

**GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
HELD IN BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUALLY
AUGUST 3, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

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

Members Absent: Mr. Thomas and Dr. Bardy

Non-Members Present: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Weaver, Dr. Watkins, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Dennis (remotely), approximately 8 guests remotely and no guests in person

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Hurst asked for changes to the minutes from the June 15, 2026 Voting Meeting. There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Hurst noted that Mr. Thomas sends his regrets, but is unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Hurst will be running the meeting in his place.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Weaver thanked Prestige Rentals for donating the new flag pole at Forker Field.
2. Dr. Weaver thanked the Facilities and School Safety Committee for their work at the committee meeting held prior to this Work Session.
3. Dr. Weaver explained the new "UM" notations in the agenda referencing unfunded mandates.
4. Dr. Weaver invited all Board members to attend the Welcome Back breakfast on August 25, 2026.

FINANCE

Mrs. Phipps discussed the following agenda items:

1. The financial statement for July 2026 and bills payable for June, July and August 2026 will be included with the Voting Meeting packet.
2. Petty cash for the high school, middle school, and Hillview fall plays
3. 2026-27 Krise Transportation drivers and monitors
4. Mercer County Head Start Agreement to purchase meals from the District Food Services
5. 2026-27 Watson Institute Agreement
6. 2026-27 Glade Run Agreement

7. 2026-27 LearnWell Tutoring Services
8. 2026-27 School at McGuire Agreement
9. 2026-27 William Penn Academy Agreement
10. 2026-27 Team Tutor Agreement

The board discussed the delinquent real estate tax collection program.

Mr. Hurst discussed additional finance committee meetings during the school year. The Board agreed to schedule meetings to begin at 6:00 pm, prior to the November, January and March Work Sessions.

STUDENT AFFAIRS and ACTIVITIES

Mr. Fowler discussed student travel requests.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dr. Nichols discussed the following items from the committee meeting held July 28, 2026:

1. Partnership with William Penn Academy
2. Staff conference request
3. Learning without Tears – Cursive Writing Mandate Resource
4. Lifewise program
5. Non-resident tuition student discussion

PERSONNEL

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

Hirings, 2026-27 building substitute, additional 2026-27 supplementals, additional 2026 ESY and Success by Six hires, additional substitutes, additional 2026-27 fall coaches, 2026-27 Non-Union personnel salary advancements and stipends, and resignations and retirements.

Dr. Weaver reviewed the job description and goals for the communication team.

FACILITIES and SCHOOL SAFETY

Dr. Weaver discussed the following items from the committee meeting held on August 3, 2026:

1. Middle School project update
2. Stadium project update
3. Change orders approved by the Superintendent
4. Roofing at Forker Field
5. MS Drive proposed repairs
6. Forker Field entrance – capital campaign
7. Purchase of truck

POLICY and LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

There was nothing to report.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Mrs. Phipps – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated Chase Karenbauer on his 5th place finish at U17 World Championship.

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Thanked the custodial and maintenance staff for their work over the summer to prepare the buildings for a new school year.

Mrs. Hazy Bishop– Subject of Commentary

- Complimented Mr. Prinkey for his patience in working with a new group of band students and announced a last day of band camp performance to be held on August 14, 2026.

FUTURE BUSINESS MEETING DATES

A Voting Meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 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 8:26 p.m.