

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

Reorganization and Voting Meeting

December 4, 2023

A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, prior to the meeting being called to order by Atty. Evankovich 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. Randy Arnold	Dr. Constance Nichols
Dr. Erik Bardy	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford
Mrs. Karen Hazy Bishop	Mr. Ryan Thomas
Mr. Douglas Gerwick	Ms. Patty Wilson
Mr. August Hurst	

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), 2 guests in person and 4 guests remotely.

There was no executive session held prior to this meeting.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

District Magistrate Douglas Straub administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board of Directors, Dr. Erik Bardy, Mrs. Karen Hazy Bishop, Mr. Douglas Gerwick, Dr. Constance Nichols and Mr. Ryan Thomas.

NEWLY ELECTED
BOARD MEMBERS'
OATH TAKEN

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Nichols to open nominations for Temporary President to chair the meeting. The motion carried.

Atty. Evankovich asked for nominations. Dr. Tedford nominated Mr. Hurst. There were no other nominations for Temporary President.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Nichols to close nominations. The motion carried.

Atty. Evankovich called for a vote of consensus to elect Mr. Hurst as the Temporary President. The vote carried.

TEMPORARY
PRESIDENT
ELECTED

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Nichols to open nominations for President of the Board. The motion carried.

Mr. Hurst asked for nominations for President of the Board. Ms. Wilson nominated Mr. Gerwick. There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Nichols to close nominations. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Nichols to elect Mr. Gerwick as President of the Grove City Area School District, Board of School Directors. The motion carried.

MR. GERWICK
ELECTED
PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Tedford to open nominations for Vice President of the Board. The motion carried.

Mr. Gerwick asked for nominations for Vice President of the Board. Ms. Wilson nominated Mr. Thomas. There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Dr. Nichols to close nominations. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Wilson to elect Mr. Thomas as Vice President of the Board. The motion carried.

MR. THOMAS
ELECTED VICE
PRESIDENT

Mr. Gerwick announced the following appointments:

BOARD
APPOINTMENTS

Representative to the Mercer County Career Center Ms. Wilson

Alternate to the Mercer County Career Center Mr. Thomas

Legislative Chairperson Mr. Gerwick

PSBA Representative Dr. Nichols

Committee Chairs:

Student Affairs and Activities Mr. Arnold

Educational Services Dr. Nichols

Personnel Mr. Hurst

Facilities and School Safety	Mr. Thomas
Policy and Legislative Affairs	Mr. Gerwick
Finance	Dr. Tedford

The committee members will include:

- Student Affairs and Activities: Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Hazy Bishop, Ms. Wilson
- Educational Services: Dr. Nichols, Mr. Hurst, Dr. Tedford, Ms. Wilson
- Personnel: Mr. Hurst, Dr. Nichols, Dr. Tedford, Ms. Wilson
- Facilities and School Safety: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Arnold, Dr. Bardy
- Policy and Legislative Affairs: Mr. Gerwick, Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Hazy Bishop
- Finance: Committee of the whole

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Hurst to set the time and dates for the following meetings:

2024 MEETING
DATES & TIMES
SET

2024 School Board Voting Meetings to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

January 17 (Wed.)	February 12	March 11
April 8	May 13	June 10
July -- TBD	August 12	September 9
October 16 (Wed.)	November 11	December 4 (Wed.) (Reorganization & Voting Meeting)

**Note: Board members should reserve December 9, 2024 for Board Training/Conference – 6:00-9:00 pm

2024 Standing Committees/Work Session Meetings to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

January 8	February 5	March 4	April 3 (Wed.)
May 6	June 3	August 5	September 4 (Wed.)
October 7	November 4		

2024 Educational Services and Personnel Standing Committee meetings to be held at 8:15 a.m. on the following dates:

January 30	February 27	March 26	April 30
May 28	July 30	August 27	September 24
October 29	November 26		

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

Mr. Gerwick asked for the approval of the minutes from the November 13, 2023 Voting Meeting.

VOTING MEETING
MINUTES
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Tedford to approve the minutes.

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

Mrs. Kim Turnley presented the 2022-2023 Local Audit Report.

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to accept the 2022-23 Local Audit Report.

2022-23 LOCAL
AUDIT REPORT
ACCEPTED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Budget Transfers for the 2022-23 School Year.

2022-23
BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the financial statement for November 2023.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the List of Bills Payable for December 2023.

LIST OF BILLS
PAYABLE
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to give permission to pay November's monthly recurring bills, normally paid in December.

PERMISSION TO
PAY NOVEMBER
MONTHLY
RECURRING BILLS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Budget Transfers for December 2023.

DECEMBER
BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Budget Transfers for December 2023 from the budgetary reserve.

DECEMBER
BUDGETARY
RESERVE
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the resolution authorizing the participation and appointment of Representatives to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program for the 2024-25 school year.

2024-25
AIU JOINT
PURCHASING
PARTICIPATION
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the MOU for Translation Services with Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

MOU FOR AIU
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

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

STUDENT
TRAVEL
REQUESTS
APPROVED

- High school Ski Club to travel to Peek'n Peak Ski Resort on January 12 and 25, 2024 and February 9, 17 and 23, 2024 at no cost to the District.
- Varsity Wrestling Team to travel to the 2023 Powerade Wrestling Tournament at Canon-McMillan High School on December 29-30, 2023 at a District cost of \$1,700.
- Varsity Wrestling Team to travel to the 2024 Burgettstown Wrestling Tournament in Burgettstown, PA on January 12-13, 2024 at a District cost of \$1,700.

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the high school Leadership Club application.

LEADERSHIP CLUB APPLICATION APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

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

POLICY 626
POLICY 916
FINAL READING APPROVED

- 626 – Federal Program Compliance (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 916 – Volunteers (Recommended updates from PSBA)

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

The Board conducted the annual review of Policy 345 – School Police – Use of Force and Weapons.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICY 345

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve hiring the following additional 2023-24 Substitute: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances.

2023-24 ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE HIRED

- Ashley Atwell – Emergency Substitute

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following resignation and/or retirement as well as any necessary documentation as to terms and conditions to finalize the employees' separation from the District employment:

- Julie Bleakney – High School Family & Consumer Science Teacher – effective December 15, 2023
- Michelle Dosch – Hillview/Middle School LPN – effective November 30, 2023

RESIGNATION &
RETIREMENT
ACCEPTED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye		

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Publicly wanted to thank the new Board of Directors for their willingness to join the Board and, on behalf of the current members, is looking forward to working with them.

MOMENT FOR
MISSIONS

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Dr. Finch and Dr. Weaver had a chance to meet with the Student Advisory Council, which consisted of numerous students representing each of the District schools. It was a very good start in discussing the purpose of the program and ideas moving forward.

Dr. Finch – Subject of Commentary

- Presented each of the Board of Directors with the District's Wendell August Forge Christmas ornament in appreciation of their work for Grove City Area School District and its students.

Mr. Hurst – Subject of Commentary

- Commended Chase Karenbauer, a Grove City Area Middle School student, who recently represented the United States in the Pan Am games for wrestling. Chase won gold medals in both the Greco Roman and Freestyle competitions.

Mr. Gerwick – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the PSBA Board training scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2023 to discuss goal setting for Board members. Mr. Gerwick also noted that next year's Board training has been scheduled for December 9, 2024.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Standing Committees/Work Session – January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Voting Meeting – January 17 (Wednesday), 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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