

School Board Meeting Highlights

December 3, 2018

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



DURING THE December 3, 2018 ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING...

The meeting was called to order by President David Barratt at 7:30 p.m. **Other Board members present:** Jennifer Armstrong, Ellen Behrle, Amy Chain, Stephanie Gunderson, Samantha Jouin, Bryan Paluch, and Mary Ravenfeld. **Absent:** Philip Foret

Election of Officers

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Mr. Barratt** announced that this was an organizational meeting. Great Valley is required under Sec. 400-404 of the School Code to organize during the first week of December. Mr. Barratt announced that Mrs. Armstrong was appointed to serve as Temporary President to preside over the election of officers.

Mrs. Armstrong proceeded with the election of officers for 2019. Mrs. Gunderson made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Chain, to re-elect David Barratt to the office of board president. The motion carried by a vote of 8 to 0. Mr. Barratt then took over the meeting and continued with the agenda.

Mrs. Armstrong made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Chain, to re-elect Mrs. Behrle to the office of vice president. The motion carried by a vote of 8 to 0.

Board Committee Appointments

Mrs. Armstrong made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Behrle, to retain Mrs. Palmaccio as Chester County School Authority Representative for the term of January 2019 to January 2024. The motion carried by a vote of 8 to 0.

Mrs. Armstrong made a motion, with a second by Mr. Paluch, to reappoint Mrs. Behrle as Chester County Intermediate Unit Representative for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022. The motion carried 8 to 0.

Mr. Barratt announced that representatives for the other board committees would remain the same.

Executive Session

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

Presentations

Secretary's Correspondence

Mr. Barratt asked Mr. Linderman if there was any Secretary's Correspondence. **Mr. Linderman** noted that this is the 50th anniversary of the first meeting of the Great Valley Board of School Directors. He then spoke about the annual Food Service Food Drive. Food and monetary donations will be accepted until December 14 and may be dropped off at District Office or at any of the schools.



Chester County Intermediate Unit Board Report

Mrs. Behrle gave a lengthy report on the CCIU Board meeting that was held on November 14. She spoke about Abigail Keiser, a senior from the Oxford Area School District, who will serve as SkillsUSA vice president this year. Mrs. Behrle also reported on the International Young Physicist Tournament that was held in Beijing, China in July 2018. She stated that the IU Board acted on new business and approved all recommended personnel action items. Mrs. Behrle announced that the next meeting of the CCIU Board is scheduled for January 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Service Center.

Legislative Report

Mrs. Ravenfeld reported that the State Assembly is currently on recess and will resume after the new year. She stated that there are nine new legislators in Chester County, all of which are members of the Democratic party. She spoke about several other initiatives being discussed by legislators.

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky stated that the CCIU has put together a “Meet and Mingle” with the new legislators for superintendents and school board members. The event will be held on Wednesday, December 19 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. More information will be provided about this event.

Student Representative to the Board

Millie Field reported that the instrumental concert was held on November 29 and the Winter Concert is scheduled for December 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. She spoke about National Honor Society Induction, the Desmond Senior Citizen Luncheon, current food drives, and the High School door decorating contest.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky's [report](#) noted student activities and recognitions. She stated that nominations for the Citadel Heart of Learning Award are being accepted until December 31, 2018. She spoke about participation by community members in a presentation about preventing child sexual abuse, the third event in our speaker series. The next event is scheduled for January 30 at Great Valley High School. Lastly she reported about upcoming school events and winter concerts

Dr. Stephen O'Toole, Mrs. Tricia Beck, and Sugartown Elementary Principal, **Kyle Hammond,** gave an [update](#) on the full day kindergarten study. Following the presentation Dr. Speaker Palubinsky announced that there will be a forum on this subject at Charlestown Elementary School on December 11. Following that event, all the information collected during discussion periods will be put together in a survey which will be active from December 11 to December 22. The results of the survey will be brought before the board in January with hopes that the data will aid in the decision about whether or not to begin a full-day kindergarten program in the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Linderman gave a brief [update](#) on the 2019-2020 budget. He reviewed the budget timeline stating that a resolution will need to be adopted before January 31, 2019 if the board decides to stay within the Act 1 Index. He then reviewed other action date deadlines as determined by Act 1.

Mr. Linderman gave an update on the feasibility study stating that the qualification request was sent in October to the architects. He stated that Jim Abraham and Ken Morris are meeting with the architects for a preliminary walk through this month so there is a better understanding of the work to be done. Preliminary interviews with the qualified architects will be conducted on January 7. Administration is proposing that sometime in February finalist interviews be conducted with the board so that the board can appoint an architect in February or March.

Public Presentations on Agenda Items

There were none.

Consent Agenda Items

The following consent agenda items were approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

Routine Approvals

Minutes of November 12, 2018
Invoices

Personnel Approvals

The board approved the following personnel items by a vote of 8 to 0. Mr. Barratt noted that Mr. Linderman's resignation due to retirement is included in the personnel list. Dr. Speaker Palubinsky stated that it is her pleasure to work with a talented, knowledgeable, and effective colleague and she thanked Mr. Linderman for his service.

Resignations

Administrative

Charles Linderman, Director of Business Affairs, Great Valley School District, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2019.

Professional Staff

Stephanie Campitelli, special education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, effective November 16, 2018.

Extra Duty Responsibility

Dave Cliffl, Envirothon, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective November 26, 2018.

Leave of Absence

Support Staff

Boyd Guie, full-time custodian, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from October 29, 2018 through approximately February 28, 2019.

Changes of Status

Support Staff

Francine Hatten, full-time secretary, Great Valley High School to full-time Child Accounting/Transportation Secretary, Great Valley School District, (Garrison), effective December 3, 2018.

Connie Ingersoll, full-time human resources secretary, Great Valley School District, from classification 6 to 5, effective December 4, 2018.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Emily Amodei, full-time temporary professional employee STEAM teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Amodei, S.), pending completion of all employment requirements and satisfactory background checks, effective upon release from current employer.

Caitlyn Conroy, full-time temporary professional employee grade 4 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, (Himmelberger), pending completion of all employment requirements and satisfactory background checks, effective November 20, 2018.



Personnel Approvals

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Appointments - continued

Extra Duty Responsibility

Great Valley High School Coaching

- Zachary Fifer**, Winter Track, Assistant, (.5), Great Valley High School, NF.
- Tracy Robinson**, Winter Track, Assistant, (.5), Great Valley High School, NF.
- Andrew Hoffman**, Wrestling, Assistant, (.33), Great Valley High School, NF.
- Andrew Le**, Winter Track, Head, (.5), Great Valley High School, NF.
- Sean Lamb**, Baseball, Assistant, (.5), Great Valley High School, NF.
- Neil Young**, Wrestling, Assistant, (.66), Great Valley High School, F.

Great Valley High School Department Chair

Dustin Kasper, Physical Education Chair, Great Valley High School, F.

Great Valley Middle School Coaching

Gary Phillips, Baseball, Head 7th Grade, Great Valley Middle School, F.

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Full Day In-Service

- Alice McBrearty**, (.55), (Total = 3 hours – 11/7/18, 11/8/18)
- Allison VanOcker**, (.5), 11/6/18, 11/7/18
- Juana Herman**, (.7), (Total = 6 hours – 11/6/18, 11/7/18, 11/8/18)
- Audrey Hoyt**, (.5), 11/6/18, 11/7/18
- Colleen Molchany**, (.62), 11/6/18

ESL Night Class Child Care Support, 215 hours shared

Marie Derby

IEP Summer Writing

Andrea Russell

Mentor

Full-Year Mentorship

Laura McGrath, mentor to Kimberly Fulmer, 2018-2019.

Post Season Play

GVHS Volleyball

- Sam Ellis**, 7 days
- Katie Rickabaugh**, 7 days

GVHS Field Hockey

- Maddie Craig**, 17 days
- Brenda Haley**, 17 days

GVHS Girls' Soccer

Jennifer Michewicz, 6 days

GVHS Golf

- Owen Brown**, 3 days
- Paul Girone**, 3 days

GVHS Cross County

- Paul Gring**, 14 days
- Nicole Jones**, 14 days

GVHS Girls' Tennis

- Gerry McGrath**, 5 days
- Meredith Bebee**, 5 days



Personnel Approvals

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Salary Advancements

Additional coursework and/or additional degree, retroactive to first workday of first semester

Tina Akers, Charlestown Elementary School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.
Jacquelyn Albert, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's plus 30 to Master's.
Yvonne Bauer, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 30 to Master's plus 45.
Jeremy Bergman, Great Valley Middle School, Master's plus 30 to Master's plus 45.
Danielle Butville, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Master's to Master's plus 15.
Stephanie Campitelli, Great Valley Middle School, Master's plus 30 to Master's plus 45.
Brittany Carlino, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.
Chris Casey, Sugartown Elementary School, Master's to Master's plus 15.
Erin Catalano, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.
Mark Cellini, Great Valley Middle School, Master's to Master's plus 15.
Kathy Crisi, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 30 to Master's plus 45.
Meghan Daney, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.
Karen Darlak, Great Valley Middle School, Master's plus 30 to Master's plus 45.
Kelly DeMillion, General Wayne Elementary School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.
Kelly Eidell, Great Valley Middle School, Master's plus 30 to Master's plus 45.
Sam Ellis, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Bachelor's plus 15 to Bachelor's plus 30.
Victoria Embiscuso, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.
Ray Fulmer, General Wayne Elementary School, Master's to Master's plus 15.
Sarah Gorr, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Bachelor's + 30 to Master's.
Michelle Griffin, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Master's to Master's plus 15.
Colleen Guld, Charlestown Elementary School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.
Kelly Hennessey, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Master's to Master's plus 15.
Meghan Hoffman, Sugartown Elementary School, Bachelor's plus 15 to Bachelor's plus 30.
Amanda Hornberger, Sugartown Elementary School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.
Christine Izard, Charlestown Elementary School, Master's to Master's plus 15.
Krista Jorgenson, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's to Bachelor's plus 15.
Christina Kleinberg, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.
Heather Lloyd, Charlestown Elementary School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.
Nicole Lombardi, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.
Tess Lutz, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's plus 30 to Master's.
Heather Malseed, Great Valley Middle School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.
Chris Marley, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.
Jennifer Matuza, Charlestown Elementary School, Bachelor's to Bachelor's plus 15.
Alex Maxwell, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's to Bachelor's plus 15.
Bernard McCauley, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's plus 30 to Master's.
Amanda McClennen, Sugartown Elementary School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.
Henry McCloskey, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.
Amy McGregor, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 30 to Master's plus 45.
Rachel McNaughton, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Bachelor's plus 15 to Bachelor's plus 30.
Jennifer Michewicz, Great Valley High, Master's to Master's plus 15.
David Moffett, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.
Jamie Mozzone, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's plus 15 to Bachelor's plus 30.
Jennifer O'Mara, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's plus 30 to Master's.
Jessica Paraschak, Charlestown Elementary School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.
Elise Powell, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.
Jaclyn Radcliffe, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 30 to Master's plus 45.
Katherine Regula, General Wayne Elementary School, Master's plus 30 to Master's plus 45.
Todd Riddle, Sugartown Elementary School, Master's plus 60 to Doctorate.
Chris Salerno, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.

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Salary Advancements

Additional coursework and/or additional degree, retroactive to first workday of first semester - continued

Eric Schmidt, General Wayne Elementary School, Bachelor's plus 30 to Master's.

Tolly Sherry, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Master's plus 30 to Master's plus 45.

Rachel Sortino, Sugartown Elementary School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.

Maria Stamato, Great Valley Middle School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.

Kaitlin Valliere, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.

Allison VanOcker, (.5), General Wayne Elementary School, Bachelor's plus 15 to Bachelor's plus 30.

Ralph Veigel, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.

Chris Vogt, Charlestown Elementary School, Master's to Master's plus 15.

Emily Vogt, General Wayne Elementary School, Bachelor's plus 15 to Bachelor's plus 30.

Mathieu Weiner, Great Valley Middle School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.

Colby Weist, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's to Bachelor's plus 15.

Jaclyn Wesley, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 30 to Master's plus 45.

Anne Winter, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.

Erin Wolf, Great Valley High School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.

Brian Yohannan, Sugartown Elementary School, Master's plus 15 to Master's plus 30.

Jessica Youk, Charlestown Elementary School, Bachelor's plus 15 to Bachelor's plus 30.

Neil Young, Great Valley Middle School, Master's plus 45 to Master's plus 60.

Staff Conference Request

Russell Wren, athletic director, Great Valley High School, ASBA Conference and Trade Show, Scottsdale, AZ, Wednesday, November 28 – Friday, November 30, 2018.

Bernard McCauley, social studies teacher, Great Valley High School, 2018 PA Gifted Education Conference, Pittsburgh Marriott North in Cranberry Township, PA, Thursday, November 29 – Friday, November 30, 2018.

Bonnie Citron, principal, General Wayne Elementary School; **Abby Linderman**, supervisor of special programs, District Office; **Amy White**, 4th grade teacher, General Wayne Elementary School; **Cathy Carrigan**, reading specialist, General Wayne Elementary School - Improving School Performance Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, Sunday, January 13 – Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

Kathleen Ayers, instructional technology support, District Office, PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference (PETE & C), Hershey, PA, Monday, February 11 – Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

Financial Approvals

The board voted 8 to 0 to authorize the superintendent and the director of business affairs to pay bills pending January 22, 2019 board approval.

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following Request to Establish Student Activity applications: Growing Minds Update, Public Health Initiative, Young Republicans.

By a vote of 8 to 0, the board approved the contract with CCRES for an educational consultant for Special Education Supervisor Support.

The board approved the proposal for True Time School Business Suite Software at a cost of \$13,421.00 by a vote of 8 to 0.

By a vote of 8 to 0, the board approved the contract with Keystone Collections Group for Real Estate Tax Collection Services.



Financial Approvals

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the resurfacing of 9 tennis courts at a cost of \$55,700.

The board approved the agreement extension and addendum with Substitute Teacher Service by a vote of 8 to 0.

The board approved the special education settlement agreements for students #220392, #019473, and #190105 by a vote of 8 to 0.

By a vote of 8 to 0, the board approved the acceptance of a donation from the Middle School PTO totaling \$1,369.00 to Great Valley Middle School for updating the Faculty Break Room.

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the Professional Development Training Agreement with Charted Courses for approximately 40 hours of service from December 2018 through April 2019.

Program Approvals

The Board Work Session, Regular Business, and Committee meetings for 2019-2020 were approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

By a vote of 8 to 0, the board approved the 2019-2020 school calendar.

Policy Approvals

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- 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 (AG)
- 918 - Title 1 Parent Involvement

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the second reading and repeal of Policies #713 – Protection of Property and #715 – Use of Fax Machines.

The board approved the revisions to Policy #008 – Organization Chart by a vote of 8 to 0.

Public Presentations on Other Items

B. Motson – personal tax issue

Other Board Comments

Mrs. Behrle spoke about the Atwater Diwali Festival that she and other board members attended.

Mrs. Jouin commented about concerns around the recent snow day. Dr. Speaker Palubinsky explained the procedure used for deciding on early dismissals and school closings. She then commented that the weather forecasts also played a part in the decision making process on that day and the storm came sooner and more intensely than predicted. She stated that administration is looking into a type of flight board for our website so parents will be able to see the status of the busses. She said the best contact for parents is the school building, not the bus contractor. She thanked the staff, administrators, and bus drivers who were diligent during the time the students were on the busses to make sure they were kept safe.

Adjournment

Being there were no further comments or questions, the board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.