

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

Regular Voting Meeting

March 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 7:02 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	Mr. Lindon Fowler
Mr. Raymond Abplanalp	Mrs. Karen Hazy Bishop
Mr. Mitchell Augustine	Dr. Constance Nichols
Dr. Erik Bardy	Mrs. Sandra Phipps

Mr. August Hurst was absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Weaver, Dr. Watkins, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mr. Breitenbach (remotely), approximately 17 guests in person and one guest remotely.

An Executive Session was held at 6:45 p.m., prior to the voting meeting, to discuss a middle school student's discipline issues and personnel issue.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

The Board recognized Chase Karenbauer, Hudson Hohman and Tanner Hamilton for earning medals at PIAA States for wrestling and Milena Sciullo, Aleah Morgante and Jonah Stucchio for earning medals at PIAA States for indoor track.

BOARD
RECOGNITIONS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Hazy Bishop and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2026 Voting Meeting and the March 2, 2026 Work Session Meeting.

VOTING MEETING/
WORK SESSION
MEETING
MINUTES
APPROVED

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

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

President's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**Superintendent's Report:**

- Dr. Weaver stated he has received a new State Mandates list for Public Schools and will email a copy to all Board members.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Augustine and seconded by Dr. Bardy to approve the Financial Statement for February 2026.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the Bills Payable for March 2026.

LIST OF BILLS
PAYABLE
APPROVED

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

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

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

BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

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

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

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

BUDGET
TRANSFERS FROM
BUDGETARY
RESERVE
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the 2026-27 Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV General Operating Budget.

2026-27
MIU IV GENERAL
OPERATING
BUDGET
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve the 2026-27 Mercer County Career Center General Fund Budget.

2026-27
MERCER COUNTY
CAREER CENTER
GENERAL FUND
BUDGET
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the PSBA BUCS Comprehensive Agreement.

PSBA BUCS
COMPREHENSIVE
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve advertising for a request for proposals for district copiers.

ADVERTISING FOR
PROPOSALS FOR
DISTRICT COPIERS
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve advertising for a request for proposals for district trash removal.

ADVERTISING FOR
PROPOSALS FOR
DISTRICT TRASH
REMOVAL
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve advertising for a request for proposals for occupational and physical therapy services.

ADVERTISING FOR
PROPOSALS FOR
OCCUPATIONAL &
PHYSICAL
THERAPY
SERVICES
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve advertising for a request for bids for the purchase of a Combi Oven for the middle school cafeteria.

ADVERTISING FOR
BIDS FOR COMBI
OVEN
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve the Mercer Area School District contract for the transportation of school pupils.

MERCER ASD
TRANSPORT.
CONTRACT
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve a 2026 Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeal Settlement agreement with Willard E. Campbell Enterprises, Inc., parcel 29 217 032 004 003.

2026
REAL ESTATE TAX
ASSESSMENT
APPEAL
SETTLEMENT
APPROVED

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

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

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

STUDENT TRAVEL
REQUESTS
APPROVED

- 3 high school students and one chaperone to travel to the PSPA (Pennsylvania School Press Association) State Finals at Penn State University, State College on March 16, 2026 at a district cost of \$202
- Approximately 80 students and 10-15 chaperones to travel to Disney World (Band Trip), Orlando, FL on February 3-7, 2027 at no cost to the district
- 27 students and one chaperone to travel to the National Academic Tournament in Charlotte, NC on April 24-28, 2026 at a district cost not to exceed \$4,480
- 2 students and 1-2 chaperones to travel to the PMEA State Conference and State Ensembles at Kalahari Resort in Poconos, PA on April 22-25, 2026 at a district cost not to exceed \$1,780

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

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

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

- Dennis Ranker – Ohio Psychology Teaching Conference at the National Museum of Psychology and the Cummings Center for the History of Psychology in Akron, OH – March 6, 2026 at a district cost of \$100
- Brandon Jones, Jennifer Connelly and Shannon Steigerwald – Safety Care Recertification Training at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV – March 20, 2026 at a district cost of \$100 each
- Denise Ferguson, Beth Harris and Dr. Joshua Weaver – PAFPC Annual Conference in Erie, PA – May 17-20, 2026 at a district cost of \$2,900
- Dr. Jason Watkins – Western PA Assistant Superintendents' Forum at Seven Springs Mountain Resort – March 12-13, 2026 at a district cost of \$550

STAFF
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the 2026-2029 Comprehensive Plan.

2026-29
COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN
APPROVED

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

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the purchase of textbooks and workbooks:

- Cengage – Entrepreneurship – Ideas in Action

PURCHASE OF
TEXTBOOKS AND
WORKBOOKS
APPROVED

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

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

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

- Azaria Wolf – full-time custodian – at an hourly rate of \$15.00 – effective date March 10, 2026

A. WOLF
HIRED

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL
SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED

- Kurt Ligo – Elementary K-6 and English as a Second Language PK-12
- Emily Southworth – Pre-graduate 20 days
- Ava Holbrook – Pre-graduate 20 days
- Alayna Bishop – Pre-graduate 20 days
- Jacob Malesky – Pre-graduate 20 days

The motion carried; 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention, with voting as follows:

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

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

2026
ADDITIONAL
SPORTS
SUPPLEMENTALS
APPROVED

- Brian Ballentine – baseball volunteer coach
- Amanda MacIsaac – unified track and field volunteer coach

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Nichols to accept the following resignation, as well as any necessary documentation as to terms and conditions to finalize the employee's separation from the District employment.

DISTRICT
RESIGNATION
APPROVED

- Jamie Isenberg – Hillview teacher – resignation effective August 1, 2026

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve change order(s) for the Forker Field lighting renovations by Musco Sports Lighting at a cost not to exceed \$84,000.

FORKER FIELD
CHANGE ORDER
APPROVED

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

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

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Work Session – Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
- Voting Meeting – Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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