

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 22, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met in regular session Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Russell Chace, Laura Leskovac, Kylee Lewis, Steve Lewis, Lori Warr Madura, Kim Ohr, Lawrence (Rick) Powers, David Silvestri and Vice-President Laura Leskovac. The following member was excused: Rick Rossi.

Others present: Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent
Brandon Mirizio, Board Secretary/Business Manager

Teachers present: One (1)
Visitors present: None (0)
News media present: One (1)

Mrs. Leskovac led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF VISITORS – AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Gongaware, on behalf of the Greenville Education Association, thanked the Board members for all that they do for the District.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Powers that the minutes of the following Greenville Area School District meetings be approved as submitted:

Board Work Session of November 15, 2023
Board Regular Meeting of November 20, 2023
Board Organization Meeting of December 4, 2023

Voice Vote: 8/0 Motion Carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Silvestri that the financial reports be approved as presented by the Board Secretary.

Voice Vote: 8/0 Motion Carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Powers that the bills for payment be affirmed and approved as presented and that the Board Secretary be authorized to complete the necessary checks for payment.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Silvestri that the 2nd semester field trip requests for the 2023/2024 school year be approved as shown as Exhibit A.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – BAND TRIP

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Silvestri that the overnight trip proposal and chaperone listing, as shown as Exhibit B, from the GHS Band Department to perform at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida be approved, pending receipt of satisfactory clearances.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – COACHES

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Powers that the following volunteer and paid coaches be approved, pending receipt of satisfactory clearances:

Lauryn Godinich	2024/2025 Head Varsity Volleyball Coach Level A
Lauryn Godinich	2023/2024 Head Junior High Volleyball Coach Level A
Annie Terry	2023/2024 Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach Level A
Carina Loreno	2023/2024 Volunteer Junior High Volleyball Coach

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – ATHLETIC SUPPLIES

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Powers that the 2023/2024 athletic supply requests for Baseball, Boys Tennis, and Track & Field be approved as shown as Exhibit C.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – TAX EXONERATION REQUESTS

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Powers that the requests made by Berkheimer for exonerations of Occupational and Per Capita Taxes be approved as shown as Exhibit D.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – JUDICIAL SALES

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mrs. Ohr that the acceptance of service requests on behalf of the Mercer County Tax Claim Bureau for the petition of Judicial Sales as listed below, be approved.

No. 2023-3051

No. 2023-3054

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Powers that the proposed renewal agreement with PSBA Insurance Trust for participation in the Better Unemployment Compensation System (BUCS) basic program be approved as shown as Exhibit E.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Silvestri that the proposed agreement with Jamestown Area School District for shared transportation services be approved as shown as Exhibit F.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – SRO AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Moved by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mrs. Ohr that the proposed renewal agreement with Hempfield Township for a School Resource Officer at Greenville Elementary School for the 2023/2024 school year be approved as shown as Exhibit G.

Furthermore, funding for services shall be made through PCCD safety grant opportunities.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – ZOOM LICENSES

Moved by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Chace that the board authorize the purchase of twenty (20) district-wide Zoom video conferencing licenses at a total annual amount not to exceed \$1,800.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Silvestri that the proposed schedule for the day, place and time of the Activities and Policy Committee meetings for the 2024 calendar year, be approved as shown as Exhibit H.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – E-RATE PROPOSAL

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mrs. Ohr that the renewal proposal from Spectrum for district network solutions through the FY2024 E-Rate program, be approved as shown as Exhibit I.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Moved by Mrs. Ohr and seconded by Mr. Powers that the memorandum of understanding with Sharon City School District to educate two (2) students at Greenville Elementary School for the remainder of the 2023/2024 school year, be approved as shown as Exhibit J.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – FAMILY CENTER AGREEMENTS

Moved by Mr. Silvestri and seconded by Mr. Chace that the proposed renewal agreements with Mercer County CYS for 2023/2024 Family Center in-home programs services, be approved as shown as Exhibit K.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – LINKAGE AGREEMENTS

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Powers that the proposed linkage agreements for programs listed below, be approved as shown as Exhibit L.

Family-Based Program with Children’s Aid Society of Mercer County

Family Connections Program with Community Counseling Center of Mercer County

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL – AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM
TRANSPORTATION**

Moved by Mrs. Ohr and seconded by Mr. Chace that the 2024 GES Afterschool Tutoring Program’s use of one (1) school bus through A-C Schools, at a proposed rate of \$100/day, be approved.

Furthermore, the transportation will be funded with available ARP ESSER resources to address student learning loss.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM STAFFING

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Silvestri that the 2024 GES Afterschool Tutoring Program staffing be approved as shown as Exhibit M.

Furthermore, the staffing will be funded with available ARP ESSER resources to address student learning loss.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – DRIVER LISTING

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Powers that the updated listing of bus and van drivers for A-C Schools and Erdos Transport be approved as shown as Exhibit N, pending receipt of satisfactory clearances.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE REQUEST

Moved by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Chace that the request for an intermittent family and medical Leave of absence made by employee #175 beginning on November 30, 2023 for up to sixty (60) days utilizing accumulated sick time, be approved in accordance with school board policy.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE REQUEST

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mrs. Ohr that the request for family and medical leave of absence made by employee #415 tentatively beginning on February 15, 2024 through May 9, 2024, utilizing five (5) accumulated sick days, three (3) personal days, with the remaining days unpaid, be approved in accordance with school board policy.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE REQUEST

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Silvestri that the request for an intermittent family and medical leave of absence made by employee #743 beginning on December 15, 2023 for up to sixty (60) days utilizing accumulated sick and/or vacation time, be approved in accordance with school board policy.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE REQUEST

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mrs. Ohr that the request for a family and medical leave of absence made by employee #942 beginning on January 2, 2024 tentatively through March 22, 2024 utilizing twenty-seven (27) accumulated sick days with the remaining days unpaid, be approved in accordance with school board policy.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – UNPAID LEAVE REQUEST

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mrs. Ohr that the request for an unpaid leave of absence made by employee #942 beginning March 22, 2024 tentatively through June 1, 2024, be approved in accordance with school board policy.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – SUBSTITUTE LIST

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Silvestri that the updates to the 2023/2024 substitute listing to be used on an as needed basis, be approved as follows, pending receipt of satisfactory clearances.

Avery Ellis, Greenville, PA	Professional
Robert Kobert, Sharon, PA	Professional Non-Traditional/MIU4
Elisa Serrano, Greenville, PA	Professional Non-Traditional/MIU4
	Support – Aide
Rachid Somiya, Greenville, PA	Support – Aide

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – VOLUNTEERS

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mrs. Ohr that the additions to the 2023/2024 volunteer listing be approved as follows, pending receipt of satisfactory clearances.

Benjamin Claypool
Erica Daly
Heather Wolffe

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – CHAPERONES

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Silvestri that the following chaperones for the 2023/2024 Sophomore Retreat be approved, pending receipt of satisfactory clearances:

Fred Kiser	Ava Park
Buster Grab	Bryce Stubert
Natalie McLaughlin	Brenden Warner
Emma Park	

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – PROFESSIONAL STAFF RETIREMENT

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Powers that the following professional staff retirement notices, effective at the conclusion of the 2023/2024 school year, be approved:

David Henderson, GHS History Teacher
Renee Calleja, GHS Learning Support Teacher
Nita Glassman, GES Third grade Teacher
Brook Truby, GES Third grade Teacher
J. Scott Ellis, GHS Chemistry Teacher

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – SUPPORT STAFF RETIREMENT

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mr. Powers that the following support staff retirement notice, effective at the conclusion of the 2023/2024 school year, be approved:

Elizabeth Rupert, GHS Instructional Aide

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL – TEACHER MINI-GRANTS

Moved by Mr. Chace and seconded by Mrs. Ohr that the Board accept a donation in the amount of \$1,689 from the Greenville Area School District Educational Foundation for 2023/2024 Teacher Mini-Grant Awards as shown as Exhibit O.

Voice Vote: Mr. Chace-aye, Mrs. Leskovac-aye, Mrs. Lewis-aye, Mr. Lewis-aye, Mrs. Madura-aye, Mrs. Ohr-aye, Mr. Powers-aye, Mr. Silvestri-aye. Motion Carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS – OTHER INFORMATION

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Tokar announced negotiations session tomorrow and a brief executive session at the conclusion of the meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Silvestri and seconded by Mr. Chace that the meeting be adjourned at 6:47 p.m. to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Board Secretary