations in addition to standard fire drills.

VOTING MEETING/ WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2023 Voting Meeting and the September 6, 2023 Work Session Meeting.

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		

President's Report:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Gerwick spoke about Advocacy programs being offered by PSBA October 2-6, 2023.
- PSBA has a 3-hour workshop available to teach school districts how to set up district goals. There are plans in progress for utilizing this information in the near future.
- Mr. Gerwick spoke about a workshop, Developing an Onboarding Plan for New Directors, being offered this week.

Superintendent's Report:

SUPER-INTENDENT'S REPORT

- There was nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- There was nothing to report.

MCCC and MIU4 Report:

MCCC & MIU4 REPORT

- Mercer County Career Center has entered into a partnership with Penn College of Technology to develop classes in Health Careers and Informational Technology.
- Ms. Wilson commended Carly Weaver, Dr. Weaver's wife, on being awarded the MIU IV Special Education Director's Award for her work with autistic students.

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 and #2 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hurst.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT APPROVED

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

LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE 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		

2023-24 HOPE ACADEMY AGREEMENT APPROVED

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve the 2023-24 Hope Academy Full-time Special Education Placement Agreement (contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor).

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		

2023-24 ADDITIONAL KRISE TRANS., INC DRIVERS APPROVED

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the additional 2023-24 Krise Transportation, Inc. drivers – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Charles Jones
- Richard Ray
- James Bollinger

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		

2023-24 CONTRACTING FOR ATHLETIC TRAINERS APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve contracting certified athletic trainers at a rate not to exceed $50/hour at a maximum of $30,000 for the 2023-24 school year.

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		

STAFF CONFERENCE REQUEST APPROVED

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve the following staff conference requests:

- Dr. Jeffrey Finch and Dr. Connie Nichols – 2023 PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference at Kalahari, PA on October 15-17, 2023 at a District cost of $2,000.
- Ray Dennis – PASBO School Construction Workshop at Capital Area IU, Summerdale, PA on September 7, 2023 at a District cost of $448.
- Ray Dennis – PASBO Facilities, Transportation, and Safety Conference at The Penn Stater, State College, PA on October 9-10, 2023 at a District cost of $667.
- Rebecca Trinchese, Sheri Koprivnak, Nichole Mathieson, Tyler Volz and Kevin Persch – PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Support) Conference at Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA on October 31 – November 2, 2023 at a District cost of $2,200.
- Ray Dennis – Asbestos Coordinator Training, MIU IV on September 20, 2023 at a District cost of $240.
- Karyn Senita – PSMLA (PA State Modern Language Association) Fall Conference in Seven Springs Mountain Resort on November 2-4, 2023 at a District cost of $1,129.
- Doug Gerwick – 2023 PSBA Start Strong: Developing a District Onboarding Plan for New Directors, PSBA Headquarters, Mechanicsburg, PA on September 13, 2023 at a District cost of $552.

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. Gerwick and Dr. Nichols voted with exception to their individual conference requests.

GCASD / GJR LIAISON GROUP APPROVED

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Dr. Sciullo to approve a board member liaison group of Dr. Connie Nichols, Dr. Jeffrey Tedford and Augie Hurst from GCASD to meet and discuss topics of mutual interest with the GJR board.

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		

T. WISE HIRED

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve hiring the following: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Tim Wise – Full-time Custodian – effective September 12, 2023 at a salary of $14 per hour.

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		

ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve the following additional substitutes: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Leanna Addair – Support
- Julia Steele – Pre-graduate 20 day
- Beth Loretto – Emergency substitute
- Carla Ligo – Emergency substitute
- Rebecca Graham – Emergency substitute
- Amanda Wallace – Early Childhood PK-4 and Special Education PK-8
- Amanda Knauff – Support
- Erin Pisano – Emergency substitute

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		

2023-24 ADDITIONAL FALL SPORTS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the additional 2023 Fall Sports Supplemental - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Tanner McKnight – Boys Soccer 7-8 Asst. Coach – $3,483

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		

2023-24 BOARD SECRETARY STIPEND APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the 2023-24 board secretary stipend for Beth Harris of $5,150.

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		

2023-24 ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTALS APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the additional 2023-24 Supplementals – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Kim Hohman – Student Council Volunteer
- Michael Parulo – Semester Mentor for Michelle Conner - $703.50
- Jeremy Januszkiewicz – Semester Mentor for Michelle Hemmerlin - $703.50

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		

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the following:

The Board of School Directors have conducted the Assistant Supperintendent's evaluation and performance assessment using the Superintendent's recommendation and the evaluation standards as set forth in the Assistant Superintendent's contract. The Board of School Directors agree that the Assistant Superintendent has attained satisfactory performance. This information will be posted on the District's website.

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		

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the following:

The Board of School Directors have conducted the Supperintendent's evaluation and performance assessment using the evaluation standards as set forth in the Superintendent's contract. The Board of School Directors agree that the Superintendent has attained satisfactory performance. This information will be posted on the District's website.

The motion carried; 6 ayes, 1 nay, with voting as follows:

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

DISTRICT RESIGNATION APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve the following resignation as well as any necessary documentation as to terms and conditions to finalize the employee's separation from the District employment.

- Michelle Cooper – part-time cafeteria worker – resignation effective August 30, 2023

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		

2024 PSBA CANDIDATES APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the unopposed slate of PSBA Candidates for 2024 as presented on their website and direct the board secretary to cast the vote on behalf of the Board.

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		

ANNUAL REVIEW POLICY 249 CONDUCTED

The annual review of Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying was conducted.

Ms. Wilson/Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

MOMENT FOR MISSION

- Commended the Grove City Cross Country Team for completing their 100th undefeated dual meet dating back to 2007.

Mr. Hurst – Subject of Commentary

- Expressed his appreciation to the administration and district staff for the strong start to the school year.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meetings – Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.
- Student Affairs and Activities Committee Meeting – Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Standing Committees and Work Session Meetings – Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Voting Meeting – Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Harris

Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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