

**GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
HELD IN BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUALLY
MAY 4, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hurst, Mr. Abplanalp, Mr. Augustine, Dr. Bardy, Mr. Fowler, Mrs. Hazy Bishop, Dr. Nichols and Mrs. Phipps

Non-Members Present: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Weaver, Dr. Watkins, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), approximately 12 guests remotely and 11 guests in person

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an executive session held at 6:15 p.m. prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Jeffrey Tedford – Subject of Commentary

- Budgetary considerations

Mr. Joshua Hayes – Subject of Commentary

- Hillview theater program

Mr. Corey Corbin – Subject of Commentary

- Athletic Director Position

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Thomas asked for changes to the minutes from the April 13, 2026 Voting Meeting. There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas thanked the public for their comments and understanding of the difficult decisions the Board is facing while trying to balance the budget.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Weaver discussed the proposed communications supplemental positions.
2. Dr. Weaver thanked Grove City College for allowing the district to use their football field for the graduation ceremony this year
3. Deven Dittrich spoke about the new Grove City Area School District Athletic Hall of Fame and announced the upcoming inductees.
4. Dr. Weaver provided an update on the Middle School drive study
5. Dr. Weaver gave an update on the district's mowers

FINANCE

Mr. Kevin Buraks from Portnoff Law Associates, LTD presented on their delinquent real estate tax collection program.

Mrs. Phipps discussed the following agenda items:

1. The financial statement for April 2026, bills payable for May 2026, and budget transfers for May 2026 will be included with the Voting Meeting packet.
2. Nomination of Sandy Phipps as treasurer for the 2026-27 school year
3. 2026-27 depositories, school dentist, voluntary student accident insurance, and solicitor
4. Additional Krise Transportation drivers and monitor

Mrs. Harris and Atty. Evankovich discussed a real estate appraisal for the Grove City Factory Shops.

Mrs. Harris presented the 2026-27 proposed final budget.

Dr. Nichols left the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m.

STUDENT AFFAIRS and ACTIVITIES

There were no items.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dr. Weaver discussed the following items from the committee meeting held April 28, 2026:

1. High School Credit Recovery – Open Campus
2. Non-resident tuition students
3. AP Statistics textbook on display

PERSONNEL

Mr. Hurst discussed the following items from the committee meeting held April 28, 2026:

A hiring, an additional substitute, 2026 ESY hires for Hillview and the Middle School, 2026 High School credit recovery/credit acceleration hirings, 2026-27 fall coaches, 2026-27 Supplementals, a resignation and a retirement

Dr. Weaver discussed a comparison of Admin staffing levels in other districts.

FACILITIES and SCHOOL SAFETY

Mr. Thomas and Dr. Weaver discussed the following agenda items:

1. Middle school HVAC project update
2. Stadium project update
3. Change orders approved by the Superintendent

POLICY and LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Mrs. Hazy Bishop discussed the following agenda items:

1. Final reading of policies:
 - 204 – Attendance
 - 218.1 – Weapons
 - 221 – Dress and Grooming
 - 619 – District Audit
2. Appointment of PSBA voting delegates for the 2026 Delegate Assembly
3. Resolution Calling for Increased State Funding

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated Mr. Thomas for being nominated for the 2026 Under 40 Distinguished Impact Award through Penn-Northwest Development Corp.

Mr. Hurst – Subject of Commentary

- Appreciated the Administration's effort to keep the graduation ceremony outdoors

Mrs. Phipps – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated Chase Karenbauer for qualifying to represent USA in a world wrestling tournament

Mrs. Hazy Bishop– Subject of Commentary

- Thanked all staff members who helped with the Prom
- Recognized the Holocaust speaker and Prom Promise presentation last week as great events for the high school students

FUTURE BUSINESS MEETING DATES

A Voting Meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Administrative Office. Board and community members may attend in person or virtually. Remote connection information will be posted on the district website prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.