

School Board Work Session Highlights

January 14, 2019

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



DURING THE January 14, 2019 WORK SESSION MEETING ...

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

Student Representative to the Board

Millie Field reported that the Language Department soccer tournament was held recently. She stated that Student Council helped with the Red Cross Blood Drive with a result of 84 pints of blood being donated. Millie reported that the Winter Track Team attended the Yale Invitational and the wrestling team participated in the Glasgow Invitational.

Program

Discussion

Mr. Paluch gave a report from the Instructional Technology Subcommittee meeting that was held on November 5, 2018. He announced that the next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019 from 5 – 6 p.m.

Information

[Monthly Enrollment Report](#) – January 7, 2019

Policy

Discussion

Mrs. Gunderson gave a report from the Policy Committee meetings held on December 4, 2018 and January 8, 2019.

Information

The following policies are being listed for 1st reading:

- 227AG - Controlled Substances
- Policy 622 - Capital Assets and GASB Statement 34 (AG)
- Policy 623 - Continuing Disclosure of Financial Info for Bond Issues (AG)
- Policy 625 - Procurement Cards (AG)
- Policy 701 - Facilities Planning
- Policy 703 - Sanitary Management
- Policy 704 - Maintenance (AG)
- Policy 706 - Property Records
- Policy 706.1 - Disposal of District-Owned Property
- Policy 707 - School Facilities Use (AG)

Policy

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Information - continued

1st Reading – continued

Policy 802 - School Organization

Policy 803 - School Calendar

Policy 804 - School Day

Policy 806 - Child Abuse (AG)

Policy 807 - Opening Exercises/Flag Displays

Policy 808 - Food Service (AG)

Policy 808.1 - Free/Reduced Lunch (AG)

Policy 832 - District-Wide Safety (AG)

The following policies are recommended for 1st reading and repeal:

Policy 624 - Taxable Fringe Benefits

Policy 705 - Safety/Smoking

Policy 709 - Building Security

Policy 713.1 - Video Surveillance

Policy 805 - Emergency Preparedness

Superintendent's Update

Discussion

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky [reported](#) about the Middle School Quiz Bowl competition and the 27th annual General Wayne/Middle School Geography Bee. She spoke about five Great Valley High School students who marched in the Rose Bowl Parade with the Cavalcade of Bands Honor Band. She reported that students from Personal Finance classes visited the New York Stock Exchange and the new One World Trade Center and toured the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. She spoke about the High School SPCA Club and their efforts in supporting the work being done by the Brandywine SPCA. She stated that the speaker series continues this month with the next event to be held on January 30th. Lastly, Dr. Speaker Palubinsky highlighted some upcoming school events.

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky then gave a [report](#) on the survey data that was collected to gain feedback on the consideration of full day kindergarten in the district. The surveys were active from December 11 to December 22, 2018 and were released to the community in both English and Spanish, to school district staff, and to daycare/kindergarten providers. Dr. Speaker Palubinsky provided samples of comments from participants that were in support of the initiative and from those who had concerns. She stated that in addition to the surveys, four school-based community forums were held and one panel discussion was recorded and aired on GVTV and our website. Looking ahead, there will be presentations at the January 22 business meeting and the February 11 work session. A vote on this initiative will go before the board at the February 19 business meeting.

Dr. Wexler reported on [S2S](#) (Safe2Say Something) Program, a Pennsylvania state-wide initiative that was launched today. Dr. Wexler stated that one purpose of the program is to increase student awareness about what is reportable in terms of at-risk behavior such as violent acts, suicide, and threats of violence/bullying. Five district team members have been assigned as points of contact to receive calls from a crisis counselor and then follow up on reported incidents. Dr. Wexler stated that decisions are yet to be made about the most appropriate way to provide training to students and staff.

Facilities

Discussion

Amy Chain gave a report from the Facilities Subcommittee meeting that was held on November 13, 2018. She stated that Great Valley High School senior, Seth Hoffritz gave a presentation on the outdoor classroom he created at the Middle School for his Eagle Scout project. Mrs. Chain reported that the Committee conducted a review of large projects that are scheduled for summer 2019. The next meeting of the Facilities Subcommittee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Facilities

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Discussion - continued

Mr. Linderman gave an update on the Feasibility Study. He stated that proposals are due Tuesday, January 22. The Study will include an evaluation of all existing facilities and a demographic analysis following 3rd Day Enrollment in the fall. The firm would then provide options to the board as called for from the demographic study. Administration is proposing that the board interview the finalists on February 4th in place of the Finance meeting. The board will be expected to recommend a firm for the Feasibility Study at the February 19, 2019 Board meeting

Information

[Use of Buildings Report](#) – January 2019

Transportation

Discussion

Mr. Linderman spoke about the Private Transportation Contract.

Finance

Discussion

Mr. Linderman gave a presentation that included a report on the audit, projected expenditures and revenues for the current year, and finally an [update](#) on the 2019-2020 budget. Mr. Linderman stated that the administration is not recommending use of the Exceptions so the board would be required to adopt a resolution at the January 22 business meeting indicating that Great Valley would stay within the Act 1 Index.

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

- Student Activity Clubs: Science Fair Club
- Approval of Standard Fee Agreement for services from Sweet Stevens Katz Williams for 2019-2020
- Student Assistance Program RFP
- Renewal of PA Reap Technology Services
- Renewal of Global Compliance Network Agreement
- Donation to Great Valley School District from GVCO Caring Hands Foundation
- Private Donation to Great Valley High School
- Private Donation to Sugartown Elementary School
- Agreements with LearnWell
- Professional Development Training Agreement with Professional Learning Collaboration, LLC
- Roofing Consultant Contract Extension

Information

Monthly Report - YTD Spending Report – [November](#) 2018, [December](#) 2018

Other Items

Mr. Barratt announced that this is an election year and the term of five board members will be ending in December 2019. He stated that anyone interested in running for school board needs to submit paperwork to the county by March 12. Current board members may be contacted to address questions about what is involved in being a member of the school board.

Other Items

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Mrs. Behrle reported that Dr. O'Brien, Executive Director of the CCIU, recently submitted his resignation. She stated that the Board would be meeting on January 15 to discuss a plan for going forward.

Draft Agenda

Mr. Barratt stated that the draft agenda of the January 22, 2019 business meeting is available for the board to review.

Public Comments

P. Gilbert – special education services

Executive Session

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

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.