

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

Regular Voting Meeting

June 10, 2024

A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, prior to the meeting being called to order by the President, Mr. Douglas Gerwick, at 7:01 p.m. in the board room. Board members and the public participated either in person or remotely.

The following members were present:

Mr. Douglas Gerwick	Mrs. Karen Hazy Bishop
Mr. Ryan Thomas	Mr. August Hurst
Mr. Randy Arnold	Dr. Constance Nichols
Dr. Erik Bardy (Remotely)	Ms. Patty Wilson

Dr. Jeffrey Tedford was absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankevich, Dr. Finch (remotely), Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), 6 guests in person and approximately 4 guests remotely.

There was no executive session.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Mrs. Sandra Phipps - Subject of Commentary

- Expressed appreciation for the communication between the district and the wrestling program concerning the movement of the weight room and the wrestling room.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS**

The Board recognized Milena Sciullo for her outstanding Track and Field seasons and for winning multiple medals at the 2023-24 state meet, including the state championship in the Triple Jump.

**BOARD  
RECOGNITION**

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2024 Board Voting Meeting and the June 3, 2024 Work Session Meeting.

**VOTING MEETING/  
WORK SESSION  
MEETING  
MINUTES  
APPROVED**

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

**President's Report:**

- There was nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT

**Superintendent's Report:**

- There was nothing to report

SUPER-  
INTENDENT'S  
REPORT

**Solicitor's Report:**

- There was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S  
REPORT

**MCCC and MIU4 Report:**

- There was nothing to report.

MCCC & MIU4  
REPORT

Mr. Gerwick made the motion, in consideration of related discussions in our previous public work session meeting, the Finance committee recommends, and I move that action items #1, #2, #3 and #4 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Dr. Nichols.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Financial Statement for May 2024.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Bills Payable for June 2024.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Budget Transfers for June 2024.
4. It is recommended to the Board approve the Budget Transfers for June 2024 from the budgetary reserve.

FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT  
APPROVED

LIST OF BILLS  
PAYABLE  
APPROVED

BUDGET  
TRANSFERS  
APPROVED

BUDGETARY  
RESERVE  
TRANSFERS  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2024-25 School Year Budget:

That the budget in the amount of \$42,589,309.00 for the fiscal year commencing July 2024, be adopted and the Secretary be directed to append a copy of the same to the minutes.

The motion passed on a poll vote; 7 ayes, 1 nay, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	nay	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas that the Board set the millage at 75.50 mills with a \$5.00 Per Capita Tax and the following resolution adopted:

“RESOLVED, that the wage and income tax of .5% under Act 511, be and is hereby re-enacted without substantial change for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. Each resident of the Grove City Area School District who receives salary, wages, commission, or other earned income shall file each year a return with Berkheimer.”

“RESOLVED, that a Per Capita Tax under the Act 511, of \$5.00 per and is hereby re-enacted without substantial change on each resident or inhabitant over eighteen years of age. Provided, however, that any person whose total income from all sources is less than Five Thousand Dollars per annum shall be exempted from the payment of said per capita tax.”

“RESOLVED, that the Local Services Tax, under Act 511, in the amount of \$5.00 be and is hereby re-enacted without substantial change upon the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the school district to be paid by each individual exercising such privilege.”

“RESOLVED, that a Real Estate Transfer Tax, under Act 511, in the amount of .5% of the selling price of the real estate or interest therein, be and is hereby re-enacted without substantial change on land situated within the Grove City Area School District, Mercer County, Pennsylvania.”

A motion to amend this motion to a millage of 75.9 mills was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Ms. Wilson.

2024-25  
SCHOOL YEAR  
BUDGET  
APPROVED

2024-25  
PER CAPITA TAX  
APPROVED

MOTION TO  
AMEND TO  
75.9 MILLS  
FAILED

The motion to amend failed; on a poll vote 3 ayes, 5 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	nay
Mr. Thomas	nay	Mr. Hurst	nay
Mr. Arnold	nay	Dr. Nichols	nay
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

The original motion to set the millage at 75.50 mills, carried; on a poll vote 7 ayes, 1 nay, with voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	nay	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

2024-25  
MILLAGE RATE  
SET AND TAX  
RESOLUTIONS  
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2024-25 Homestead and Farmstead Resolution.

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

2024-25  
HOMESTEAD &  
FARMSTEAD  
RESOLUTION  
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the District Insurances for 2024-25:

• Commercial Package	Utica	\$110,933
• Worker's Compensation	Encova	\$89,996
• Privacy and Network Security Liability	Westchester	\$11,210

2024-25  
DISTRICT  
INSURANCES  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve Andrews and Price as solicitor for the 2024-25 school year at the following costs:

- \$850 -- Monthly Retainer Fee
- \$135 -- Hourly Rate
- \$75 -- Paralegal Hourly Rate

2024-25  
SOLICITOR  
ANDREWS AND  
PRICE  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Booster Clubs authorized for games of chance for the 2024-25 school year (contingent upon acquisition of appropriate permitting by the county).

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

2024-25  
BOOSTER CLUBS'  
GAMES OF  
CHANCE  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the 2024-25 Glade Run Agreement (contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor).

2024-25  
GLADE RUN  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the additional 2023-24 Krise Transportation Inc., driver - subject to the receipt and approval of District required paperwork.

- Cammy Knarr

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

ADDITIONAL  
2023-24  
KRISE TRANS.,  
INC. DRIVER  
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2024 ESY (July 8-19, 2024) agreement with The School at McGuire for one student.

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

2024 ESY  
THE SCHOOL AT  
MCGUIRE  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the following student travel request:

- Music Department students and 15 chaperones to travel to the Flight 93 Memorial for a performance on April 25-27, 2025 at no cost to the District.

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

STUDENT TRAVEL  
REQUEST  
APPROVED

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the updated 2024-25 district calendar.

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

2024-25  
UPDATED  
DISTRICT  
CALENDAR  
APPROVED

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following staff conference requests:

- Lynnette Bowser, Vicky Ramsey, Ella Schepp and Shannon Steigerwald – Safety Care Initial Training at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV on February 21-22, 2024 at a District cost of \$130 each.
- Megan Taggart – WIDA (World-Class Instructional Design Assessment) Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on October 16-18, 2024 at a District cost of \$1,011.
- Terri Eller and Stephanie Thompson to present, with Slippery Rock University, at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Chicago, IL on September 25-28, 2024 at a District cost of \$1,500.
- Abigail Gorceyca, Sarah Eshelman and Robin Hanna – National Autism Conference in Harrisburg, PA on August 4-8, 2024 at a District cost of \$1,920.
- Ray Dennis – PASBO School Operations Academy in Harrisburg, PA on July 17-18, 2024 at a District cost of \$920.

STAFF  
CONFERENCE  
REQUESTS  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve hiring the following: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Andrew Trunzo – Elementary long-term substitute teacher – effective August 1, 2024 for the 2024-25 school year at a salary of \$48,662.50.

A. TRUNZO  
HIRED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the following: Effective July 1, 2024 creation of the position of Assistant Director of Pupil Services and approve the transfer/change in status/title of Megan Hogue from Director of Educational Services Program to Assistant Director of Pupil Services at a salary of \$92,775.

CHANGE IN  
STATUS/TITLE  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following additional substitutes: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Jessica Green – All grades 4-6, Math and Social Studies 7 & 8
- Elizabeth Maleczak – Early Childhood PK-4 and Special Education PK-12
- Ashley Hodge – Early Childhood N-3, Special Education PK-12 and Supervisor of Special Education K-12
- Ann Clark – Grades PK-4

ADDITIONAL  
SUBSTITUTES  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve tenure for Olivia Wissinger – Secondary Math.

O. WISSINGER  
TENURE  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2024 Middle School Summer Programming Staff:

- Shelbee Hostetler
- Dow Misenhelter
- Erin Persch
- Jami Sonntag

2024  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SUMMER  
PROGRAM STAFF  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the 2024-25 Head Custodians:

• Paul Collins	Hillview	\$1,200
• Nicole Schepp	Middle School	\$1,000
• Brian VanDyke	High School	\$1,200

2024-25  
HEAD  
CUSTODIANS  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the 2024-25 Supplementals - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

2024-25  
SUPPLEMENTALS  
APPROVED

- Amber Fitch – high school Student Council Advisor - \$3,976
- Karyn Senita – mentor for Alyssa Schafer - \$1,431
- Michelle Beck – elementary department chair – K Math – \$800
- Megan Penman – elementary department chair – K ELA – \$800
- Stephanie Thompson – elementary department chair – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Math – \$800
- Megan Hartzel - elementary department chair – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade ELA – \$800
- Jamie Isenberg - elementary department chair – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Math – \$800
- Holly Bock - elementary department chair – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade ELA – \$800
- Tammy Shaw - elementary department chair – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math – \$800
- Eryeka Munnell - elementary department chair – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA – \$800
- Terri Eller - elementary department chair – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math – \$800
- Julianne McLallen - elementary department chair – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA – \$800
- Jenna Felton - elementary department chair – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math – \$800
- Lisa Stull - elementary department chair – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA – \$800
- Susyn Klingler - elementary department chair – special education – \$800
- Matt Nichols – fall elementary play - \$1,142.50
- Matt Nichols – spring elementary play - \$1,142.50
- Matthew Prinkey – high school Band Director - \$7,100
- Emily Kaufman – high school Asst. Band Director – 4,402
- Abby Reddick – high school Silks - \$1,775

- Abby Reddick – high school Dance Line - \$1,775
- Vince Anastasi – high school English department chair - \$800
- Janine Stuart - high school math department chair - \$800
- Will Logan – high school science department chair - \$800
- Dennis Ranker – high school social studies department chair - \$800
- Nathan Hunter – high school special education department chair - \$800
- Brian Reiser – 2024 high school summer school teacher
- Nicole Mathieson – mentor for Abigail Gorczyca - \$1,431
- Tammy Shaw – mentor for Andrew Trunzo - \$1,431
- Jenna Felton – mentor for Casey Miles - \$1,431
- Jessica Hedegore – semester mentor for Michelle Hemmerlin - \$715.50
- Dwayne Lettie – semester mentor for Brian Regis - \$715.50
- Lynda Barrett – mentor for Rebecca Limberg - \$1,431
- Michelle Rihel – middle school science department chair - \$800
- Ty Wise – middle school social studies department chair - \$800
- Dwayne Lettie – middle school ELA department chair - \$800
- Julie Pottinger – middle school math department chair - \$800
- DJ Puskar – middle school special education department chair - \$800
- Jason Dunn – 2024 ESY summer school teacher
- Alyssa Schafer – 2024 high school summer school teacher
- Ella Wise – 2024 elementary summer school aide

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following resignations as well as any necessary documentation as to terms and conditions to finalize the employees' separation from the District employment.

- Rachel Blanchard – part-time cafeteria worker – effective May 31, 2024
- Deborah Los – high school teacher – effective May 30, 2024.

DISTRICT  
RESIGNATIONS  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

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

- 200 – Enrollment of Students (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 217 – Graduation (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 254 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 323 – Tobacco and Vaping Products (Recommended updates from PSBA)
- 351 – Controlled Substance Abuse (Recommended updates from PSBA)

POLICY 200  
POLICY 217  
POLICY 222  
POLICY 227  
POLICY 254  
POLICY 323  
POLICY 351  
FIRST READING APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

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

- 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagements

POLICY 202  
POLICY 918  
FINAL READING APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Hurst	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the positive feedback she has received concerning the mural which has been painted at the Grove City Historical Society and appreciates the district for allowing students to work on these types of projects.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the first publication of the District newsletter. The future goal is to have the newsletter published monthly.

Mrs. Hazy Bishop – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the success of Inventionland for our students, which included two 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who won first place.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meetings – Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 8:15 a.m.
- Work Session Meeting – Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Voting Meeting – Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris  
Board Secretary

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