

School Board Work Session Highlights

October 8, 2018

*Great Valley School District
Office of the School Board Secretary*



DURING THE October 8, 2018 WORK SESSION MEETING ...

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ellen Behrle. Board members **present**: Amy Chain, Philip Foret, Stephanie Gunderson, Samantha Jouin, Bryan Paluch, and Mary Ravenfeld. Jennifer Armstrong and David Barratt joined by phone.

Student Representative to the Board

Ian Adler reported that Student Council is finalizing plans for October Homecoming activities, including Spirit Days activities. He reported that the football game will be held on Friday night, October 19 with Patriot Day events, games, raffle baskets, and Homecoming parade being held prior to the game against Reading. He stated that the Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday night preceded by a Lemon Bowl field day organized by Alex's Lemonade Stand to raise money for childhood cancer research.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Board Report

Mrs. Behrle gave an overview of the September 19 meeting of the Chester County Intermediate Unit Board. She stated that the launch of the Brandywine Virtual STEM Academy was presented. She reported that the Board approved the dual enrollment agreement with Torchiana Automotive Training Institute (TATI). She also stated that the Board approved all recommended personnel items. Lastly, Mrs. Behrle announced that the next meeting of the IU Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Technical College High School—Pickering Campus.

Program

Discussion

Dr. O'Toole made a presentation on the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the Plan covers the period of 2019 through 2022 school years. He spoke about the goals and the initiatives contained within each goal. Dr. O'Toole stated that the Plan will be posted on the GVSD website for review for 28 days. Copies will also be available at the District Office building and Malvern Public Library. Public comments will be received at gvsdplancomment@gvsd.org. The Plan will be considered for approval at the November 12 business meeting and must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by November 30, 2018.

Mr. Linderman gave a [report](#) on enrollment projections. He provided the 3rd Day Enrollment for each school which was tallied on September 6. He reviewed projected enrollment based on historical 3rd Day enrollments and compared the totals to the actual enrollments. He reviewed the class size guidelines and spoke about the numbers of students in each classroom. Lastly, Mr. Linderman provided a history of Non-Public and Charter School enrollments.

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky spoke about the Memorandum of Understanding between Immaculata University and Great Valley School District to establish reciprocal procedures to be followed when an incident occurs on any University or School District property that requires the evacuation of the University or School District site and the relocation of students and/or staff to an off-site location.

Program

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Mr. Paluch gave a report from the September 17, 2018 Instructional Technology Subcommittee meeting. He stated that demonstrations of Microsoft Teams were presented. Features from the summer geometry course and from the new teacher induction were demonstrated. The Subcommittee also discussed topics to be addressed at future meetings. Mr. Paluch stated that the latest Subcommittee meeting was held today, October 8 from 6 – 6:30 p.m. He will be reporting on that meeting at a later time.

Information

Monthly Enrollment [Report](#) – September 27, 2018

Policy

Discussion

Mrs. Gunderson provided a review of the October 2 Policy Committee meeting. She spoke about revisions made to various policies at the suggestion of the attorney to be in compliance with the law. She reported about policies which are being recommended for repeal as they are no longer in effect or have been rolled into existing policies related to the same topic. Mrs. Gunderson announced that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30 a.m. in the District Office building.

The following policies are recommended for repeal:

- Policy 611 - Purchases Budget
- Policy 612 - Purchases Not Budgeted
- Policy 613 - Cooperative Purchasing
- Policy 617 - Petty Cash

The following policies are being listed for 1st reading:

- 116.1 – English Language Development (AG)
- 202- Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- 348 – Prohibited (Unlawful) Harassment
- 448 – Prohibited (Unlawful) Harassment
- 548 – Prohibited (Unlawful) Harassment
- 601 – Fiscal Objectives
- 602 – Budget Planning
- 603 – Budget Preparation
- 604 – Budget Adoption
- 605 – Tax Levy
- 606 – Tax Collection
- 606.1 – Senior Citizens' Volunteer Service Tax Rebate Program
- 607 – Tuition Income
- 608 – Bank Accounts
- 609 – Investment of District Funds
- 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation (AG)
- 614 – Payroll Authorization
- 615 – Payroll Deductions
- 616 – Payment of Claims
- 618 – Student Activity Funds (Special Purpose Funds) (AG)
- 619 – District Audit – Public
- 620 – Fund Balance

Policy

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1st Reading – continued

- 625 – Procurement Cards – Employee Use (AG)
- 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance (AG, A, B, C, D, E)
- 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs
- 627 – District-initiated Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeals
- 628 – Tax Waiver Requests
- 815.3 – Acceptable Use of Technology by Employees

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky began her [report](#) with information about the district-wide summer reading effort where every minute of reading counted as one mile. Spoke reported that the 15th Annual General Wayne Soup Dinner will be held on October 11. Dr. Speaker Palubinsky stated that three students were recently featured on Tynker's website for use of the app for their Coding Unit in STEAM classes. She spoke about a high school junior who is dedicating her biking season with the Great Valley Mountain Biking Team to raising money for childhood cancer. Dr. Speaker Palubinsky reported that four students from Great Valley High School were named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. She reported about the High School biology students' visit to the University of Pittsburgh. She provided information on 2018 Homecoming activities, the GVSD Speaker Series, and about upcoming events

Facilities

Discussion

Mrs. Chain gave a report from the Facilities Subcommittee meeting that was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. She stated that the Committee reviewed the status of the summer projects, and discussed some planned major projects for the 2019 year. She said the Committee discussed continued growth at the elementary school level, particularly at Charlestown Elementary. Mrs. Chain reported that the administration will again be meeting with the municipal leaders and will attend the East Whiteland Township Supervisors November meeting. She stated that the Facilities Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow, October 9.

Mr. Abraham spoke about the proposal from Roofing Resources, Inc. for the design and roof replacement and Coatings at Sugartown Elementary School and Charlestown Elementary School. **Mr. Linderman** then spoke about the proposal from Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects for concrete/brick work at Great Valley Middle School.

Information

[Use of Buildings Report](#) – October 2018

Finance

Discussion

Mr. Linderman gave a [presentation](#) on 2019-2020 Budget Timelines and Parameters. He spoke about the proposed major initiatives for the 2019-2020 budget and about the budget construction. He reviewed the timeline of decisions the board will be required to make leading to the adoption of the final budget in June.

At the conclusion of Mr. Linderman's presentation, **Dr. Speaker Palubinsky** announced that she had just received notification from the labor attorney that the Great Valley Education Association had approved the Fact Finder's recommendation. As a result, the district will move toward a contract that will be carried out through 2021.

Finance

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The following are other finance items that will be listed for approval at the business meeting:

- Requests to establish Student Activity Clubs
- Agreement for Parent Presentation on Mental Health and Bullying
- Technology Staffing RFP
- Awarding of Elevator Contract
- Agreement with the COAD Group for Student Assistance Program Services
- Acceptance of Donation to Great Valley High School
- Professional Development Training Agreement with Leslie Arceneaux

Information

Monthly Report - [YTD Spending Report](#) – September 2018

Other Items

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky spoke the dual enrollment course offerings with the University of Pittsburgh including a statistics class to earn college credits. She reported on the change to the statistics course and how students were affected. She also stated that

Mrs. Behrle reported about the first Safety Council meeting that was held on September 26 and on which she serves as board representative. The meeting was facilitated by **Ken Stewart** and attended by administrators, teachers, parents, and community responders. Mr. Stewart led a discussion identifying safety topics all stakeholders have in common. Mrs. Behrle reported that following the meeting law enforcement officials answered questions from the group. Dr. Speaker Palubinsky stated that each building has a safety representative and advised that questions or concerns be submitted to those representatives to be brought back to the Committee.

Draft Agenda

Mrs. Behrle stated that the draft agenda of the October 15 business meeting is available for the board to review.

Public Comments

The following students spoke about the statistics course: M. Fields, F. Shafer, M. Devlin, C. Funk

Executive Session

Mrs. Behrle announced that the board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.