

School Board Work Session Highlights

February 19, 2019

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



DURING THE February 19, 2019 WORK SESSION MEETING ...

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

Student Representative to the Board

Millie Field gave an update on sports teams activities. She reported that the instrumental concert was being held tonight. She also announced that plans are underway for the Mr. Great Valley contest which is held in honor of former teacher Ben Crisi.

Program

Discussion

Mrs. Vicki Morris gave an updated [presentation](#) on Full-Day Kindergarten, specifically about what a full day program would resemble. She presented a draft calendar of potentially what the class schedule could look like.

Dr. O'Toole spoke about the 2019-2020 Great Valley High School Program of Studies. He stated that course contents haven't changed but separate sections of the same course have been combined. The board conducted a lengthy discussion on how students' needs are met when lower enrollment courses are being requested and how scheduling conflicts are resolved. The board also discussed the offering of foreign languages.

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky provided [information](#) about summer learning opportunities that will be provided for Great Valley students. These are fee-based programs that will run from July 8 through August 8 with instruction by Great Valley teachers. The camps will only be offered with sufficient enrollment. The list of courses is in the Community link on our website.

Information

[Monthly Enrollment Report](#) – February 1, 2019

Policy

Discussion

Mrs. Jouin gave a report from the Policy Committee meeting that was held on February 5, 2019.

Information

The following policies are being listed for 1st reading:

- Policy 203 – Communicable Diseases (AG)
- Policy 702 – Gifts and Donations

Policy

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Information - continued

1st Reading – continued

Policy 707 – School Facilities Use (AG, App A, B, C, D)

Policy 714 – Commercial Advertising (AG)

Policy 715 – Naming Rights

Policy 810 – Transportation (AG)

Policy 810.1a – Drug and Alcohol Testing (Covered Drivers)

Policy 810.3 – Eligibility to Operate District-Owned Motor Vehicles

Policy 811 – Bonding

Policy 812 – Property Insurance

Policy 813 – Other Insurances

Policy 831 – Bus Stops, Routes, and Schedules

Policy 918 – Parent and Family Engagement (Title 1 Parental Involvement)

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

Policy 707.1 – Facility Advertising

Policy 810.1 – Drug and Alcohol Testing (Contracted Drivers)

Policy 810.2 – School Bus Idling

Policy 810.4 – Transportation Video/Audio Recording

The following policies are recommended for 2nd reading and adoption:

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 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-Price Meals (AG)

Policy 832 - District-Wide Safety (AG)

The following policies are listed for 2nd 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 [spoke](#) about the Blizzard of Kindness Campaign sponsored by the K. D. Markley Service Council. She stated that General Wayne Elementary School was recently honored as a Distinguished School of Pennsylvania for the 2018-2019 school year. She reported about Great Valley High School student Alyssa Maldonado who received the Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Award. Alyssa received the Gold award in Healthcare and Science category. In addition to receiving a scholarship, Alyssa was featured in an article about the award ceremony in a publication called El Tiempo Latino. Dr. Speaker Palubinsky provided details on the General Wayne Elementary School "Gone to the Dogs!" initiative. She announced two new opportunities in the Speaker Series and spoke with regard to upcoming summer learning experiences for the students. Lastly, Dr. Speaker Palubinsky reviewed a list of upcoming school events.

Facilities

Discussion

Ken Morris gave an overview of projects and budget costs included in the five/ten year Facilities Capital Projects Fund plan. He spoke about projects slated for 2019-2020 which include the following: Charlestown and Sugartown Elementary Schools shingled roof replacement; High School hot water generation replacement and tennis court repairs; K. D. Markley fire alarm panel upgrade; Middle School concrete. He then spoke about the stadium turf and track renovation slated for 2020-2021. In preparation for this project the board will be asked to approve the proposal from CMT Services Group for geophysical testing of the site. Mr. Morris then stated that other items listed for approval are replacement of washing machine and dryer and white boards for Great Valley High School.

Mr. Linderman stated that approval of the architect to conduct the feasibility study will be listed on the business meeting agenda. A brief discussion was conducted about the three bidders who made presentations to the board.

Information

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

Finance

Discussion

Mr. Linderman gave an [update](#) on the 2019-2020 budget. He provided information on trends for charter school enrollments. He spoke about proposed initiatives for 2019-2020 which include full-day kindergarten, devices in lieu of Smartboards, an application for website development, continuation of the 1-1 technology initiative to include 4th grade, and a human resources software package. Mr. Linderman also spoke about what impacts the Capital budget and ways to fund Capital expenses.

Mr. Linderman then reviewed the list of financial items that will be listed for approval on the business meeting agenda. The list of items can be found on the website agenda.

Information

[Monthly Report](#) - YTD Spending Report – January 2019

Mr. Linderman reported that settlement with the Great Valley Community Organization for the Bacton Hill property is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

Draft Agenda

Mr. Barratt stated that the draft agenda of the February 25, 2019 business meeting is available for the board to review.

Public Comments

R. Gallegos – support of Full-Day Kindergarten

Executive Session

Mr. Barratt 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 9:59 p.m.