

**GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
HELD IN BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUALLY
SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mr. Gerwick, Dr. Bardy, Mrs. Hazy Bishop, Mr. Hurst, Dr. Nichols, Ms. Wilson and Mr. Arnold

Member Absent: Mr. Thomas and Dr. Tedford

Non-Members Present: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Breitenbach (remotely), approximately 1 guest remotely and 6 guests in person

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an executive session held at 6:00 p.m., prior to the work session meeting regarding the superintendent and assistant superintendent evaluations. There was an executive session held immediately following the work session meeting to discuss the Educational Services Program relating to George Junior Republic, which may affect a number of staffing decisions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Gerwick asked for changes to the minutes from the August 12, 2024 Voting Meeting. There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Gerwick announced that Board members will be asked to vote on the PSBA candidates for the upcoming PSBA election at the next voting meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was no Superintendent's report.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Arnold, on behalf of the Board, presented Aleah Morgante with a certificate congratulating her for her success in athletics, specifically the pole vault, where she placed third at the State track meet.

FINANCE

Melissa Hughes from PFM Financial Advisors presented on a new bond issuance for the high school project.

1. Mr. Gerwick stated that the financial statement for August 2024 and bills payable for September 2024 will be included with the Voting Meeting packet.
2. Mrs. Harris discussed the three year audit agreement with Mark C. Turnley, CPA.

3. Dr. Weaver discussed the 2024-2025 agreements with Interim HealthCare of Pittsburgh, Inc. and Hope Academy.
4. Dr. Finch discussed rescinding the authorization of the 2025 Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeals Program that was approved at the August 12, 2024 School Board Voting Meeting.

STUDENT AFFAIRS and ACTIVITIES

1. Mr. Arnold discussed a student travel request.
2. Mrs. Harris discussed closing inactive student activity accounts.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dr. Nichols discussed staff conference requests from the committee meeting held August 27, 2024.

PERSONNEL

Dr. Weaver discussed the following items from the committee meeting held August 27, 2024:

1. Hirings, a change in status, additional substitutes and resignations and a retirement
2. 2024-25 evaluations for Dr. Finch and Dr. Weaver

FACILITIES and SCHOOL SAFETY

1. Dr. Finch gave an update on the high school project and the change orders approved during the month.
2. Dr. Weaver gave an update on the Health and Safety Plan.

POLICY and LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

1. Mr. Gerwick reviewed the first reading of policy 339 – Uncompensated Leave.
2. Mr. Gerwick reviewed the final reading of policy 801 – Public Records.
3. The Board reviewed Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed the district's new website which should be up and running within the next week.

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed the positive feedback she has received from parents related to the district's new cell phone policy.
- Commended Chris Bauer for his professionalism and strong work ethic as he finds avenues and funding to bring in a guest artist from Japan.

FUTURE BUSINESS MEETING DATES

A Voting Meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Board and community members may attend in person or virtually. Remote connection information will be posted on the homepage of the district website prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.