

School Board Meeting Highlights

February 25, 2019

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



DURING THE February 25, 2019 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, Philip Foret, Stephanie Gunderson, Samantha Jouin and Bryan Paluch. **Absent:** Mary Ravenfeld (illness)

Executive Session

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

Presentations

Secretary's Correspondence

Mr. Barratt then asked **Mr. Linderman** if there was any Secretary's Correspondence. There was none.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Board Report

Mrs. Behrle stated that the last meeting of the IU Board was cancelled due to inclement weather. The meeting will now be held on Wednesday, February 27. She reported that prior to the date of the regular meeting, the Board met in Executive Session to interview candidates being considered to conduct the search for a new executive director.

Legislative Report

Due to the absence of **Mrs. Ravenfeld**, there was no Legislative Report.

Student Council Reports

Sugartown Elementary School

Student Council members **Caitlin Bryner**, **Grace Colvin**, **Fiona Davis**, and **Frances Foy** reported on the following activities: Food Drive to support Chester County Pantry, National Make a Friend Day, Valentine's Day pencil grams, Turkey Trot, Pennies for Patients, and a service project with City Team.

Other Reports

Mr. Paluch gave a report from the Instructional Technology Committee meeting that was held on Tuesday, February 19. He stated that a demonstration on use of Google Expedition was given at the meeting. This is a virtual reality tool that was provided through a Foundation Venture Grant for use in the classroom. Teachers report that the students are very excited to use Google Expedition! The next meeting of the Instructional Technology Committee is scheduled for Monday, April 8 from 5 – 6 p.m.



Recognition

Marshall Hoffritz spoke on behalf of four eighth grade students who represented Great Valley Middle School at the 2019 Future City Competition. Students are: **Harene Aparna**, **Sami Hanna**, **Suhani Mathur**, and **Benjamin Kirker**. Their city, Alta Turris, was located in Iceland one hundred years in the future. The students worked with mentor engineer, Flavio de Rezende, and teacher, Kelly Eidell, to create their vision of the future, including a computer model, a physical model, an essay, and a presentation. The city was recognized with two awards; one for its Outstanding Transportation System, and one for the Most Innovate Use of Technology in their city.

Student Representative to the Board

Millie Field reported that the Winter Track Team recently participated in the state competition. She stated that tickets are on sale for the spring musical, *The Sound of Music*, which will be held at the end of March. She also reported that Student Council continues preparation for the Mr. Great Valley competition to be held on March 8 in honor of teacher, Ben Crisi.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Barratt stated that the board would be voting on full-day kindergarten later in the meeting, and he explained what the process would be for taking the vote.

Mr. Linderman then gave a [presentation](#) on long term Capital funding. He suggested that by phasing in the debt service obligation, the Board would not only be setting aside much needed funds for future projects, but also lowering the total bond issue needed. This would save millions of dollars in financing. He stated that RBC could possibly make a presentation to the board in the near future to provide details about bond financing.

Public Presentations on Agenda Items

The following residents spoke in support of full-day kindergarten: D. Casper, K. Hoover-Frey, E. Giandonato.

Consent Agenda Items

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

Routine Approvals

Minutes of January 22, 2019
Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Report
Invoices

Financial Approvals

Geophysical Testing Agreement
Private Transportation Agreement
Replacement of Hot Water Heaters at Great Valley High School by 3B Services, Inc.
Keystone Fire Protection Co. for installation of Fire Alarm/Mass Notification System at K. D. Markley Elementary School
Replacement of commercial industrial washing machine and dryer at Great Valley High School
Removal and installation of white boards at Great Valley High School
2019 Bidding Schedule
Donation to Great Valley Middle School from PTO
Agreements for placement in LearnWell's Partial Programs for students #230390, #200849, #220033, and #230069
Additional speaker/event through Be a Part of the Conversation partnership agreement
Professional Development Training Agreement with Dr. Ken Ginsburg
PASBO Review of Great Valley School District Foundation Proposal
Independent Contractor Agreement for School Psychologist Services
Professional Development Training Agreements with Dr. Leslie Arceneaux and Dr. Kevin Flanigan



Consent Agenda Items

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Program Approvals

Great Valley High School Program of Studies for 2019-2020 School Year
Summer Learning Experiences in full and half-day opportunities for weeks of July 8 through August 8

Financial Approvals

A motion was made and seconded to approve hiring Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects to conduct a feasibility study of the District. The motion failed by a vote of 1 aye to 7 nay.

A motion was made and seconded to approve hiring Schrader Group to conduct the feasibility study. The motion passed by a vote of 5 aye to 3 nay.

The board awarded the E-Rate Technology bids as recommended by the Great Valley School District Business Office by a vote of 8 to 0.

Personnel Approvals

The board approved the following personnel items by a vote of 8 to 0.

Resignations

Support Staff

Brenda Wright, part-time cafeteria aide, Great Valley High School, effective February 6, 2019.

Albert Morton, full-time custodian, Great Valley High School, effective February 22, 2019.

Extra Duty Responsibility

Dan Ellis, Football, Head Coach, Great Valley High School, effective February 7, 2019.

Joseph Bradley, Swim, Head Coach, Great Valley High School, effective March 18, 2019.

Leaves of Absence

Professional Staff

Teresa LoGiudice, science teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests intermittent FMLA from January 24, 2019 through February 22, 2019.

Ashley Vogel, music teacher, Great Valley High School, requests revision of compensated professional leave for the 2018-2019 school year to first semester only.

Erin Wolf, family and consumer science teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from February 5, 2019 through March 5, 2019.

Rachel Sortino, special education teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately June 17, 2019 through November 11, 2019.

Support Staff

Latasha Tucker, full-time cafeteria aide, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from February 13, 2019 through February 22, 2019.



Personnel Approvals

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Changes of Status

Professional Staff

Caroline Biondolillo, half-year long-term substitute, K. D. Markley Elementary School (Van Cott) to full-year long-term substitute, Sugartown Elementary School (Wilson), effective February 11, 2019.

Support Staff

Deven Butler, substitute aide, Great Valley School District to part-time cafeteria aide, Charlestown Elementary School, (Shaw), effective February 19, 2019.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Amy Wilson, part-time professional employee kindergarten teacher (.5), K. D. Markley Elementary School, (DiFonzo), effective February 11, 2019.

Extra Duty Responsibility

Great Valley High School Coaching

Melissa Irick, Softball, Assistant Girls, (.5) Great Valley High School, NF.

Andrew Le, Spring Track, Assistant, Great Valley High School, NF.

Tracy Robinson, Spring Track, Assistant, Great Valley High School, NF

Pete Ruckelshaus, Spring Track, Assistant, Great Valley High School, F.

Michael Douglas, Baseball, Assistant, (.5), Great Valley High School, NF.

Great Valley Middle School Coaching

Neil Young, Lacrosse, Head 8th Grade Boys, Great Valley Middle School, F.

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Full Day In-Service

Juana Herman, (.7), (Total = 1 hour – 1/28/19)

Alice McBrearty, (.55), (Total = 2 hours – 1/16/19, 1/17/19)

Kimberly Fulmer, (.8), 11/12/18, 1/24/19

Salary Advancements

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

Rescinding of December 3, 2018 Board approval for **Jamie Mozzone**, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's plus 15 to Bachelor's plus 30. *

Jamie Mozzone, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's plus 15 to Master's. *

Tamara Rogan, Charlestown Elementary School, Bachelor's plus 15 to Master's.

(*contingent upon mutual agreement and signing of Memorandums of Understanding by Great Valley Education Association and the Great Valley Board of School Directors)



Personnel Approvals

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Summer Services

Summer Learning Experiences

Half Day Week Camps

Meredith Borys (4 weeks)

Marie Derby (4 weeks)

Erin Catalano (2 weeks)

Emily DiOttavio

Sam Ellis

Nanette Schrecengost

Jessica Youk

Sherri Kratzer, (.5)

Laura Mack, (.5)

Full Day Week Camps

Brooke Abrahams

Meghan Daney

Nicole Davis

Amanda Ferraioli

Meredith Rosa

Jaclyn Wesley

Christopher Marley

Rob Goldstein, (.5)

Tracie Izykowski, (.5)

Christina Jaffe, (.5)

Steve Meiswich, (.5)

Pam Mylonas, (.5)

Chrissy Casey, (.5)

Tenured Status

The following temporary professional employees have been rated as successful during the 3 years of employment as temporary professional employees. They are eligible for professional employee status as of January 28, 2019. This change of status is to be recorded in the official minutes and requires no official action.

Nicole Lombardi, Great Valley High School

Brian Staley, Great Valley High School

Sara Van Alstyne, General Wayne Elementary School

Staff Conference Requests

Russell Wren, Athletic Director, Great Valley High School, PA Sate Athletic Directors Association Conference, Hershey, PA, Tuesday, March 19 – Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

Ashley Vogel, music teacher, Great Valley High School, PMEA All-State Festival and Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, Wednesday, April 3 – Friday, April 5, 2019.

Derek Brogan, science teacher, Great Valley Middle School; **Robert Johnson**, science teacher, Great Valley High School; **Aura Lester**, science teacher, Great Valley Middle School; **Beth Zigmont**, Secondary Supervisor, Teaching and Learning Department, District Office - National Conference on Science Education, St Louis, MO, Thursday, April 11 – Saturday, April 13, 2019.

Memorandums of Understanding

Union Dues

Salary Advancement

Policy Approvals

The board accepted the following policies for 1st Reading:

Policy 203 – Communicable Diseases (AG)

Policy 702 – Gifts and Donations



Policy Approvals

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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 board accepted the following policies for 1st Repeal Reading:

- 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 board approved the 2nd Reading and Adoption of the following policies by a vote of 8 to 0.

- 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 board approved the following policies for 2nd Reading and Repeal by a vote of 8 to 0

- Policy 624 - Taxable Fringe Benefits
- Policy 705 - Safety/Smoking
- Policy 709 - Building Security
- Policy 713.1 - Video Surveillance
- Policy 805 - Emergency Preparedness



Program Approval

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve a full-day kindergarten program beginning with the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Public Comments on Other Issues

There were none.

Adjournment

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



Public Presentations on Other Items

There were none.

Other Board Comments

Mr. Barratt responded to comments made at previous board meetings. A tax issue that was presented to the board at the December 3, 2018 meeting was quickly resolved by the Business Office. Mr. Barratt then read a statement from the board in response to comments made at the January 14, 2019 work session. He stated that due to their commitment to protect and preserve the privacy rights of students, the board will never speak specifically about a child's educational program in a public meeting.

Adjournment

Being there were no further comments or questions, the board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.