GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
HELD IN BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUALLY
OCTOBER 5, 2026
7:08 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hurst and Dr. Bardy

Non-Members Present: Atty. Lucas, Atty. Bock, Dr. Weaver, Dr. Watkins, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Breitenbach (remotely), approximately 2 guests remotely and 5 guests in person

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an executive session held immediately preceding this Work Session regarding a GJR litigation update and high school student discipline issues. There was also an executive session held immediately following the September 14, 2026 board voting meeting for high school student discipline issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Dr. Nichols asked for changes to the minutes from the September 14, 2026 Voting Meeting. There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was none.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Weaver announced that GCASD is currently the largest sending district to the Mercer County Career Center with 94 students.
2. Dr. Weaver discussed the upcoming Homecoming festivities.
3. Dr. Weaver gave an update on the work being done on Middle School Drive.

FINANCE

Mrs. Phipps discussed the following agenda items:

1. The financial statement for September 2026 and bills payable and budget transfers for October 2026 will be included with the Voting Meeting packet.
2. 2027-28 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program
3. 2027-28 Joint purchasing program with Keystone Purchasing Network
4. 2026-27 Hope Academy Full-time Special Education Placement Agreement
5. Additional 2026-27 Krise Transportation, Inc. monitor.

STUDENT AFFAIRS and ACTIVITIES

There was nothing to report.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dr. Nichols and Dr. Watkins discussed the following items from the committee meeting held September 29, 2026:

1. Staff conference requests
2. AI Committee update
3. Aspiring Educator Program update
4. Workbase Learning Program/ILP

PERSONNEL

Mr. Fowler discussed the following items from the committee meeting held September 29, 2026:

Additional substitutes, 2026-27 winter sports supplementals, additional 2026-27 supplementals and resignations.

FACILITIES and SCHOOL SAFETY

Dr. Weaver discussed the following agenda items:

1. Change orders approved by the Superintendent
2. Roofing at Forker Field
3. Lead testing in the buildings
4. 2026-27 HVAC Service Agreements with Renick Brothers

POLICY and LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Mrs. Hazy Bishop discussed the following agenda items:

First reading of the following policies:

- 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
- 805.2 – School Security Personnel
- 822 – Automated External Defibrillator (AED)/ Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Dr. Weaver – Subject of Commentary

- Thanked the Hall of Fame committee and staff/team planning the Homecoming parade for all of their work.

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Congratulated the Girls Cross Country team on their strong performance at the Home Invitational.
- Thanked the Marching Band for representing the district in the Grove City College Homecoming parade.

Mr. Augustine – Subject of Commentary

- Appreciated the strong presence of the Marching Band at last Thursday's home football game.

Mrs. Hazy Bishop– Subject of Commentary

- Announced that tonight is "Pink out" night for Girls Volleyball.

FUTURE BUSINESS MEETING DATES

A Voting Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 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 7:45 p.m.