

School Board Meeting Highlights

November 12, 2018

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



DURING THE November 12, 2018 BOARD MEETING...

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

Presentations

Secretary's Correspondence

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Mr. Barratt** announced that the board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues.

Mr. Barratt then asked **Mr. Linderman** if there was any Secretary's Correspondence. Mr. Linderman announced that the Board Organization meeting is scheduled for December 3 and will mark the 50th anniversary of when board was organized, December 1968.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Report

Mrs. Behrle stated that the IU Board will meet on Wednesday, November 14 so she will report at the next meeting.

Legislative Report

Mrs. Ravenfeld was unable to attend the meeting so there was no Legislative report.

Student Council Reports

Charlestown Elementary School

Julia Cook, Jackson Melconian, Matthew Balmer, and Danny Gardner spoke about the BK-5K Run in support of Dupont Hospital, Homecoming festivities, Student Council elections, and Student of the Month. They thanked the school educators who help students learn and grow and thanked the veterans for their service to our country.

Recognition

Coach Paul Gring recognized the 2018 Boys' Cross Country team which earned the title of 2018 Ches-Mont American Division Champions. Team Captains **Seth Hoffritz** and **Abdur-Rahman Mohammed**, both seniors, accepted the recognition on behalf of the team.

Madeline Craig spoke in recognition of the Great Valley 2018 Field Hockey Team which earned the title of 2018 Ches-Mont American Division Champions. Team Captains **Shannon Beston** and **Mackenzie Hilditch**, both seniors, accepted the recognition on behalf of the team.

Student Representative to the Board

Millie Field spoke about Homecoming fundraisers and activities. She also spoke about the fall show, *Peter and the Star Catcher*. She stated that the fall instrumental concert will be coming up later this month.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. O'Toole gave a [presentation](#) on 2018 PSSA actual test results versus predicted MAP scores. His presentation compared the scores in years 2015 through 2018.

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky provided an update on the Calendar Committee meeting that was held on November 2, 2018. Information was gathered to discuss items that would be decision-making points. Purpose of gathering this data is to set practices for the future. The information obtained during the meeting discussion was put together into a survey which will go out this week and be active until November 23.

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky stated that the Calendar Committee will meet again on November 26 to identify common themes and preferences from the survey. From that information a preview will be created along with a draft calendar and will be presented to the board for the board to make a decision by January. She stated that information about the Calendar Committee can be found on our website under District News and Highlights.

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky and **Mr. Linderman** gave a [presentation](#) on the financial and fiscal impacts of potential full-day kindergarten with assumptions based on current year enrollment and trends. Mr. Linderman spoke about the impact to the facilities based on the projected need for 14 classrooms. Additional costs included staffing needs, additional costs from non-public students, and savings from Charter school students.

Public Presentations on Agenda Items

There were none.

Consent Agenda Items

The following consent agenda items were approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Routine Approvals

Minutes of October 8 and October 15, 2018
Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Report
Invoices

Financial Approvals

Student Activity Clubs
Data Warehouse/Analytics Program
Annual Subscription for ManageEngine ADManager Plus Professional
Kajeet Contract
Acceptance of Donation to Great Valley Food Service Department
Acceptance of Donation to Great Valley Middle School
Awarding of RFP for Translation and Interpretation Services
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 Special Education student #160164 and #190009
Approved Private School Agreement with Martin Luther School for Special Education student #290404
Norcross Private Transportation Contracts – attached to the minutes
Renewal of Grocery Bid
Netshare for Food Service
Special Education Settlement Agreement for student #210241

Consent Agenda Items

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Program Approval

Non-Resident Student for 2018-2019 School Year

Personnel Approvals

The following personnel items were approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Resignations

Administration

Michael Flick, principal, Great Valley High School, effective October 29, 2018.

Professional Staff

Ellen Sinclair, grade 1 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective December 31, 2018.

Penny Keaton, gifted teacher (.6), Great Valley High School, effective December 21, 2018.

Support Staff

Dale Garrison, full-time child accounting/transportation secretary, for the purpose of retirement, effective January 1, 2019.

Tanya McGurl, part-time aide, K. D. Markley Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective November 2, 2018.

Anne Risoli, full-time food service secretary, Great Valley District Office, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2019.

Extra Duty Responsibility

Kyle Guers, Baseball, Assistant, (.5), Great Valley High School, effective October 4, 2018.

Roy Blumenthal, Baseball, Head, 7th Grade Girls, Great Valley Middle School, effective October 18, 2018.

Gary Phillips, Baseball, Assistant, (.5), Great Valley High School, effective October 26, 2018.

Requests for Leave

Professional Staff

Kelly Hennessey, grade 3 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately January 2, 2019 through the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Stephanie Campitelli, special education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from October 22, 2018 through November 2, 2018 and sabbatical leave for the restoration of health from November 5, 2018 through approximately the remainder of the 1st semester of the 2018-2019 school year.

Pamela Crump, learning support teacher, Great Valley High School, requests intermittent FMLA (unpaid leave) from October 24, 2018 through approximately the end of the 1st semester of the 2018-2019 school year.

Support Staff

Awilda Rivera, full-time cafeteria aide, requests FMLA from October 10, 2018 through approximately December 3, 2018.

Robert Nixon, full-time custodian, Great Valley Middle School, requests extension of FMLA from October 15, 2018 through approximately November 30, 2018.

Personnel Approvals

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Changes of Status

Administration

Dr. Heidi Capetola, Assistant Principal to Principal, Great Valley High School, (Flick), effective October 29, 2018.

Henry McCloskey, business/computer tech teacher to Acting Assistant Principal, Great Valley High School, (Capetola), effective when a teacher replacement is found up until a permanent administrator replacement is found.

Support Staff

Deven Butler, part-time cafeteria aide, Great Valley Middle School to substitute cafeteria aide, Great Valley School District, effective October 23, 2018.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Joanna Rhodes, long-term substitute mathematics teacher, Great Valley High School, (Valliere), effective approximately November 17, 2018.

2018-2019 Great Valley High School/Great Valley Middle School Athletic Worker

Dustin Kasper

Mentors

Full Year Mentorships

Marybeth Reusche, mentor to Stephanie Coward, 2018-2019.

Stephanie Bricker, mentor to Erin Jochym, 2018-2019.

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Full Day In Service

Alice McBrearty, (.55), (Total = 1.5 hours – 10/23/18, 10/25/18)

Ryan DiFonzo, (.5), 11/6/18, 11/7/18

K. D. Markley Elementary School Choral Accompanist

Alexis Adams, Rehearsal/Concert, 12/4/18

Summer Services

Wilson Tutors, ESY

Jill Hughes

Meredith Borys

Staff Conference Request

Dr. Regina Speaker Palubinsky, Superintendent; **Mr. Charles Linderman**, Director of Business Affairs/Board Secretary; **Dr. Stephen O'Toole**, Assistant Superintendent; **Dr. Joanna Wexler**, Director of Pupil Services; **Ms. Jennifer Blake**, Director of Communications and Outreach - Forecast5 Analytics, Data Retreat, Naperville, IL, Thursday, November 29 – Friday, November 30, 2018.

Policy Approvals

Discussion

Mrs. Jouin gave a report about the November 6 Policy Committee meeting.

The board accepted the following policies for 1st Reading

- 621 – Taxpayer Bill of Rights (AG)
- 710 – Use of Equipment and Facilities by Staff
- 711 – Integrated Pest and Vegetation Management (AG)
- 718 – Service Animals in Schools
- 918 - Title 1 Parent Involvement

The board accepted the following policies for 1st Repeal Reading

- 713 – Protection of Property
- 715 – Use of Fax Machines

By a vote of 5 to 0, the board approved the following policies for 2nd reading and adoption:

- 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

Policy Approvals

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The board approved the following policies for 2nd repeal reading by a vote of 5 to 0:

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

Program Approval

Discussion

The board voted 5 to 0 to approve the revised Comprehensive Plan and submit to PA Department of Education.

Public Comments on Other Issues

There were none.

Other Board Comments

A suggestion was made to have the Policy Committee Review presented at the beginning of the meeting.

Mrs. Behrle reported on the Great Valley Veteran's Memorial dedication that she attended on behalf of the board.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

