

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

Regular Voting Meeting

February 10, 2020

A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Kendra McGhee, a fifth grader at Hillview, prior to the meeting being called to order by the President, Mr. Lee McCracken, at 7:02 p.m. in the Board Room.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Heather Baker
Mr. Lee McCracken
Dr. Constance Nichols
Mr. Ryan Thomas

Mr. Scott Somora
Mr. Douglas Gerwick
Ms. Patty Wilson
Mr. Ray Abplanalp

Dr. Armando Sciuillo was absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Harris, and approximately five guests.

There was no board recognition.

BOARD
RECOGNITION

Mr. Abplanalp made a motion to delete from the agenda item 1 from the Facilities and School Safety section and, in its place, add a motion that reads as follow: "It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed track renovations base bid - \$229,500.00. Components A-1 - \$20,722.00, A-2 - \$6,195.00, A-3 - \$4,250.00 and 1% rate payment and performance bond by Beynon Sports at a District cost of \$263,273.67 to be funded by District Capital Reserves. Mr Somora seconded the motion.

ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS
TO THE AGENDA

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

Mrs. Esther Falcetta – Subject of Commentary

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

- Thanked Dr. Finch for revising the District website related to public comments at the public hearing
- Asked the Board to publish the descriptions of the duties of each Standing Committee, the Chairperson names and the instructions of how the public is to communicate with these Committees
- Recommended that the Board review all Board Operating Guidelines
- Requested again that the Right to Know Request log be changed to more accurately reflect her request from December 17th
- Expressed concerns about Policy 233 and her opinion that expulsion waivers are not permitted by state law
- Requested that the January 13, 2020 minutes be revised to include her objection to a perceived Sunshine Act Violation
- Questioned if Standing Committees are authorized by the Board

Mr. McCracken asked for the approval of the minutes from the January 13, 2020 Voting Meeting and the February 3, 2020 Standing Committees/Work Session Meeting.

VOTING MEETING/
WORK SESSION
MINUTES
APPROVED

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the minutes.

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

President’s Report:

PRESIDENT’S
REPORT

- There was no President’s Report.

Superintendent’s Report:

SUPER-
INTENDENT’S
REPORT

- There was no Superintendent’s Report.

Solicitor’s Report:

SOLICITOR’S
REPORT

- There was no Solicitor’s Report.

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Gerwick to approve the following student travel requests:

STUDENT TRAVEL
REQUESTS
APPROVED

- Gifted and Talented Students to travel to Atlanta, Georgia for the National Tournament on April 16-20, 2020 at a District cost not to exceed \$20,706.74
- Show and Chamber Choir Students to travel to Harrisburg State Capitol for a performance on March 6, 2020 at a District cost of \$476.97

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve reinstating the Interact Club (Student version of Rotary).

INTERACT CLUB
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the following staff conference requests:

- Ann Lanshcak - Practical Strategies to Address the Challenges of Today's School Nurse in Pittsburgh, PA on March 27, 2020 at a District cost of \$357.00
- Corrie Timko - PSLA (PA School Librarians Assoc.) 47th Annual Conference in Hershey, PA on April 30 - May 2, 2020 at a District cost of \$500.00
- Dr. Rae Lin Howard, Dr. Brendan Smith and Andrew Kemper - 2020 PA Educational Leadership Summit in Lancaster, PA on August 2 - 4, 2020 at a District cost of \$2,600.00
- Casey Young - PA State Athletic Director's Conference in Hershey, PA on March 24 - 27, 2020 at a District cost of \$1,400.00
- Rebecca Mertz and Alyssa Gargas - Zones of Regulations: Learning it Today, Use it Tomorrow in Washington, D.C. on March 19 - 20, 2020 at a District cost of \$1,000.00

STAFF
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the 2020-21 High School Program of Studies.

2020-21 HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2020-21 District Calendar.

2020-21 DISTRICT CALENDAR APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the Financial Statement for January 2020.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the List of Bills Payable for February 2020.

LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick*	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

*Mr. Gerwick voted with exception to all payments to George Junior Republic.

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the Budget Transfers for February 2020.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

Mr. McCracken noted that the monthly Right to Know Requests report is included in the agenda packet.

MONTHLY RIGHT
TO KNOW
REQUESTS
REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve hiring the following. Subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:

A. HULINGS
S. MERRIMAN
HIRED

- Angela Hulings - 5.75 hr. Cafeteria Production Worker (Dept. C - 2) - effective February 11, 2020 - at a salary of \$8.75 hourly
- Shannon Merriman - 5.75 hr. Cafeteria Production Worker (Dept. C - 2) - effective February 11, 2020 - at a salary of \$8.75 hourly

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the 2020 Spring Sports Supplemental Positions. Salary established within the negotiated agreement. Subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:

2020 SPRING
SPORTS
SUPPLEMENTAL
POSITIONS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

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

SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED

- John Bini - Elementary PreK-4
- Angela Hulings - cafeteria
- Shannon Merriman - cafeteria
- Miriam Terman - Emergency Substitute

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

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TRACK
RENOVATIONS
BID APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Gerwick to approve the second first reading of the following policy:

FIRST READING
OF POLICY 233
APPROVED

- 233 – Suspension and Expulsion (recommended updates from PSBA)

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the final reading of the following policy:

FINAL READING
OF POLICY 005
APPROVED

- 005 – Organization

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

Mr. Gerwick – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that the Policy and Legislative Affairs Committee will hold a special meeting on March 2, 2020 at 6 p.m.

MOMENT FOR
MISSIONS

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Commented that she heard several good things from a community member about Mr. Henshaw’s class related to the World Down Syndrome Awareness Day campaign

Dr. Finch – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that Ashley Henshaw’s class is taking orders for shirts for World Down Syndrome Awareness Day
- Thanked Ms. Wilson and Dr. Nichols for devoting their day to meeting with several visiting Superintendents as they toured District buildings and met with Administrators related to the National Center on Education Economy Research

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that last week another school district was here to observe our lunch and learn program at the High School to see about implementing this at their district

Mr. McCracken – Subject of Commentary

- Thanked the Board Members for the work they are doing to help meet the board objective of improving the quality of the District’s educational product while staying within budget.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Standing Committees/Work Session – Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Voting Meeting – Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Buchanan".

Kim Buchanan
Board Secretary

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