

# School Board Meeting Highlights

March 18, 2019

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



## **DURING THE March 18, 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, Philip Foret, and Stephanie Gunderson. Samantha Jouin and Bryan Paluch joined by phone **Absent:** Amy Chain, Mary Ravenfeld

### **Executive Session**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Mr. Barratt** stated that the board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss legal and personnel 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 IU Board will meet on Wednesday, March 20. She will make a report at our next meeting.

#### **Legislative Report**

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

#### **Student Council Reports**

##### Charlestown Elementary School

Student Council members **Julia Cook**, **Jackson Melconian**, **Mathew Balmer**, and **Danny Gardner** reported about the BK5K fundraising event they conducted in conjunction with Fox 29 news anchor Bob Kelly. The event raised \$1,200 towards the goal of \$2,000. Students plan to continue to solicit funds to reach their goal. Council members also spoke about Positive Notes and about future plans for field day.

##### General Wayne Elementary School

**Abby Diamond**, **Christian Hall**, **Raj Dhillons**, and **Nicolas Opielski** spoke about support of Ronald McDonald House, Kindness Grams, Spirit Days, and the Cards That Care annual initiative.

### **Recognition**

Dr. Souders introduced **Ritish Kodali** (7<sup>th</sup>) from Great Valley Middle School who earned third place in the Chester County Spelling Bee. The 2019 Chester County Spelling Bee was sponsored by the Chester County Intermediate Unit and was open to all students enrolled in a Chester County public, private, parochial or home school through eighth grade who meet Scripps' requirements for participation.

## **Recognition**

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Vick Morris spoke about two K. D. Markley students who placed in the Rotary Club of Phoenixville Spelling Bee. A total of 215 students participated in the event

- Division II Level (2nd Graders)  
**Esha Nair** (2nd) was awarded third place in Division II Level.
- Division IV Level (4th & 5th Graders)  
**Mason Jiang** (5th) was awarded third place in Division IV Level.

Henry McCloskey spoke in recognition of Three GVHS seniors who were selected as finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program: **Daniel Han, Julia Hu, and Kimberly Yang.**

## **Student Representative to the Board**

**Ian Adler** reported about High School sports. He stated that the High School musical, The Sound of Music, will be performed at the end of March. He also provided details about the Mr. Great Valley contest which is held in honor of late teacher, Ben Crisi. He stated that the Crisi family established the Crisi Character Scholarship and it is awarded to one male and one female student who exhibits exemplary character.

## **Superintendent's Report**

**Michael Lillys** and **Allison Macchi** of RBC Capital Markets gave a [presentation](#) on potential funding alternatives for future projects. Different borrowing scenarios were presented to give the Board an idea of the funding options that could be considered.

**Dr. Speaker Palubinsky** [spoke](#) briefly about consideration of secondary school start times. She stated that the subject came to light a few years ago when students from the Chester County Intermediate Unit made a presentation on the topic. She said that Great Valley isn't at a point to implement this kind of change but administration has looked at how transportation costs and athletic activities would be impacted.

## **Public Presentations on Agenda Items**

There were none.

## **Consent Agenda Items**

The following consent agenda items were approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

### **Routine Approvals**

Minutes of February 25, 2019  
Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Report  
Invoices

### **Financial Approvals**

Agreements for Partial Program Placement with LearnWell  
Consulting Agreement with Rutenburg Autism Center  
Proposal with Dr. Dominic Gullo for design and implementation of full day kindergarten program and in-service training with staff  
Awarding of bids for Art Supplies, Athletic Equipment and Supplies, and Medical and Athletic Trainer Equipment and Supplies

## Consent Agenda Items

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### Financial Approvals - continued

Awarding of bid for site paving and wall restoration for Great Valley Middle School  
ESL Camp Proposal with Delaware County Community College

### Program Approvals

Student Overnight Trip Requests in accordance with Policy #121: March 19, 2019

#### **Great Valley High School**

Biology 2 Classes, Honors Bio2 Partnership with University of Pittsburgh Brain Institute, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, Sunday, April 7 – Monday, April 8, 2019. Approximately 38-40 students. (Trip funded by District.)

#### 2019-2010

Music Department, Christmas Candlelight Processional in Disney World, Orlando, FL, Wednesday, December 18 – Monday, December 23, 2019. Approximately 200 students. (Trip funded by students/parents.)

Spanish Students (level 3 and above), Spain Trip (Madrid, Sevilla, Cordoba, Merida & Caceres), Thursday, April 2 – Friday, April 10, 2020. Approximately 30-40 students. (Trip funded by students/parents.)

## Personnel Approvals

The board approved the following personnel items by a vote of 7 to 0.

### Resignation

#### Administrative

**Erik Bowers**, Supervisor of Informational Technology, Great Valley School District, effective date to be determined.

### Leaves of Absence

#### Administrative Staff

**Nicole Melia**, Supervisor of Food Service, requests FMLA from approximately April 12, 2019 to June 28, 2019.

#### Professional Staff

**Pamela Crump**, learning support teacher, Great Valley High School, requests intermittent FMLA from January 28, 2019 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

**Kelly DiPrinzio**, English teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from April 22, 2019 through the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

**John Harvey**, Guidance Counselor, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately February 20, 2019 until the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

**Dave Cliffl**, Grade 5 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately March 15, 2019 to the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

#### Support Staff

**Karen Campbell**, Secretary, Office of Communications and Outreach, Great Valley School District, requests 12 weeks of intermittent FMLA from approximately February 11, 2019 through May 10, 2019.

### Changes of Status

#### Support Staff

**Kelsey Gartner**, Nutrition/Garden Coordinator to Acting Supervisor of Food Service, effective April 1, 2019 through approximately June 28, 2019.



**Personnel Approvals**

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**Changes of Status** - continued

Support Staff - continued

**Diana Sorial**, 10-month clerical aide, Great Valley Middle School to full-time 12-month Food Service Secretary, Great Valley District Office, effective date to be determined.

**Donna Girone**, Access Billing Clerk to full-time 12-month Student Services Data Specialist, Great Valley District Office, effective April 1, 2019.

Extra Duty Responsibility

*Great Valley High School Non-Coaching*

**Kathy Crisi**, Chamber Singers (.75) to Chamber Singers (.25), Great Valley High School, effective 1/25/19, F.

**Appointments**

Professional Staff

**Cara Sabo**, half-year long-term substitute special education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Campitelli), (pro-rated to date of employment), effective January 28, 2019.

Extra Duty Responsibility

*Great Valley High School Coaching*

**Kim Wenger**, Lacrosse, Head Girls, Great Valley High School, NF.

**Joseph Arscott**, Lacrosse, Assistant Boys, (.5), Great Valley High School, NF.

**Sarah Pearce**, Lacrosse, Assistant Girls, (.5), Great Valley High School, NF.

*Great Valley Middle School Coaching,*

**Jeff Donovan**, Lacrosse, Head Coach, Boys, Great Valley Middle School, NF.

*Great Valley High School Non-Coaching*

**Ashley Vogel**, Chamber Singers, (.5), F.

**Salary Adjustments**

Part-time Staff for Full Day In-Service

**Allison VanOcker**, (.50), 2/21/19

**Juana Herman**, (.7), (Total = 2 hours – 2/26/19, 3/7/19)

**Amy Wilson**, (.5), 2/21/19, 3/14/19, 3/15/19

**Alice McBrearty**, (.55), (Total = 1.5 hours – 2/28/19, 3/11/19)

Mentors

*Half Year Mentorships*

**Jennifer Gleason**, mentor to Caitlin Conroy, 2018-2019, second semester.

**Nicole Davis**, mentor to Emily Amodei, 2018-2019, second semester.

Post Season Play

*GVHS Boys' Basketball*

**C. J. Savage**, 12 days

**Paul Girone**, 12 days

*GVHS Girls' Basketball*

**Alex Venarchik**, 10 days

**Megan Daney**, 10 days

*GVHS Wrestling*

**Neil Young**, 22 days

**Andrew Hoffman**, 22 days

*GVHS Winter Track*

**Nicole Jones**, 13 days

**Andrew Le**, 112 days

**Tracy Robinson**, 12 days

## Personnel Approvals

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### Salary Adjustments - continued

### Post Season Play - continued

*GVHS Boys' and Girls' Swimming*

**Joseph Bradley**, 19 days

**Krista Russell**, 13 days

**Kat Arnao**, 4 days

### Summer Services

Summer Workshop – Project Lead the Way

**Evan Geeseey**, 10 days

### Staff Overnight Conference Requests

**Brenda Haley**, mathematics teacher and field hockey coach, Great Valley High School - USA Field Hockey Summit, Baltimore, MD, Friday, March 15 – Sunday, March 17, 2019.

**Jennifer Blake**, Director of Communications and Outreach, District Office - PA School PR Association (PenSPRA), Annual Symposium, Shippensburg, PA, Thursday, March 28 – Friday, March 29, 2019

**Matthew Watson**, science teacher, Great Valley High School - National Conference on Science Education, St Louis, MO, Thursday, April 11 – Saturday, April 13, 2019.

## Policy Approvals

The board accepted the following policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

- 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 board accepted the following policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Repeal Reading

- 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

The board approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of the following policies by a vote of 8 to 0.

- Policy 203 – Communicable Diseases & AG
- Policy 702 – Gifts and Donations
- 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 Approvals**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption - continued

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

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

**Public Comments on Other Issues**

There were none.

**Adjournment**

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.