

School Board Work Session Highlights

November 5, 2018

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



DURING THE November 5, 2018 WORK SESSION MEETING ...

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

Student Representative to the Board

The student representatives were unable to attend the meeting.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Board Report

Mrs. Behrle sadly reported about the recent passing of Barbara Albright who represented the Downingtown Area School District on the IU Board of Directors.

Program

Discussion

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky gave an [overview](#) of the exploration into the possibility of offering full day kindergarten. She stated that **Jennifer Blake**, Director of Communications and Outreach, was going to present the communication plan associated with the study of full-day kindergarten. Dr. Speaker Palubinsky stated that this is not about decision making, just information about the layout of the plan moving forward. Mrs. Blake first spoke about the goals of the plan with the focus on informing and engaging internal and external stakeholders. She spoke about the key messages supporting the Board's desire to obtain information on this initiative, and the ways in which the information would in turn be communicated to the stakeholders. She also spoke about tactics for gathering community feedback.

Dr. O'Toole made a presentation on the revised Comprehensive Plan. He stated that information about full day kindergarten and around the Community and Culture Committee has been added to the document.

Mr. Linderman gave an update on the October 23, 2018 meeting with local municipalities. He stated that the new Knickerbocker Development is proposing construction of 331 homes. He reported that he and Regina will be meeting with East Whiteland Township authorities to share the enrollment projections.

Mr. Paluch gave a report from the October 8, 2018 Instructional Technology Subcommittee meeting. He stated that demonstrations of the Canvas parent portal were shared. He reported that a brief overview was given about the student group being formed this year to provide technology support at the high school. Mr. Paluch stated that the next meeting of the Instructional Technology Subcommittee is scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2018 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Information

[Monthly Enrollment Report](#) – October 25, 2018

Policy

Discussion

The following policies are being listed for 2nd reading and approval:

- 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
- 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

The following policies are recommended for repeal:

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

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky [spoke](#) about several school activities of note. She stated that the District will conduct a formal dedication of the Great Valley Alumni Memorial at Great Valley High School on Sunday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. She spoke about the 2018-2019 Speaker Series and she highlighted various upcoming events.

Facilities

Information

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

Transportation

Discussion

Mr. Linderman spoke about the 2018-2019 Norcross Private Transportation Contracts.

Food Service

Mr. Linderman provided information on the following food service items that will be listed for approval at the business meeting:

2017-2018 Netshare
Renewal of Grocery Bid
Donation to the Food Service Department from Horace Mann Insurance

Finance

Discussion

Mr. Linderman then reviewed the Finance items listed for approval:

Student Activity Clubs: BLT Club, Graphic Design Club, Blockchain Club, Podcast Club, Bandminton Club, and Patriot Buddies
Approval of Data Warehouse/Analytics Program software
Annual subscription for ManageEngine ADManager Plus Professional
Kajeet Contract
Acceptance of donation to Great Valley Middle School from MS PTO.
Awarding of Written Translation Services to Come Alive Communication and Indus Translation Services, Inc.
Awarding of Onsite, Telephone Interpretation, and American Sign Language services to Chester County Intermediate Unit
Contract with Normandy Farms for Leadership Team Workshop
Appointment of Consolidated Engineers for HVAC Projects
Contract with Diamond6 for Educational Services
Approved Private School Agreement with Devereux for 2018-2019 school year services for special education student #160164 and special education student #190009
Approved Private School Agreement with Martin Luther School for 2018-2019 school year services for special education student #290404.

Information

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

Other Items

Mrs. Chain stated that the annual campaign by The Foundation at Great Valley will be held from October 19 to November 28.

Mrs. Gunderson asked about the process to be followed if a family becomes homeless.

Mrs. Behrle encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 6.

Draft Agenda

Mr. Barratt stated that the draft agenda of the November 12 business meeting is available for the board to review.



Public Comments

Amit Kohli spoke about the Atwater Education Committee and introduced two members of the committee.

Executive Session

Mr. Barratt announced that the board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. He reported that they also met on Sunday, October 28 to discuss a personnel issue.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.