

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

Regular Voting Meeting

October 16, 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 7:03 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	Dr. Constance Nichols
Mr. Randy Arnold	Dr. Jeffrey Tedford
Dr. Erik Bardy (remotely)	Ms. Patty Wilson

Mr. August Hurst was absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mr. Breitenbach (remotely), 1 guest in person and 2 guests remotely.

There was an Executive Session held after the Voting Meeting regarding a student discipline matter.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

There were no Board recognitions.

BOARD  
RECOGNITIONS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024 Board Voting Meeting and the October 7, 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	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye

**President's Report:**

- There was nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Superintendent's Report:**

- Dr. Finch presented Mr. Gerwick and Mr. Thomas with certificates from PSBA recognizing their five years of service on the Board.
- Dr. Finch commented that the presentation that he and Dr. Nichols gave at the PASA/PSBA Conference was well received.
- Dr. Finch congratulated Mrs. Harris on earning the PCSBA (Pennsylvania Certified School Business Administrator) designation through PASBO.

SUPER-INTENDENT'S REPORT

**Solicitor's Report:**

- There was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

**MCCC and MIU4 Report:**

- Ms. Wilson spoke about metal detectors being installed at the Mercer County Career Center.
- Ms. Wilson invited all Board members to attend a future monthly meeting at the Mercer County Career Center and tour the facility.

MCCC & MIU4 REPORT

Dr. Tedford 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, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8 and #9 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT APPROVED

LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE APPROVED

BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED

BUDGET TRANSFERS FROM BUDGETARY RESERVE APPROVED

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| 5. It is recommended that the Board approve \$400 petty cash for the Middle School Fall Play.   | MIDDLE SCHOOL<br>FALL PLAY<br>PETTY CASH<br>APPROVED                |
| 6. It is recommended that the Board approve the additional 2024-25 Krise Transportation Inc., drivers – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Lapaglia – driver</li> <li>• Daniel Chornenky – driver</li> </ul>  | 2024-25<br>ADDITIONAL<br>KRISSE TRANS.,<br>INC. DRIVERS<br>APPROVED |
| 7. It is recommended that the Board approve the Settlement of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. #2008 tax assessment appeal for tax parcel 22 205 023 001 for a total assessment for 2024 of \$589,142 and for 2025 of \$552,887. The current total assessment is \$928,900.   | 2024-25<br>WAL-MART<br>STORES INC.<br>TAX SETTLEMENT<br>APPROVED    |
| 8. It is recommended that the Board approve a three year contract extension with UGI Energy for Natural Gas on the Peoples Gas System with a start date of September 1, 2025. The Contract will have a Basis price of (-\$0.50) cents per Dth. The Contract extension was recommended by the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium Committee. | UGI ENERGY FOR<br>NATURAL GAS<br>CONTRACT<br>EXTENSION<br>APPROVED  |
| 9. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2025 ESY (July 7-18, 2025) agreement with The School at McGuire.  | 2025 ESY<br>THE SCHOOL<br>AT MCGUIRE<br>AGREEMENT<br>APPROVED       |

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

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

\*Mrs. Hazy Bishop voted with exception to her personal reimbursement for the PASA/PSBA Conference Registration.

A motion was made by Dr. Tedford and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of general obligation bonds, Series of 2024 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000); covenanting to pay, and pledging all available taxing power for the payment of, the bonds; fixing the form, maximum interest rates, maturity, redemption and other provisions for the payment thereof; authorizing the acceptance of one or more proposals for the purchase of the bonds; authorizing a filing of required documents with the Department of Community and Economic Development; ratifying and directing certain actions of officers; and making certain other covenants and provisions in respect of the bonds.

ISSUANCE OF  
GENERAL  
OBLIGATION  
BONDS  
APPROVED

The motion carried by roll call vote; 8 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following student travel requests:

- High school gifted students and 1 chaperone to travel to Gannon University for Model UN on November 8 - 9, 2024 at a district cost of \$889 and an additional \$1,210.23 for lodging costs covered with grant funds.
- Second grade students and 33 chaperones to travel to Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, Avella, PA on November 5, 2024 at no cost to the district.

STUDENT TRAVEL  
REQUESTS  
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Mercer Area School District – Swimming.

MERCER AREA SD  
COOPERATIVE  
SWIMMING  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED

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

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Arnold	aye	Dr. Tedford	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

- Dr. Brendan Smith – Whole Student Development Collaborative Network, PII. Course: Introduction to Competency Based Learning – Kick Off at Altoona, PA, but other meetings are via Zoom September 13, 2024 through June 2025 at a District cost of \$866.16.
- Amber Fusco – Safety Care Training at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV on September 12, 2024 at a District cost of \$105.
- Nicole Mathieson, Noelle Torok, Nicole Billak, Deb Armstrong , Kylie Yeager, Derek DeGraaf and Christine Mangan – Safety Care Training at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV – October 17, 2024 at a District cost of \$105/person
- Megan Warinner – Safety Care Training at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV on October 21-22, 2024 at a District cost of \$175.
- Michelle Hemmerlin – Safety Care Training at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV on December 16-17, 2024 at a District cost of \$175.
- Karen Hazy Bishop – PASA-PSBA Annual Conference – October 6-8, 2024 at a District cost not to exceed \$1,500.
- Ken Enscoe, Kimberly Hohman, Nicole Billak, Craig Wozniak, Abigail Reddick, Amber Fusco, Michelle Rihel, Mark Truran, Becky Mertz and Susyn Klingler – SAP (Student Assistance Program) Online Training on November 21-22, 2024 at a District cost of \$345/person (paid out of ARP/ESSER grant funds).
- Terri Eller and Stephanie Thompson presented, with Slippery Rock University, at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Chicago, IL. On September 25-28, 2024 at an additional District cost of \$117.
- Beth Harris – PASBO Annual Conference in Hershey, PA on March 11-14, 2025 at a District cost not to exceed \$1,389.

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

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

\*Mrs. Hazy Bishop voted with exception to her PASA/PSBA Annual Conference request.

Mr. Gerwick made the motion, in consideration of related discussions in our previous public work session meeting, the Personnel committee recommends, and I move that action items #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Dr. Nichols.

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| <p>1. It is recommended that the Board approve hiring the following: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tammy Shreffler – Full-time High School Head Cook at a salary of \$15.25 per hour (Dept. C-I), – retroactive to October 15, 2024.</li> <li>• Dakota Sutton - Hillview Full-time Custodian at \$14.00 per hour – effective October 17, 2024</li> </ul>  | <p>T. SHREFFLER<br/>D. SUTTON<br/>HIRED</p>                  |
| <p>2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following additional substitutes: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kayla Scher – Early Childhood PK-4</li> <li>• Grace Bettwy – Pre-graduate 20 days</li> <li>• Katelyn Klotz – Pre-graduate 20 days</li> <li>• Kelsi Anderson – Pre-graduate 20 days</li> <li>• Emma Colicci – Pre-graduate 20 days</li> <li>• Trisha Kerr – Pre-graduate 20 days</li> <li>• Jeff Burkhart – Pre-graduate 20 days</li> <li>• Tyler Wofford – Pre-graduate 20 days</li> <li>• Stephen Gilliland – Emergency Substitute</li> <li>• Dana Morton – cafeteria</li> <li>• Jayna Palumbo – English 7-12</li> </ul>  | <p>ADDITIONAL<br/>SUBSTITUTES<br/>APPROVED</p>               |
| <p>3. It is recommended that the Board approve the additional 2024-25 Supplementals – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jason Dunn – Middle School Theater Director/2 - \$2,689</li> <li>• Jason Dunn – Middle School Theater Sets - \$688</li> <li>• Dwayne Lettie – Middle School Building Level Tech Support - \$2,220</li> <li>• DJ Puskar – Middle School Building Level Tech Support - \$2,220</li> <li>• Katie Stewart – Hillview Building Level Tech Support - \$2,220</li> <li>• Amy Csajka – Hillview Building Level Tech Support - \$2,220</li> <li>• Barb Lucido – High School Jr. Fundraising – 1/3 position \$371</li> <li>• Michelle Albertini – High School Jr. Fundraising – 1/3 position \$371</li> <li>• Stephanie Sumner – High School Jr. Fundraising – 1/3 position \$371</li> <li>• Barb Lucido – High School Senior Class Advisor – 1/3 position \$371</li> <li>• Michelle Albertini – High School Senior Class Advisor – 1/3 position \$371</li> <li>• Stephanie Sumner – High School Senior Class Advisor – 1/3 position \$371</li> </ul> | <p>2024-25<br/>ADDITIONAL<br/>SUPPLEMENTALS<br/>APPROVED</p> |

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2024-25 Winter Sports Supplementals – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

2024-25  
WINTER SPORTS  
SUPPLEMENTALS  
APPROVED

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following resignation, as well as any necessary documentation as to terms and conditions to finalize the employees' separation from the District employment.

DISTRICT  
RESIGNATION  
APPROVED

- Jennifer Wasser – Part-time Cafeteria Worker – resignation effective October 11, 2024

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

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

Mr. Gerwick made the motion, in consideration of related discussions in our previous public work session meeting, the Policy & Legislative Affairs committee recommends, and I move that action items #1 and #2 be approved by the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the first reading of the following policy:

POLICY 907  
FIRST READING  
APPROVED

- 907 – School Visitors (recommended updates from PSBA)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the final reading of the following policy:

POLICY 339  
FINAL READING  
APPROVED

- 339 – Uncompensated Leave (recommended updates from PSBA)

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

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

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated the Girl's Soccer team for the great season they have had.
- Commented on the PSBA Conference regarding the presentation given by Dr. Finch and herself and noted that Grove City Area School District is being noted in many areas statewide for their quality of education.

MOMENT  
FOR MISSION

Mr. Thomas – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on his daughter’s wishes to dress up as a police officer for Halloween this year due to the positive influence Officer Maxwell, as well as Officer Jaszemski and Officer Francie have on our students.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meetings – Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 8:15 a.m.
- Work Session Meeting – Monday, November 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Voting Meeting – Monday, November 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris  
Board Secretary

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