

School Board Work Session Highlights

April 8, 2019

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



DURING THE April 8, 2019 WORK SESSION MEETING ...

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

Student Representative to the Board

Ian Adler stated that the Drama Guild had a weekend of successful performances of "The Sound of Music." He reported that the academic exchange students are on the second part of their voyage to Denmark. He said that student body elections were held this week. He also reported about PMEA Band and Choir Fest.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Report

Mrs. Behrle reported about the Board Meeting Appreciation dinner that was held on April 3. She stated that student leaders in the Teacher Leadership Academy were highlighted for their project "Where There's a Wool, There's a Way." The project paired the team leaders with senior citizens who taught them how to knit baby hats for newborns. Mrs. Behrle reported that Mrs. Chain, Mrs. Gunderson, and Mrs. Jouin also attended the dinner.

The Foundation at Great Valley Report

Mrs. Chain gave a report from the recent meeting of The Foundation at Great Valley. She stated that the committee is working to define what a strategic partnership should look like and on ways to improve Venture Grants.

Program

Discussion

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky spoke about the dual enrollment agreement with Immaculata University. She also spoke about the Memorandum of Understanding with Chester County Intermediate Unit for Pre-K Counts/Head Start Programs for 2019-2020 school year.

Information

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

Policy

Discussion

Mrs. Gunderson gave a report from the Policy Committee meeting of April 2, 2019. She stated that the next meeting is scheduled for May 7 at 7:30 a.m. at District Office.

Policy

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Information

The following policies are being listed for 1st Reading:

- Policy 800 - Records Management & AG
- Policy 801 - Public Records & AG
- Policy 817 - Energy Management Conservation & AG
- Policy 818 - Contracted Services & AG
- Policy 819 - Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Response & AG
- Policy 822 - Automated External Defibrillator (AFD)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Policy 827 - Conflict of Interest
- Policy 828 - Reporting of Waste and Wrongdoing in District Operations & AG
- Policy 830 - Breach of Computerized Personal Information

The following policies are recommended for 1st Reading and Repeal:

- Policy 823 - Privacy of Medical Records
- Policy 825 - State Mandate Waivers

The following policies are recommended for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

- Policy 239 - Foreign Exchange Students & AG
- Policy 814 - Copyright Material & AG
- Policy 815 - Acceptable Use of Technology & AG
- Policy 816 - District-Sponsored Website and Social Media & AG
- Policy 824 - Maintaining Appropriate Boundaries with Students & AG

The following policies are listed for 2nd Reading and Repeal:

- Policy 815.1 - Acceptable Use of Technology by Students
- Policy 815.2 - Internet Web Site
- Policy 815.3 - Acceptable Use of Technology by District Employees
- Policy 815.4 - Communications Between Employees, Students and Parent/Guardians

Superintendent's Update

Discussion

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky gave an [overview](#) of numerous school activities in which students and staff recently participated. She spoke about Great Valley Middle School students who participated in Honors Festivals this year. She recognized teacher, **Kelsey Brogan**, who made a presentation at the PA School Librarians Association 46th Conference. She reported on girls' wrestling and swim team activities. She stated that AP Computer Science students had the opportunity to visit the Comcast Center in Philadelphia. She spoke in recognition of **Isabella Buonanno** who was awarded one of the Widener University's High School Leadership Awards. Dr. Speaker Palubinsky spoke about the GVHS Women in Science and Engineering Club members who hosted fourth graders for a science day. Lastly, she reported on upcoming April events.

Facilities

Discussion

Mr. Linderman spoke about the awarding of bids for roof replacement at Charlestown and Sugartown Elementary Schools.

Facilities

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Discussion - continued

Mr. Linderman provided details related to the recommendation for the board to approve the extension of the license agreement with the Pickford Run Homeowner's Association.

Information

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

The Facilities Subcommittee had no items for discussion so the meeting scheduled for April 9 will be cancelled

Transportation

Discussion

Mr. Linderman provided information about the addendum to the Krapf Transportation contract.

Food Service

Discussion

Mr. Linderman spoke regarding the awarding of the bid for milk products and beverages.

Finance

Discussion

Mr. Linderman gave an [update](#) on the 2019-2020 budget. He spoke about the recommendation to begin phasing in the refunding of reserves for future debt. He provided three options, any one of which would be feasible for the 2019-2020 budget term. The board conducted a brief discussion about each option.

Information

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

Draft Agenda

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

Public Comments

There were none.

Other Board Comments

Mrs. Jouin stated that she attended the Instructional Technology Subcommittee meeting as a member of the public and found the discussion to be very interesting.

Mrs. Behrle reported about her attendance at the NSBA National Conference that was held in Philadelphia from March 30 – April 1, 2019.

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 8:39 p.m.