

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

Regular Voting Meeting

November 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 7:00 p.m. in the board room. Board members and the public participated either in person or remotely.

The following members were present:

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| Mr. Douglas Gerwick | Dr. Constance Nichols |
| Mr. Ryan Thomas | Dr. Armando Sciullo |
| Mr. Randy Arnold | Dr. Jeffrey Tedford |
| Mr. August Hurst | Ms. Patty Wilson |
| Mr. Lee McCracken | |

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mr. Breitenbach (remotely), 9 guests in person and approximately 15 guests remotely.

There was no Executive Session held.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

The Board recognized High school students Taryn, Lydia and Jennifer Peterson who have written, and had published, a young-adult science-fiction book, *AWAKE*.

BOARD
RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized Ms. Karen Senita as the NECTFL (Northeastern Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language) finalist.

Ms. Robbin Rihel – Subject of Commentary

- Spoke about the newly formed GSA club at the Middle school.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2023 Voting Meeting and the November 6, 2023 Work Session Meeting.

VOTING MEETING/
WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

President's Report:

- Mr. Gerwick thanked Dr. Sciullo and Mr. McCracken for their years of service on the Board of Directors as well as the remaining Board for their hard work over the past year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

SUPER-INTENDENT'S REPORT

Solicitor's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

MCCC and MIU4 Report:

- Ms. Wilson reminded the Board of the Mercer County Career Center celebrating their 50th anniversary Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

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, #3 and #4 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. McCracken.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Financial Statement for October 2023.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Bills Payable for November 2023.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Budget Transfers for November 2023.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Budget Transfers for November 2023 from the Budgetary reserve.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT APPROVED

LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE APPROVED

BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED

BUDGETARY RESERVE TRANSFERS APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

*Dr. Nichols voted with exception to the payment of her possible reimbursement check.

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. McCracken to approve the tax resolution which states that the District will not increase taxes above the Act 1 Adjusted Index for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

TAX RESOLUTION
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the assignment of the General Fund balances on June 30, 2023 as follows:

ASSIGNMENT OF
GENERAL FUND
BALANCES
APPROVED

- Other post employment benefits \$ 900,565
- PSERS Contributions \$2,850,000
- Future Bond Payments \$3,330,000
- Total Assigned Fund Balance \$7,080,565

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the use of Capital Reserve funds to pay for the Middle School HVAC repairs totaling \$50,771.00.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
HVAC REPAIRS
FUNDING
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve 2023-24 IU IV IDEA-B, Section 611 and IDEA – Section 619 contracts for \$52,923.35.

2023-24 IU IV
IDEA-B, SECTION
611 AND IDEA
SECTION 619
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve Year 2 of the Developing Future Special Educators Grant.

DEVELOPING
FUTURE SPECIAL
EDUCATION
GRANT YEAR 2
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2024-25 Joint Purchasing Agreement with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV (contingent upon review and approval of the District solicitor).

2024-25 JOINT
PURCHASING
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the consulting services of the Education Consortium (ECTS) for the funding year 2024 (contingent upon review and approval of the District solicitor).

2024
EDUCATION
CONSORTIUM
(ECTS)
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

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

- Suzette Foster – driver
- Rosemary Wasilko - monitor

2023-24
ADDITIONAL
KRISER TRANS., INC
DRIVER &
MONITOR
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve the following student travel requests:

- Gifted students, 1 teacher and 5 chaperones, to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum in Cleveland, OH, on November 21, 2023 at a district cost not to exceed \$1,539.
- High school students and 2 chaperones to YSU English Festival in Youngstown, OH, on April 17, 2024 at a District cost of \$618.
- Middle school students and 2 chaperones to YSU English Festival in Youngstown, OH, on April 18, 2024 at a District cost of \$100.

STUDENT TRAVEL
REQUEST
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

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

- Michelle Beck – SAP (Student Assistance Program) Training at Mercer County Behavioral Health Office on October 24, 25 and 26, 2023 at a District cost of \$350.
- Beth Harris – PASBO Annual Conference at Hershey, PA on March 5-8, 2024 at a District cost of \$1,520.
- Dr. Finch, Dr. Smith, Tammy Fritz, Bill Hoffman and Dan Nemeth – PA Needs Teacher Coalition meeting, in Harrisburg, PA on November 12 and 13, 2023 at a District cost of \$1,700.
- Judy Dennis, Katie Stewart, Amy Csajka, Melissa Krenzer, Dwayne Lettie, DJ Puskar and Tammi Martin – PETE & C in Hershey, PA on February 4-7, 2024 at a District cost of \$6,965.

STAFF
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the settlement agreement and release for student #280155.

STUDENT #280155
SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve a contract with Wesley Spectrum to perform a functional behavioral analysis (contingent upon review and approval of the District solicitor).

WESLEY
SPECTRUM
CONTRACT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 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. McCracken | 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.

T. SHAW
B. ALBERTSON
A. WALLACE
R. STRONG
HIRED

- Tammy Shaw – Temporary Professional Elementary Learning Loss Teacher – retroactive to October 30, 2023 at a prorated salary of \$60,694 (B-5)
- Breanna Albertson – Part-time Cafeteria Production Worker – at a salary of \$12.50 hourly, (Dept. C-II) – retroactive to November 6, 2023.
- Amanda Wallace – Hillview long-term special education substitute – effective November 28, 2023 at a prorated salary of 45,870.25
- Richard Strong – Full-time Custodian – effective November 14, 2023 at a salary of \$14.00 per hour.

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the additional 2023-24 Building Substitute: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Beth Loretto – Hillview building substitute

2023-24
ADDITIONAL
BUILDING
LEVEL SUB
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

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

- Jazmyne Scott – cafeteria
- Hannah Snelbaker – Pre-graduate 20 days
- Alexis Ward – Pre-graduate 20 days
- Kyle Strawbridge – Special Education PK-12
- Faith Smoker – Pre-graduate 20 days
- Connie Stembal – cafeteria volunteer
- Bonnie O'Neil – cafeteria volunteer
- Lyndsey Langley – support
- Sue Herman – cafeteria volunteer
- Elise Jefferis – cafeteria volunteer

ADDITIONAL
SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

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

2023-24
ADDITIONAL
SUPPLEMENTALS
APPROVED

- Olivia Wissinger – Prom Advisor – \$1,000
- Tammy Fritz – High School after school tutor – paid through ESSER funds
- Chloe Saylor – Softball Head Coach - \$7,753
- Ericka Harmon – Middle School Cheer Advisor - \$1,095
- Heather Carothers – after school tutoring aide
- Tammy Cook – after school tutoring aide
- Nichole Mathieson – after school tutoring teacher
- Susyn Klingler – mentor for Amanda Wallace - \$1,407 (prorated)

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve District employees eligible to provide transportation support. Conditional on the completion and approval of required paperwork.

DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE
TRANSPORT
SUPPORT
APPROVED

- Amanda Dialesandro
- Roz Bonanni
- Rise Smith
- Annette Eccles

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the early retirement MOU.

EARLY
RETIREMENT
MOU
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas 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

- Lori Fulkerson – Elementary teacher – resignation effective November 27, 2023
- Jim Irani – Head Boys Soccer Coach – effective November 9, 2023

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve reappointing Dr. Joshua Weaver to the position of Assistant Superintendent for the term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029 as per the terms set forth in the attached resolution.

REAPPOINTMENT
OF ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve the High School Gymnasium Crack Monitoring Agreement.

HIGH SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM
CRACK
MONITORING
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- 626 – Federal Program Compliance (recommended updates from PSBA)
- 916 – Volunteers (recommended updates from PSBA)
- 815 – Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources (recommended updates from PSBA)

POLICY 626
POLICY 916
POLICY 815
FIRST READING
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 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. McCracken | aye | | |

Mr. Thomas – Subject of Commentary

- Expressed thoughts and concerns for former School Board Director Heather Baker’s husband in West Penn Hospital.

MOMENT
FOR MISSION

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meetings – Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.
- Reorganization and Voting Meeting – Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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