

**GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
HELD IN BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUALLY
JUNE 8, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hurst, Mr. Abplanalp, Mr. Augustine (remotely), Dr. Bardy, Mrs. Hazy Bishop and Mrs. Phipps

Members Absent: Mr. Fowler and Dr. Nichols

Non-Members Present: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Watkins, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), approximately 8 guests remotely and 3 guests in person

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jerry Bowser -- Subject of Commentary

- Budget

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Thomas asked for changes to the minutes from the May 11, 2026 Voting Meeting. There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was none.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Watkins thanked Grove City College for hosting graduation and thanked all staff involved in organizing the event.
2. Dr. Watkins discussed additional savings through software cost reductions.
3. Dr. Watkins discussed the Grove City Area School District Education Foundation and the upcoming Pickleball clinic and tournament.
4. Dr. Watkins provided an update on the Middle School drive study.

FINANCE

Mrs. Phipps discussed the following agenda items:

1. The financial statement for May 2026, bills payable for June 2026, and budget transfers for June 2026 will be included with the Voting Meeting packet.
2. District Insurances for 2026-27
3. Booster clubs authorized for games of chance for the 2026-27 school year
4. Additional Krise Transportation drivers
5. 2026-27 Interim Healthcare Agreement
6. 2027 ESY agreement with The School at McGuire for one student

7. Wesley Family Services shared OT Professional Services Agreement
8. AOT Physical Therapist contracted services

Mrs. Harris discussed the 2026-27 Homestead and Farmstead Resolution and the 2026-27 School Year Proposed Budget.

The board discussed the delinquent real estate tax collection program.

STUDENT AFFAIRS and ACTIVITIES

There were no items.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Mrs. Hazy Bishop discussed the following items from the committee meeting held June 2, 2026:

1. AP Statistics textbook
2. Staff conference request

Dr. Watkins discussed Driver's Ed – behind the wheel instruction.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Hurst discussed the following items from the committee meeting held June 2, 2026:

1. Memorandum of Understanding for Communications
2. Memorandum of Understanding for Athletic Director
3. Memorandum of Understanding for Custodial CBA
4. Hirings, 2026-27 head custodians, tenure, additional 2025-26 supplementals, additional 2026 ESY hire, additional 2026-27 fall coaches, additional 2026-27 supplementals, resignations and retirements

FACILITIES and SCHOOL SAFETY

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

1. Parking lot repairs and sealing
2. 2026-27 Johnson Controls contract
3. Middle school HVAC project update
4. Stadium project update
5. Change orders approved by the Superintendent
6. Roof replacements at Forker Field

POLICY and LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Mr. Hurst recommended a future agenda discussion item related to handing out diplomas at the high school graduation ceremony.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Mr. Hurst and all board members – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on successful high school graduation ceremony

Mrs. Phipps – Subject of Commentary

- Discussed highlights from elementary field trip to Echo Pines Equine.

Mr. Hurst – Subject of Commentary

- Complimented Mercer County Career Center for wonderful graduation ceremony

Mr. Augustine– Subject of Commentary

- Highlighted the high school talent show that went viral on social media

FUTURE BUSINESS MEETING DATES

A Voting Meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 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 9:00 p.m.