

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

Regular Voting Meeting

May 11, 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 7:15 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. August Hurst	Mrs. Karen Hazy Bishop
Mr. Raymond Abplanalp	Dr. Constance Nichols
Mr. Mitchell Augustine	Mrs. Sandra Phipps
Dr. Erik Bardy	

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Weaver, Dr. Watkins, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), approximately 25 guests in person and 50 guests remotely.

An executive session was held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the voting meeting, to discuss personnel issues and a high school student discipline issue.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

There were no Board Recognitions.

BOARD
RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Chris Kwolek – Subject of Commentary

- Athletic Director position and proposed budget.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Ms. Marketa Schublova – Subject of Commentary

- Athletic Director position.

Mr. Michael Coulter – Subject of Commentary

- Athletic Director position.

Ms. Darcie Holmes – Subject of Commentary

- Athletic Director position and proposed budget.

Mr. Lee McCracken – Subject of Commentary

- Proposed budget.

Mr. Randy Arnold – Subject of Commentary

- Proposed budget.

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2026 Voting Meeting and the May 4, 2026 Work Session Meeting.

VOTING MEETING/
WORK SESSION
MEETING
MINUTES
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

President's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

SUPER-
INTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S
REPORT

MCCC and MIU4 Report:

- Mr. Abplanalp commented that the upcoming enrollment will be the highest to date for the Mercer County Career Center.

MCCC & MIU4
REPORT

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the financial statement for April 2026.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

BILLS PAYABLE
APPROVED

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

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	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 Budget Transfers for May 2026.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	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 Dr. Nichols to approve the Budget Transfers for May 2026 from the budgetary reserve.

TRANSFERS FROM
BUDGETARY
RESERVE
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	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. Fowler to approve Sandy Phipps as treasurer for the 2026-27 school year.

2026-27
BOARD
TREASURER
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	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 Dr. Nichols to approve the 2026-27 Depositories:

2026-27
DEPOSITORIES
APPROVED

- General Fund: PLGIT, PNC Bank, PSDLAF, First National Bank
- Student Activities: NexTier Bank
- Cafeteria Account: PLGIT, First National Bank
- Capital Reserve Account: PLGIT

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	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 Dr. Thomas Lah as the school district dentist for the 2026-27 school year at a cost of \$1,000.

2026-27
SCHOOL DENTIST
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	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. Fowler to approve offering Voluntary Student Accident Insurance – effective 7/1/2026 through 6/30/2027, at no cost to the district.

2026-27
VOLUNTARY
STUDENT
ACCIDENT
INSURANCE
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	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 Dr. Nichols to approve the additional 2025-26 Krise Transportation Inc. drivers and monitor – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:

2026-27
ADDITIONAL
KRIS TRAN.,
DRIVERS/
MONITOR
APPROVED

- Allyse Aikman – driver
- Shawn Catterson – driver
- Melissa Provident – monitor
- Kimberly McBryant – driver
- Gregory Gross – driver
- James Baker – driver

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	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 Dr. Nichols to approve Andrews and Price as solicitor for the 2026-27 school year at the following costs:

- \$850 Monthly Retainer Fee
- \$140 Hourly Rate
- \$80 Paralegal Hourly Rate

2026-27
SCHOOL
SOLICITOR
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	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. Fowler to approve the pro rata share of services to be provided by Integra Realty Resources for property inspection and financial review, and if necessary full appraisal, for the Grove City Factory Shops real estate assessment appeal at a district cost not to exceed \$13,220.

INTEGRA REALTY
RESOURCES
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Fowler	aye
Mr. Hurst	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	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. Fowler to discuss all four of the following options as presented:

1. 2026-27 Proposed Final Budget, as presented, with a base scenario 0 mill increase OR
2. 2026-27 Proposed Final Budget, as presented, with a 1.54 mill increase OR
3. 2026-27 Proposed Final Budget, as presented, with a 2.25 mill increase OR
4. 2026-27 Proposed Final Budget, as presented, with a 3.5 mill increase

2026-27
DISCUSSION OF
PROPOSED FINAL
BUDGET
SCENARIOS
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve a 2026-27 Proposed Final Budget with a 3.0 mill increase.

2026-27
PROPOSED FINAL
BUDGET WITH 3.0
MILL INCREASE
APPROVED

The motion carried; 6 ayes, 3 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the high school recovery – Open Campus.

HIGH SCHOOL
CREDIT
RECOVERY OPEN
CAMPUS
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

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

S. BAKER
HIRED

- Shannon Baker – part-time cafeteria production worker – at a salary of \$14.25 hourly (Dept. C – Class II – Step I) – retroactive to April 13, 2026.

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve the 2026 ESY hires.

2026
ESY STAFF
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

*Mrs. Hazy Bishop voted with exception to her niece.

2026
CREDIT
RECOVERY/
CREDIT
ACCELERATION
TEACHERS
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the 2026 high school credit recovery/credit acceleration teachers:

- Beth Sciallo
- Dennis Ranker
- Marie Herman
- Nate Barber
- Will Logan
- Brandon Jones
- Amanda DiAlesandro
- Brian Reiser
- Karyn Senita
- Alyssa Schafer

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

ADDITIONAL
SUBSTITUTE
APPROVED

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

- Jordan Rottman – pre-graduate 20 day

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the 2026-27 Fall coaches – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

2026-27
FALL COACHES
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

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

DISTRICT
RESIGNATIONS/
RETIREMENT
APPROVED

- Margie Lott – Educational Services secretary – retirement – effective July 15, 2026.
- Kayla Witzke – part-time cafeteria worker – resignation effective April 30, 2026
- Doug Shreffler – maintenance worker – resignation effective May 4, 2026.

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve the 2026-27 Supplementals – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

2026-27
SUPPLEMENTALS
APPROVED

- Beth Sciuillo – district-wide physical education department chair - \$800
- Brian Reiser – district-wide cyber department chair - \$800
- Hannah Flowers – district-wide music department chair - \$800
- Katie Stewart – district-wide technology department chair - \$800
- Chris Bauer – district-wide art department chair - \$800
- Kristy Thrasher – high school accompanist - \$1,032
- Matthew Prinkey – high school (marching) band director - \$7,532
- Matthew Prinkey – jazz band - \$3,841
- Alex Holmes – high school assistant (marching) band director - \$4,670
- Elizabeth Love – high school Silks - \$1,883
- Karen Hazy Bishop – high school Dance Line volunteer
- Vince Anastasi – high school department chair – English - \$800
- Janine Stuart – high school department chair – Math - \$800

- Will Logan – high school department chair – Science - \$800
- Dennis Ranker – high school department chair – Social Studies - \$800
- Nathan Hunter – high school department chair – Special Education - \$800
- Jay Marsteller – high school department chair – Electives - \$800
- Will Logan – high school department chair – Online Academy - \$800
- Rob Haggart – high school building level tech support - \$2,333
- Pat McElroy – high school fall play director – \$3,034.50
- Pat McElroy – high school fall play stage sets – \$1,214
- Pat McElroy – high school fall play theater tech director – \$1,426
- Pat McElroy – high school lights and sound tech – \$2,968
- Pat McElroy – high school yearbook advisor – \$2,968
- Jay Marsteller – high school TV advisor – \$2,968
- Jay Marsteller – high school video tech. – \$2,968
- Hannah Flowers – musical vocal director – \$2,428
- Bill Hoffman – ski club advisor volunteer
- Tom Lilly – ski club advisor volunteer
- Justin Bandi – ski club advisor volunteer
- Michelle Albertini – high school senior class advisor – 1/3 pay \$393.67
- Barb Lucido – high school senior class advisor – 1/3 pay \$393.67
- Stephanie Sumner – high school senior class advisor – 1/3 pay \$393.67
- Amber Fitch – student council advisor – \$4,218
- Hannah Flowers – high school show choir – ½ pay – \$2,109
- Anthony Molinaro – high school show choir – ½ pay – \$2,109
- Megan Penman – elementary department chair – K ELA – \$800
- Michelle Beck – elementary department chair – K Math – \$800
- Megan Hartzel – elementary department chair – 1st grade ELA – \$800
- William Ford – elementary department chair – 1st grade Math – \$800
- Christa Reddick – elementary department chair – 2nd grade ELA – \$800
- Rebecca McGill – elementary department chair – 2nd grade Math – \$800
- Emily Fortuna – elementary department chair – 3rd grade ELA – \$800
- Tammy Shaw – elementary department chair – 3rd grade Math – \$800
- Julianne McLallen – elementary department chair – 4th grade ELA – \$800
- Terri Eller – elementary department chair – 4th grade Math – \$800
- Tracy Barr – elementary department chair – 5th grade ELA – \$800
- Stephanie Thompson – elementary department chair – 5th grade Math – \$800
- Susyn Klingler – elementary department chair – Special Education – \$800
- Matt Nichols – fall elementary play – \$1,212.50
- Matt Nichols – spring elementary play – \$1,212.50
- Julie Pottinger – middle school department chair – Math – \$800
- Dwayne Lettie – middle school department chair – ELA – \$800
- Michelle Rihel – middle school department chair – Science – \$800

- Ty Wise – middle school department chair – Social Studies – \$800
- Jason Dunn – middle school department chair – Special Education – \$800
- DJ Puskar – middle school building level tech support – ½ pay – \$1,166.50
- Dwayne Lettie – middle school building level tech support – ½ pay – \$1,166.50

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mrs. Phipps to approve the elimination of the full time Athletic Director position as set forth in the Act 93 Certificate/Administration Agreement dated July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029, reduce the position to a part time supplemental position and amend the Agreement accordingly, and approve the furlough of Casey Young, effective June 30, 2026.

ELIMINATION OF
FULL TIME
ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR
POSITION
APPROVED

The motion carried; 6 ayes, 3 nays, with a roll call voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Hazy Bishop and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the final reading of the following policies:

- 204 – Attendance (recommended updates from PSBA)
- 218.1 – Weapons (recommended updates from PSBA)
- 221 – Dress and Grooming (recommended updates from PSBA)
- 619 – District Audit (recommended updates from PSBA)

FINAL READING
POLICY 204
POLICY 218.1
POLICY 221
POLICY 619
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Hazy Bishop and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve Mrs. Phipps and Mrs. Hazy Bishop as PSBA voting delegates for the 2026 Delegate Assembly.

2026
PSBA ASSEMBLY
DELEGATES
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Hazy Bishop and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve a Resolution Calling for Increased State Funding.

RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR
INCREASED
STATE FUNDING
APPROVED

The motion carried; 9 ayes, 0 nays, with voting as follows:

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

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Expressed appreciation for the excellent educators in Grove City Area School District.

MOMENT
FOR MISSION

Dr. Watkins – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the excellent work completed by Evelyn Keller on her course completion from ASL Virtual Academy as part of her ILP.

Mr. Hurst – Subject of Commentary

- Expressed appreciation to the high school administration for the work done in order to keep the 2026 graduation ceremony outdoors.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meetings – Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 8:15 a.m.
- Work Session – Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
- Voting Meeting – Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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