

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

Regular Voting Meeting

June 8, 2020

A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, prior to the meeting being called to order by the President, Mr. Lee McCracken, at 7:02 p.m. with Board members in the Boardroom and the public participating via Zoom.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Heather Baker
Dr. Armando Sciallo
Mr. Lee McCracken
Mr. Ryan Thomas

Dr. Constance Nichols
Mr. Douglas Gerwick
Ms. Patty Wilson (remotely)
Mr. Ray Abplanalp

Mr. Scott Somora was absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), and approximately two guests.

An executive session of the Finance Committee was held on May 28, 2020 to consult with the district solicitor regarding various personnel matters. An executive session was also held prior to this meeting at 6:30 p.m. related to the negotiations of the Monark contract for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year during the mandated school closure.

EXECUTIVE
SESSIONS

There was no board recognition.

BOARD
RECOGNITION

Mr. Abplanalp made a motion to delete from the agenda item 3 under the Facilities and School Safety section (approval of the purchase of two aluminum jump-pit covers for Forker Field) until further analysis can be done. Mrs. Baker seconded the motion to delete.

ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS
TO THE AGENDA

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

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

Mr. Thomas made a motion to add an attachment to the board packet for item 12 under the Finance section as a result of the executive session related to the Monark Transportation contract for 2019-20. Mrs. Baker seconded the motion.

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

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

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Mr. McCracken asked for the approval of the minutes from the May 11, 2020 Voting Meeting and June 1, 2020 Standing Committees/Work Session.

VOTING MEETING/
WORK SESSION
MINUTES
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the minutes.

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

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

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

President's Report:

- There was no President's Report.

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Finch announced that there would be an Administrative retreat for all members of the Admin team to be held in the Boardroom the next three days. Items of discussion will include:
 - Plans to reopen the schools in the fall for the 2020-21 school year
 - Health & Safety plan which will require Board approval
 - Reflection on action plans from the 2019-20 school year
 - Final 2020-21 budget adjustments

SUPER-
INTENDENT'S
REPORT

Solicitor's Report:

- There was no Solicitor's Report.

SOLICITOR'S
REPORT

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the implementation of the summer meals program for school aged children (18 and under).

SUMMER MEALS
PROGRAM
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve 1:1 Chromebook Initiative (K-12) at a cost not to exceed COSTARS State Low Bid Pricing.

1:1 CHROMEBOOK
INITIATIVE
APPROVED

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

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

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

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
APPROVED

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

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

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

LIST OF BILLS
PAYABLE
APPROVED

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

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

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

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

BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve student insurances for 2020-21:

- \$96.00 – school time
- \$166.00 – 24-hour coverage

2020-21 STUDENT INSURANCES APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve Andrews and Price as solicitors for the 2020-21 school year at the following costs:

- \$850 Monthly retainer fee
- \$125 Hourly rate
- \$75 Paralegal hourly rate

ANDREWS AND PRICE APPROVED AS 2020-21 DISTRICT SOLICITOR

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

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

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve School District services for the 2020-21 school year:

- Dr. Thomas Lah as the school district dentist at a cost of \$1,000.00
- Dr. David Hefner, Children’s Community Pediatric, as the school district physician at a cost of \$5,500.00

2020-21 DISTRICT DENTIST AND PHYSICIAN APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve Dr. Armando Sciallo as the school district treasurer for the 2020-21 school year.

2020-21 DISTRICT TREASURER APPROVED

The motion carried; 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention with the voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following District insurances for 2020-21:

- Commercial Package Utica \$83,209.00
- Worker's Compensation BrickStreet \$124,660.00
- Privacy and Network Security Liability Westchester \$6,883.00

2020-21 DISTRICT
INSURANCES
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve assigning excess PSERS and OPEB obligations as determined by the annual audit.

ASSIGNMENT OF
PSERS AND OPEB
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the following Depositories for 2020-21:

- General Fund: PLGIT, PNC Bank and PSDLAF
- Payroll: PNC and PLGIT
- Student Activities: Mars National Bank and Huntington Bank
- Cafeteria Account: PLGIT and First National Bank
- Capital Reserve Account: PLGIT
- Capital Project Account: PLGIT

2020-21
DEPOSITORY
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve Booster Clubs authorized for games of chance for the 2020-21 school year (Contingent upon acquisition of appropriate permitting by the county):

2020-21 BOOSTER
CLUB GAMES OF
CHANCE
APPROVED

- Cross Country
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Football
- Wrestling
- Boys Tennis
- Girls Tennis
- Track
- Swim
- Volleyball

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve modifications to the Monark Transportation contract for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year due to COVID-19 closure.

MODIFIED 2019-20
MONARK
CONTRACT
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve awarding tenure to Sarah Coulter, Bill Hoffman, Daniel Nemeth, Jennifer Shelley, Stephanie Thompson, Stephani Damato, and Rebecca Mertz.

TENURE
AWARDED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2020-21 Head Custodians:

2020-21 HEAD
CUSTODIANS
APPROVED

- Paul Collins Hillview
- Kelly Campbell Middle School
- Brian VanDyke High School

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the additional 2019-20 ESY Supplemental Positions. Salary established within the negotiated agreement. Subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:

2019-20 ESY
POSITIONS
APPROVED

Local

- Susyn Klinger – teacher
- Jennifer Shelley – teacher
- Deb Vechnak - teacher
- Nicole Billak - speech
- Tiffany Thompson – speech

GJR (billable)

- Julie Strouss – teacher
- Jason Dunn – teacher
- Lynda Barrett - teacher

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve YMCA’s request to use Highland for summer programs.

YMCA’S USE OF
HIGHLAND
APPROVED

The motion carried; 7 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows*:

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

*Mr. Thomas stepped out of the room.

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Abplanalp to approve Johnson Controls contract (contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor).

JOHNSON
CONTROLS
CONTRACT
APPROVED

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

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

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

FINAL READING
OF POLICY 707.1
APPROVED

- 707.1 – Facilities Advertising and Sponsors

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

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

Mr. Abplanalp – Subject of Commentary

MOMENT FOR
MISSIONS

- Happy with the improvements at Forker Field and encouraged Board members to take a look at the new turf

Dr. Finch – Subject of Commentary

- Gave an update on the track resurfacing project

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that the Grove City College track is now open for public use

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that June 18, 2020 will be the in-person Graduation Ceremonies and that more details will be sent to families soon

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Reminded everyone that if a graduate is unable to attend this year’s ceremony, they are welcome to attend a ceremony in a future year

Atty. Evankovich – Subject of Commentary

- Thanked the Board members for their vote to retain Andrews and Price for another year of service

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Special Meeting, Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the 2020-21 School District Budget and other general purposes. Board members will attend in the District Boardroom and public access will be provided virtually
- Standing Committees/Work Session and Board Voting Meetings will be held in July 2020 with dates yet to be determined
- Standing Committees/Work Session – Monday, August 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Voting Meeting – Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. McCracken reminded the Board and Administrators to keep Saturday, July 18, 2020 open for a Board Retreat.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Buchanan
Board Secretary

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