

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

Regular Voting Meeting

February 9, 2026

A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, prior to the meeting being called to order by the President, Mr. Ryan Thomas, 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. Ryan Thomas	Dr. Erik Bardy (remotely)
Mr. August Hurst*	Mr. Lindon Fowler
Mr. Raymond Abplanalp	Dr. Constance Nichols
Mr. Mitchell Augustine	Mrs. Sandra Phipps (remotely)

*Mr. Hurst arrived late.

Mrs. Karen Hazy Bishop was absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Weaver, Dr. Watkins, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), no guests in person and one guest remotely.

Mr. Thomas announced that an Executive Session will be held after the voting meeting to discuss a high school student discipline issue.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

There were no Board recognitions.

BOARD
RECOGNITIONS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Augustine and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026 Voting Meeting and the February 2, 2026 Work Session Meeting.

VOTING MEETING/
WORK SESSION
MEETING
MINUTES
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye		

President's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Weaver gave an update on issues pertaining to the Forker Field project.

SUPER-
INTENDENT'S
REPORT

Solicitor's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S
REPORT

MCCC and MIU4 Report:

- Mr. Abplanalp discussed the option of holding a future Board meeting at the Mercer County Career Center and touring their facility.

MCCC & MIU4
REPORT

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the Financial Statement for January 2026.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye		

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the Bills Payable for February 2026.

LIST OF BILLS
PAYABLE
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye
Dr. Bardy	aye		

Mr. Hurst arrived at 7:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the Budget Transfers for February 2026.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the Budget Transfers for February 2026 from the budgetary reserve.

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

BUDGET
TRANSFERS FROM
BUDGETARY
RESERVE
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the use of the Capital Reserve Fund to pay for:

- Hillview parking lot scoping and repairs to the catch basin collars totaling \$13,518.
- Middle school heat pump repairs totaling \$15,970.

USE OF CAPITAL
RESERVE FUNDS
FOR REPAIRS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve the following resolution for 2025-26:

2025-2026
TAX
EXONERATION
RESOLUTION
APPROVED

WHEREAS, Matthew Fischer, Grove City Borough; Starla Lindey, Liberty Township; Elizabeth Mattocks, Pine Township; Christi Cratty, Springfield Township; and Amanda McGhee, Wolf Creek Township; Collectors of School Taxes, have requested exoneration for the collection of all unpaid real estate and per capita taxes, and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Matthew Fischer, Grove City Borough; Starla Lindey, Liberty Township; Elizabeth Mattocks, Pine Township; Christi Cratty, Springfield Township; and Amanda McGhee, Wolf Creek Township, Real Estate Tax Collectors for School Taxes have filed unpaid real estate taxes with the Mercer County Courthouse by January 31, 2026, and they are hereby exonerated and released from the collection of all unpaid 2025 real estate taxes.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Matthew Fischer, Starla Lindey, Elizabeth Mattocks, Christi Cratty, and Amanda McGhee, Per Capita Tax Collectors of School Taxes have filed unpaid per capita taxes with Sharp Collection by January 31, 2026, and they are hereby exonerated and released from the collection of all unpaid 2025 per capita taxes.

PROVIDING, however, that the responsibility of the taxables for the payment of said taxes shall be in no manner affected by this action, it is being for the purpose and intention of the School Board that said taxables shall not be charged against them under the duplicates for said year 2025.

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the additional 2025-26 Krise Transportation Inc. drivers – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Jeremy Masterson
- Bonnie Thompson

2025-26
ADDITIONAL
KRIS TRAN. INC.
DRIVERS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve the William Penn Academy Agreement.

WILLIAM PENN
ACADEMY
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

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

- One high school student and one chaperone to travel to the PMEA Regional orchestral Festival Competition at North Allegheny High School on March 5 – 7, 2026 at a district cost of \$950

STUDENT TRAVEL
REQUEST
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

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

- Amber Fitch – Youth Mental Health Conference, NAMI in Pittsburgh, PA – February 6, 2026 at a district cost of \$165.
- Richard Tharpe – Safety Care Re-Certification Training at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV – February 18, 2026 at a district cost of \$100.
- Megan Taggart – Multilingual Learners Symposium – Pittsburgh, PA – March 5, 2026 at a district cost of \$175.

STAFF
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve the High School Program of Studies Course Catalog for grades 9-12.

HIGH SCHOOL
PROGRAM OF
STUDIES
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve the updated 2026-27 district calendar.

UPDATED
2026-27
DISTRICT
CALENDAR
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

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

R. MOORE
HIRED

- Ronald Moore – maintenance technician – at a prorated salary of \$42,000 – effective February 10, 2026

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the following 2025-26 Head Custodian:

- Abigail Clingenpeel – Hillview – at a prorated salary of \$1,670 – effective February 10, 2026

2025-26
HEAD CUSTODIAN
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

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

- Dale Edmiston – English 7-12 and Family and Consumer Science
- Rachel Mays – Special Ed. PK-12 and support
- Tyler Toms – Pre-graduate 20 days
- Jenna Stanski – Pre-graduate 20 days
- Stephen Gilliland – Emergency Permit
- Heather Reed – Emergency Permit and support
- Grace Magilson – Pre-graduate 20 days
- Kendra Koerth – Pre-graduate 20 days
- Noah Sunseri – Social Studies and Driver's Ed.
- Alessandra Van Dunk – Emergency Permit
- Robert Schirg – Pre-graduate 20 days

ADDITIONAL
SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the additional 2026 Spring Sports Supplemental – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:

- Jeremy Baker – Baseball Volunteer Coach

2026
ADDITIONAL
SPRING SPORT
SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the additional 2025-2026 Supplementals – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:

- Ty Wise – middle school detention supervisor - \$30 hourly
- Karen Garland – middle school detention supervisor substitute - \$30 hourly

2025-26
ADDITIONAL
SUPPLEMENTALS
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve unpaid leave for employee #1892 from the end of FMLA leave through May 2026.

EMPLOYEE #1892
UNPAID LEAVE
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the following retirement, as well as any necessary documentation as to terms and conditions to finalize the employee's separation from the District employment.

- Mark Truran – Ed. Services Program Special Education Teacher at Hillview – retirement effective May 29, 2026

DISTRICT
RETIREMENT
APPROVED

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve the Fitness Center Planned Maintenance and Service Agreement at a cost of \$1,200.

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

Mr. Thomas	aye	Dr. Bardy	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

FITNESS CENTER
PLANNED
MAINTENANCE &
SERVICE
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on Hillview's upcoming "Lights, Camera, Read" event.

MOMENT
FOR MISSION

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Thanked Mr. Marstellar's class for creating and installing the vinyl artwork located throughout Central Office.

Mr. Thomas – Subject of Commentary

- Commented that the Educational Foundation's first meeting held this week was successful.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Work Session – Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
- Voting Meeting – Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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