

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

Regular Voting Meeting

November 9, 2020

A moment of silence was observed. Board members chose to abstain from the Pledge of Allegiance since the meeting was held completely virtual. The meeting was then called to order by the President, Mr. Lee McCracken, at 7:20 p.m. with Board members and the public participating via Zoom.

The following members were present:

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

Mr. Ryan Thomas and Mr. Ray Abplanalp were absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dennis and approximately 10 guests.

An executive session was held on November 2, 2020 regarding a discussion of contract negotiations for the Grove City Custodian Educational Support Personnel Association and the Grove City Area Educational Support Personnel Association, potential settlement of transportation fuel allowance issue and school safety issues. An executive session was also held at 6:30 p.m., prior to this meeting, regarding school safety.

EXECUTIVE
SESSIONS

There was no board recognition.

BOARD
RECOGNITION

There were no additions/deletions to the agenda.

ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS
TO THE AGENDA

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Mr. McCracken asked for the approval of the minutes from the October 12, 2020 Voting Meeting and November 2, 2020 Standing Committees/Work Session.

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

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

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

VOTING MEETING/
WORK SESSION
MINUTES
APPROVED

President’s Report:

- Mr. McCracken reflected on the 2020 accomplishments of the School Board. (See attached)

PRESIDENT’S
REPORT

Superintendent’s Report:

- Dr. Finch announced that Mercer County assigned approximately \$128,000 of COVID-19 relief funds to the District. He thanked the County Commissioners for their support of the schools.
- Dr. Finch discussed the repercussions of the “substantial risk” designation for the Mercer County area related to COVID-19.
- Dr. Finch discussed the positive impacts from COVID-19 resulting in improved communication of Superintendents within the County, Intermediate Unit, State, Country, and world-wide.

SUPER-
INTENDENT’S
REPORT

Solicitor’s Report:

- Atty. Evankovich announced that he has begun discussion with the legal counsel at George Junior Republic related to out of state tuition, the building lease agreement, and potentially the creation of a new articulation agreement.

SOLICITOR’S
REPORT

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the 2020-21 AHN Sports Medicine Agreement (contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor).

2020-21 AHN
SPORTS MEDICINE
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Grove City Education Association regarding winter sports contract positions for the 2020-21 school year.

WINTER SPORTS
MOU WITH GCEA
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve IUP Educator & Clinician Preparation Field Experience Agreement (contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor).

IUP AGREEMENT APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve Carlow University and School District Affiliation Agreement (contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor).

CARLOW UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT APPROVED

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

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

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT APPROVED

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

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

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

LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick*	aye	Mrs. Baker	aye
Dr. Nichols	aye	Dr. Sciallo	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Ms. Wilson	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 November 2020.

BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to accept the 2019-20 Local Audit.

2019-20 LOCAL AUDIT ACCEPTED

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve Budget Transfers for 2019-20 School Year.

2019-20 BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve Resolution authorizing the participation and appointment of Representatives to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program.

RESOLUTION WITH AIU3 JOINT PURCHASING APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve payment to Monark Student Transportation Corp. in the amount of \$87,210.77 in regard to the 2018-19 and 2019-20 fuel cost overages and fuel liquidation cost.

FUEL
LIQUIDATION
PAYMENT TO
MONARK
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the 2020-21 Winter Sports Supplemental positions, subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

2020-21 WINTER
SPORTS
SUPPLEMENTAL
POSITIONS
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Somora to approve hiring additional 2020-21 - 180 day Building Substitutes (pro-rated), subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork. Daily wage rate - \$120.00:

180 DAY
BUILDING LEVEL
SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED

- Cecelia Peterson – High School bldg. substitute – effective November 10, 2020
- Jesse Dunn – Middle School bldg. substitute – effective November 10, 2020

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the following additional 2020-21 substitutes, subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:

ADDITIONAL
SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED

- Connie Eaton – Cafeteria Production Worker
- Brittany Andrews – Pre-Graduate 20 days
- Jesse Dunn – Emergency Substitute

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve an additional 2020-21 bus monitor:

2020-21 BUS
MONITOR
APPROVED

- Kevin Wolf

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

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

The Board recognized the resignation/retirement of the following:

RESIGNATION/
RETIREMENT
ACCEPTED

- Nuria Gomez – PT Cafeteria Production Worker – effective October 20, 2020
- Marian Bratnik – Maintenance/Cafeteria Secretary – effective September 1, 2021

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the District disposal of unused and/or unnecessary equipment by any means necessary, including sale/auction/bid/etc. Examples include:

DISPOSAL OF
UNUSED
EQUIPMENT
APPROVED

- Industrial kitchen mixer
- Mobile computer charging stations
- Remaining unused kitchen equipment from Hillview/Highland

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the Hillview Construction Project Completion of NPDES N.O.T. documents and filing – at a District cost of \$10,900.

HILLVIEW
CONSTRUCTION
NPDES N.O.T.
DOCUMENTS AND
FILING APPROVED

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

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

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

FIRST READING
OF POLICIES 113.1,
113.2 AND 113.4
APPROVED

- 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities (recommended updates from PSBA)
- 113.2 – Behavior Support (recommended updates from PSBA)
- 113.4 – Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information (recommended updates from PSBA)

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

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

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

FINAL READING
OF POLICIES 247,
249, AND 252
APPROVED

- 247 – Hazing (recommended updates from PSBA)
- 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying (recommended updates from PSBA)
- 252 – Dating Violence (recommended updates from PSBA)

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

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

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Shared the success of the Boys Cross Country Team’s 4th place finish at States
- Showed appreciation to the Board and the Community for their support of GCASD athletic programs

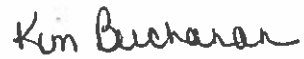
MOMENT FOR
MISSIONS

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Reorganization Meeting – Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – virtually for the public

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Buchanan
Board Secretary

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