

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

Special Voting Meeting

August 24, 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 7:06 p.m. with Board members in the Boardroom and the public participating via Zoom.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Heather Baker	Dr. Constance Nichols
Mr. Scott Somora	Mr. Douglas Gerwick
Mr. Lee McCracken	Ms. Patty Wilson
Mr. Ray Abplanalp	Dr. Armando Sciuillo

Mr. Ryan Thomas was absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), and approximately 12 guests.

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

There was no board recognition.

BOARD  
RECOGNITION

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

ADDITIONS/  
DELETIONS  
TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Carrie Martin – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed the importance of fall sports to her family and encouraged the Board to allow fall sports to continue

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to table the vote on the approval of the August 10, 2020 Voting Meeting Minutes until the September Voting Meeting.

VOTING MEETING  
MINUTES TABLED

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

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

**President's Report:**

- There was no President's Report.

PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT

**Superintendent's Report:**

- Dr. Finch informed the Board and the community that the Opening In-Service day is tomorrow and the District will follow all PA Department of Health guidelines for gatherings of groups.
- Dr. Finch discussed the great turn out of teachers for the summer training program which will now enable these teachers to train the rest of the staff on the new technology.
- Dr. Finch announced that Building Administrators will be reaching out to parents in the next few days about what to expect during the first week of school.
- Dr. Finch thanked the Technology Department and all of the staff who assisted in the chromebook distribution for their hard work to ensure it ran smoothly.
- Dr. Finch announced that a letter will be sent to parents from Food Services notifying families of how at-home learners will be able to pick up meals from the District.
- Dr. Finch discussed a meeting he had with Monark today regarding bussing and bus stops. He discussed Monark's sanitation schedule for the busses and stated that health and safety protocols for students while riding the bus will be communicated to parents this week.
- Dr. Finch discussed a meeting he had with the CEO of George Junior Republic regarding expectations for the start of the school year and decreased enrollment.
- Dr. Finch announced that he was selected by the MIU IV region to be the Superintendents' Legislative Representative through PASA and will represent this region's interest with the State Legislature.

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 Ms. Wilson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Grove City Area Education Association regarding fall sports and marching band supplemental contract positions for the 2020-2021 school year.

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FOR 2020-21 FALL  
SPORTS  
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve GCASD's participation in PIAA sanctioned fall sports programs.

PARTICIPATION IN  
PIAA FALL  
SPORTS  
APPROVED

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

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

Dr. Finch discussed the Fall Sports Survey that will be submitted to District 10 before Wednesday of this week to allow for a realignment of the fall sports schedules, if necessary.

Dr. Nichols and Dr. Finch discussed the development of a Dual Enrollment Articulation agreement with Grove City College.

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve hiring 2020-21 Fall Sports and Marching Band Supplemental positions.

2020-21 FALL  
SPORTS AND  
MARCHING BAND  
SUPPLEMENTALS  
APPROVED

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

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

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

ADDITIONS TO  
THE SUBSTITUTE  
LIST APPROVED

- Heather Roush – Emergency Substitute
- Patricia Hall – Emergency Substitute
- Rebecca Graham – Emergency Substitute
- Athanasia Obman – Emergency Substitute
- Shawn Sever – Emergency Substitute
- Karrie Johnson – Emergency Substitute
- Erin Pisano – Emergency Substitute
- Jessika White – Emergency Substitute
- Alyson Smith – Elementary and Secondary School Counselor

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

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

The Board recognized the resignations of the following:

- Benjamin Arnhold – effective August 17, 2020
- Erica Cannane – effective August 24, 2020

RESIGNATIONS  
ACCEPTED

Dr. Finch discussed the anticipated need of job postings for part-time custodial positions for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

- 103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students (recommended updates from PSBA)
- 104 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff (recommended updates from PSBA)

FINAL READING  
OF POLICIES 103  
AND 104  
APPROVED

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

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

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that the Flexible Instructional Day Plan was approved by the State and thanked the individuals involved in the planning process.
- Thanked Judy Dennis and her team for all of their efforts in the Chromebook distribution. An estimated \$38,000 was collected for the Protection Plan Program.

MOMENT FOR  
MISSIONS

Mr. Lee McCracken – Subject of Commentary

- After talking with Mrs. Baker, he suggested putting a basket of snacks/treats in each of the teachers’ lounges to welcome back staff on behalf of the Board

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Standing Committees/Work Session – Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – virtually for the public
- Board Voting Meeting – Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – virtually for the public

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Buchanan  
Board Secretary

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