

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. Evankovich, 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:

2024-25
SCHOOL YEAR
BUDGET
APPROVED

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:

2024-25
PER CAPITA TAX
APPROVED

“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.

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.

2024-25
HOMESTEAD &
FARMSTEAD
RESOLUTION
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 District Insurances for 2024-25:

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| • 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).

2024-25
BOOSTER CLUBS'
GAMES OF
CHANCE
APPROVED

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

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.

ADDITIONAL
2023-24
KRIS TRANSPORTATION,
INC. DRIVER
APPROVED

- 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

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.

2024 ESY
THE SCHOOL AT
MCGUIRE
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. Arnold and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the following student travel request:

STUDENT TRAVEL
REQUEST
APPROVED

- 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

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

2024-25
UPDATED
DISTRICT
CALENDAR
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 Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following staff conference requests:

STAFF
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS
APPROVED

- 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 Gorczyca, 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.

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.

A. TRUNZO
HIRED

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

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.

ADDITIONAL
SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED

- Jessica Green – All grades 4-6, Math and Social Studies 7 & 8
- Elizabeth Malezak – 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

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:

2024
MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUMMER
PROGRAM STAFF
APPROVED

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

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:

2024-25
HEAD
CUSTODIANS
APPROVED

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

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 – 1st Grade Math – \$800
- Megan Hartzel - elementary department chair – 1st Grade ELA – \$800
- Jamie Isenberg - elementary department chair – 2nd Grade Math – \$800
- Holly Bock - elementary department chair – 2nd Grade ELA – \$800
- Tammy Shaw - elementary department chair – 3rd Grade Math – \$800
- Erycka Munnell - elementary department chair – 3rd Grade ELA – \$800
- Terri Eller - elementary department chair – 4th Grade Math – \$800
- Julianne McLallen - elementary department chair – 4th Grade ELA – \$800
- Jenna Felton - elementary department chair – 5th Grade Math – \$800
- Lisa Stull - elementary department chair – 5th 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 8th 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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