

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

Regular Voting Meeting

August 10, 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 7:03 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 was absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Weaver, Dr. Watkins, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Winger, Mr. Breitenbach (remotely), approximately 7 guests remotely and no guests in person.

There was no Executive Session scheduled.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

There were no Board recognitions.

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 June 15, 2026 Voting Meeting and the August 3, 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. Hurst	aye	Mrs. Hazy Bishop	aye
Mr. Abplanalp	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Augustine	aye	Mrs. Phipps	aye

President's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Weaver invited all the Board members to attend the Welcome Back presentation on August 25, 2026.
- Dr. Weaver gave an update on the Learner Profile pilot program.
- Mr. Hurst discussed the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent evaluation process and timeline.

SUPER-
INTENDENT'S
REPORT

Solicitor's Report:

- There was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S
REPORT

MCCC and MIU4 Report:

- Mr. Abplanalp will contact the Mercer County Career Center to schedule an upcoming Voting Meeting to be held there.

MCCC & MIU4
REPORT

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

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the Bills Payable for June, July and August 2026.

BILLS PAYABLE
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

* Each Board member voted with exception to their individual mileage reimbursement checks.

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve \$500 petty cash for the high school fall play, \$400 petty cash for the middle school fall play and \$300 petty cash for Hillview's fall play.

PETTY CASH FOR
FALL PLAYS
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the 2026-27 Krise Transportation Inc. drivers and monitors – subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:

2026-27
KRIS TRANSPORTATION INC.,
DRIVERS &
MONITORS
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve the 2026-27 Watson Institute Agreement.

2026-27
WATSON
INSTITUTE
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the 2026-27 Glade Run Agreement – contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor.

2026-27
GLADE RUN
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve the 2026-27 School at McGuire Agreement.

2026-27
SCHOOL AT
MCGUIRE
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the 2026-27 William Penn Academy Agreement.

2026-27
WILLIAM PENN
ACADEMY
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mrs. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve the 2026-27 Team Tutor Agreement – contingent upon review and approval of the district solicitor.

2026-27
TEAM TUTOR
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

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

STUDENT TRAVEL
REQUESTS
APPROVED

- 60 Cross Country team members and 5 chaperones to travel to the Hoka Night XC Showcase at Spire Institute at Geneva, Ohio on August 29, 2026 at a district cost not to exceed \$1,175
- 14 Cross Country team members and 2 chaperones to travel to a Cross Country Invitational at Big Spring High School, Newville, PA on September 18-19, 2026 at a district cost not to exceed \$965

The motion carried; 8 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

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

- Emmalynne Waseleski – Safety Care Recertification Training at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV on August 24, 2026 at a district cost of \$100.

STAFF
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve the 2026-27 Learning without Tears – Cursive Writing Mandate Resource (UM).

2026-27
LEARNING
WITHOUT TEARS
CURSIVE WRITING
MANDATE
RESOURCE
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

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

DISTRICT
RESIGNATIONS/
RETIREMENTS
APPROVED

- Julianne McLallen – elementary teacher and elementary dept. chair 4th grade ELA – resignation effective August 15, 2026
- Anthony Cimoric – custodian – retirement effective February 26, 2027
- Elizabeth Cimoric – custodian – retirement effective May 31, 2027
- Rob Haggart – high school building level tech support – resignation effective July 6, 2026
- Tameika Griffin – high school aide – resignation effective July 14, 2026
- Brent Davensizer – middle school police officer – resignation effective August 3, 2026

The motion carried; 8 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

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

- Kalie Morse – temporary professional educational services math teacher at GJR at a salary of \$60,450 (B-1), effective August 11, 2026
- Tausha Knapp – Hillview and middle school - school nurse at a salary of \$60,450 (B-1), effective August 11, 2026
- Lisa Ebel – Educational Services 10-month secretary (Dept. A – Class II – Step 1) at a salary of \$16.13 hourly, effective August 11, 2026
- Bethany Biro – part-time cafeteria production worker – at a salary of \$14.75 hourly (Dept. C – Class 2 – Step 1) – effective August 26, 2026
- Kevin Jaszemski – middle school police officer – at a salary of \$29.50 hourly, effective August 11, 2026
- Nicholas Wilpula – maintenance technician/grounds focus – at a salary of \$42,000 – effective August 11, 2026
- Michael Everhart – high school long-term math substitute for the 2026-27 school year at a salary of \$51,382.50, effective August 11, 2026
- Rick Gruver – full-time custodian at a salary of \$16.25 hourly, effective August 11, 2026
- Zoey Beck – elementary long-term substitute for the 2026-27 school year at a salary of \$51,382.50, effective August 11, 2026

K MORSE
T KNAPP
L EBEL
B BIRO
K JASZEMSKI
N WILPULA
M EVERHART
R GRUVER
Z BECK
HIRED

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mrs. Hazy Bishop to approve the additional 2026 ESY hires: subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork.

- Emily Porneluzi – teacher
- Jason Dunn – teacher

2026
ADDITIONAL ESY
TEACHERS
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the additional 2026 Success by Six teacher - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork

- Amber Fusco

ADDITIONAL
SUCCESS BY SIX
TEACHER
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

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

2026-27
ADDITIONAL
SUPPLEMENTALS
APPROVED

- Alisha Johnson – middle school yearbook advisor - \$1,395
- Erin Persch – middle school student council advisor - \$1,375
- Melissa Krenzer – middle school STEAM coordinator - \$1,395
- Amy Divoky – mentor teacher for Tracy Jackson - \$1,514
- Lynda Barrett – mentor teacher for Kalie Morse at GJR - \$1,514
- Ann Lanshcak – mentor for Tausha Knapp - \$1,514
- Miranda Virone – mentor for Grace Buzalka - \$1,514
- Jennifer Welsh – high school building level tech support - \$2,333
- Brian Reiser – mentor for Michael Everhart - \$1,514
- Emily Fortuna – mentor for Zoey Beck - \$1,514
- Katie Stewart – elementary building level tech support - \$2,333
- Alicia Janacone – elementary department chair – 4th grade ELA - \$800
- Jason Dunn – middle school fall play director - \$1,426

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve the additional substitutes - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork

ADDITIONAL
SUBSTITUTES
APPROVED

- Mary Brocklehurst – cafeteria worker
- Sue McGill – cafeteria worker
- Megan Kettinger – PK-4
- Patrick DiMatteo – emergency substitute – emergency permit
- Carla Ligo – emergency substitute – emergency permit
- Fiona Keller – emergency substitute – emergency permit
- Rebecca Graham – emergency substitute – emergency permit
- Traci Haux – emergency substitute – emergency permit

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mrs. Phipps to approve the 2026-27 Non-union personnel salary advancements and stipends.

2026-27
NON-UNION
PERSONNEL
SALARY
ADVANCEMENTS
& STIPENDS
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the additional 2026-27 Fall Coaches - subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:

2026-27
ADDITIONAL FALL
COACHES
APPROVED

- Anthony Nemec – 9-12 assistant football coach – ¼ pay - \$1,705
- Zack Martin – 9-12 assistant football coach – ¼ pay - \$1,705
- Torin Smith – head boys basketball coach - \$10,179

The motion carried; 8 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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Hurst to approve the purchase of a new maintenance truck at a cost not to exceed \$65,000 via CoStars contract – to be paid out of the capital reserve fund.

NEW
MAINTENANCE
TRUCK VIA
COSTARS
CONTRACT
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 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. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Expressed excitement for another school year to be starting.

MOMENT
FOR MISSION

Mrs. Hazy Bishop – Subject of Commentary

- Commented on the marching band's program preview being held this Friday.

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Educational Services and Personnel Committee Meetings – Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 8:15 a.m.
- Work Session – Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
- Voting Meeting – Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Harris
Board Secretary

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