

School Board Meeting Highlights

April 22, 2019

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



DURING THE April 22, 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, Samantha Jouin, Bryan Paluch, and Mary Ravenfeld. **Absent:** Stephanie Gunderson (personal)

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 met on Wednesday, March 20. She stated that a draft version of the Strategic Plan was made available for IU Board members to review and the 2019-2020 MarketPlace Budget and pricing schedule were approved. She also stated that interviews are underway for replacement of the executive director position. The next meeting of the IU Board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15.

Legislative Report

Mrs. Ravenfeld gave a lengthy Legislative Report which included information on the Basic Education Fund and about increases in other educational areas. Among the topics she spoke about were Charter School Legislation, House Bill proposals, Property Tax Legislation, and teacher certification evaluation system.

Student Council Reports

Great Valley Middle School

Student Council members **Megan Ramick, Sophia Geibel, Mia Maslowski, Mason Segarnick, Amit Keshet, Nadia Nemeth,** and **Gavin Sorce** reported about the following activities: Chili Cookoff, National Engineer's Club, Spirit Day, the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils Region J Conference, and Student Council elections. Upcoming events include the Father/Daughter Dance scheduled for April 26 and 8th grade Amazing Race and Dinner Dance on the Spirit of Philadelphia.

Presentations

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Other Reports

Mr. Paluch gave a report from the Instructional Technology Subcommittee meeting that was held on April 8. He stated that several administrators and teachers attended the meeting to discuss the Middle and High School Language Arts program.

Mr. Paluch stated that prior to the conclusion of that meeting high school World Language Chair, Jeffery Spicer, shared that the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association recently awarded Great Valley School District's World Language program a Bronze Globe as part of the PSMLA Exemplary Program Award

The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, September 9, 2019, 5:00 p.m. at the District Office building.

Recognition

Seventeen Great Valley fourth and fifth grade students earned awards at the Chester County Research Science Competition (Jonas Salk Science Fair).

Shana Cooper introduced **Charlestown Elementary School** students:

Grade	Name	Award	Category
4	Sean Halladay	High Honors & David Jarvie Award for Life Sciences	Botany
4	Fouad Ismaila	Honors	Chemistry
4	Siddhant Suresh & Anirudh Venkatesh	Distinguished Honors, Best of Show	Team
5	Suryaa Kanwar	Honors	Botany
5	Ishaan Singh	Honors	Physics
5	Michael Schlorff	Distinguished Honors & Excellence in Sustainable Energy	Engineering

Allison Vanocker introduced students from **General Wayne Elementary School**:

Grade	Name	Award	Category
4	Asher Callan	High Honors	Chemistry
4	Atharva Singh	Honors & Significant Developments in Biochemistry	Biochemistry
4	Eva Teti & Kate Weikert	Honors	Team
4	Petra Wertz	The Richard & Patti Smith Excellence in Engineering Award	Engineering
5	Sahasra Chavali	Distinguished Honors	Medicine & Health
5	Ajay Jegan Mohan	Honors	Medicine & Health
5	Lindsay Wustner	Distinguished Honors	Microbiology

Sarah O'Neill spoke in recognition of **Sugartown Elementary School** students:

Grade	Name	Award	Category
4	Fiona Davis	High Honors	Physics
4	Saamy Mehta	Distinguished Honors	Engineering
5	Delight Adeyemi	High Honors	Chemistry

Recognition

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Chris Pickell spoke about **Siddhant Suresh**, a student at Charlestown Elementary School who earned the title of 4th Grade State Chess Champion at the 2019 State Scholastic Chess Championship.

Ed Souders spoke in recognition of **Great Valley Middle School students** who competed at the regional finals for the National History Bee, National Science Bee, and National Academic Bee on Saturday, March 23.

History Bee

In the 6th grade division, **Ryan Rossi** won first place in History and qualified for the National History Bee and the International History Bee.

In the 7th grade division, **Ritish Kodali** won first place in the History Bee and qualified for the National History Bee and the International History Bee.

Lucca Ruggieri (7th) finished in 3rd place for the History Bee and qualified for the National History Bee and the International History Bee.

Academic Bee

In the 7th grade division, **Ritish Kodali** won first place in the Academic Bee and qualified for the National Academic Bee and the International Academic Bee.

Rohan Sivakumar (7th) finished in 2nd place for the Academic Bee and qualified for the National Academic Bee and the International Academic Bee.

Yash Pandya (7th) finished in 3rd place for the Academic Bee and qualified for the National Academic Bee and the International Academic Bee.

Science Bee

Nikhil Kotikalapudi (7th) won first place in the Science Bee and qualified for the National Science Bee and the International Science Bee.

Dr. Souders also spoke in recognition of **Lucca Ruggieri** (7th) who placed second in the Pennsylvania State Geography Bee on Friday, March 29, in Harrisburg.

Sean Cohen stated that students are selected by audition to perform with the District 12 Band. Some students progress to Region VI Band. The highest level of achievement is the All-State Band. Students are listed below according to their highest level of achievement.

- All-State Jazz Band: **Jordan Colucci** (11th)
- All-State Band: **Colin Li** (11th)
- PMEA Region VI Band: **Bryan Zhou** (10th), **Heidi Atlas** (11th), **Cole Nikas** (12th), **Tyler DeTulleo** (11th), and **Garrett Thomas** (11th)
- District 12 Band: **Evan Search** (12th)

Sean Cohen then stated that students are also selected by audition to perform with the District 12 Orchestra. Some students progress to Region VI Orchestra. The highest level of achievement is the All-State Orchestra. Students are listed below according to their highest level of achievement.

- All-State Orchestra: **Sarah Yoon** (10th)
- All-East Orchestra: **Hannah Yoon** (12th)
- PMEA Region VI Orchestra: **Colin Li** (11th), **Evan Sun** (10th), **Leo Li** (10th), and **Kirsten Ho** (10th)
- District 12 Orchestra: **Cole Nikas** (12th), **Bryan Zhou** (10th), **Eva Li** (10th), **Rithvik Bobbili** (11th), **Kimberly Yang** (12th), **Julia Hu** (12th), **Jovanne Li** (12), **Luke Liu** (11th)



Recognition

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Ashley Vogel reported that students who perform with the District 12 Choir also are selected by audition. Some students progress to Region VI Choir. The highest level of achievement is the All-State Choir. Students are listed below according to their highest level of achievement.

- All-State Choir: **Nathan Carter** (11th), **Tyler DeTulleo** (11th), **Daniel Milani** (12th), **Bennett Resnick** (11th), **Jack Schadl** (11th), and **Will Spiegel** (11th)
- PMEA Region VI Choir: **Carlyn Crisi** (12th), **Ronan McDermott** (12th)

Henry McCloskey spoke in recognition of the **Great Valley High School Language Arts Department**, a recipient of the PSMLA Bronze Globe Award. This is a prestigious, statewide award given to schools that provide evidence of high quality, standards-based, proficiency-oriented foreign language instruction. **Jeffery Spicer** accepted the award on behalf of the Foreign Language Department.

Student Representative to the Board

Ian Adler reported that the boys' tennis team recently participated in the Chesmont Singles Championship. He stated that the No More Club has invited former gymnast, Sarah Klein to speak this Thursday. Ian then announced that he would be attending NYU in the fall.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky stated that on June 3 honors students who have been participating in the Pittsburgh School of Medicine research project will report on their experiences. She also stated that a Diversity and Inclusion Council is being formed, with the first meeting to be held sometime before the end of this school year. The Council is open to anyone who has an interest in participating.

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky also reported that on Thursday, April 25, Senator Kierney will be visiting our schools.

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 March 18, 2019
Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Report
Invoices

Financial Approvals

Chester County Intermediate Unit Core Budget in the amount of \$27,930,942. The Great Valley School District share of this budget is \$43,020.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Occupational Education Budget in the amount of \$29,995,043. The Great Valley School District share of this budget is \$915,682.

Awarding of bid for roof replacement at Charlestown Elementary School

Awarding of bid for roof replacement at Sugartown Elementary School

Awarding of bid for Milk Products and Beverages to Wawa Inc.

Consent Agenda Items

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License agreement with the Pickford Run Homeowners Association, Inc.
 Approval of the addendum to the Transportation Contract Agreement with George Krapf Jr. & Sons
 Approval of the Premier Services Agreement with DecisionInsite
 Agreement for placement in LearnWell's Partial Programs for Student #190424
 Amendment to the school age day care provider contract with Today's Child Learning Centers, LLC (formerly Warwick)
 Student Assistance Program (SAP) for 2018-2019 school year with Chester County Council on Addictive Diseases, Inc. (COAD)
 Acceptance of \$500 donation from Willistown Township Police Association to Sugartown Elementary School
 Acceptance of \$2,500 donation from Sycamore Mechanical Contractors to Great Valley High School Robotics Club
 Shared Services Agreement with Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for 2019-2020
 Special Educational Settlement Agreement for Student #200290
 Educational Services Agreement with Nemours/Alfred I. Dupont Hospital

Program Approvals

Agreement with Immaculata University for dual enrollment courses
 Memorandum of Understanding with Chester County Intermediate Unit for Pre-K Counts/Head Start Programs for 2019-2020 school year.

Student Overnight Trip Requests in accordance with Policy #121:

Great Valley Middle School

Great Valley Middle School Robotics, VEX Robotics Middle School World Championships, Kentucky Expo Center, Louisville, KY, Tuesday, April 23 – Sunday, April 28, 2019. Approximately 4 students. (Trip funded by parents. District covers teacher expenses.)

Great Valley High School

German Students, Study Abroad Trip to Germany, April 2 or 3 through April 11 or 12, 2020. Approximately 16-20 students. (Trip funded by parents.)

Financial Approval

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the resolution adopting the preliminary budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

Personnel Approvals

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

Resignations

Administrative

Russell Wren, Athletic Director, Great Valley School District, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 27, 2019.

Professional Staff

Terri Lazar, Home and School Visitor, Great Valley Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Rachel McNaughton, grade 3 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Sharon Webster, Grade 3 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Margaret (Peggy) Kerr, Learning Support teacher, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Personnel Approvals

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Resignations - continued

Support Staff

Eric Diener, full-time custodian, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 28, 2019.

Leaves of Absence

Professional Staff

Christine Nikodemski, English teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately May 25, 2019 to the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Christine Nikodemski, English teacher, Great Valley High School, requests compensated professional leave for the 2019-2020 school year.

Heather McGovern, Gifted teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately April 1, 2019 to May 10, 2019.

Danielle Butville, Grade 4 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School requests FMLA from approximately June 7, 2019 to the end of the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

Laura McGrath, Guidance Counselor, General Wayne Elementary School requests Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health from April 12, 2019 to the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Katy Uhrich, Guidance Counselor, Charlestown Elementary School, requests compensated professional leave for the 2019-2020 school year.

Support Staff

Richard Carns, full-time custodian, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA from February 25, 2019 to approximately May 17, 2019.

Changes of Status

Support Staff

Candace Evans, full-time Instructional Network Support to Interim Supervisor of Information Technology, Great Valley School District, (Bowers), effective March 25, 2019.

Robert Nixon, full-time custodian to Acting Head Custodian, Great Valley Middle School, (Guie), effective February 1, 2019 through approximately June 3, 2019.

Appointments

Administrative Staff

Charles Peterson, approval of contract for Director of Business Affairs, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

Professional Staff

Taylor Gavin, long-term substitute physical education teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School, (Lorine), effective April 1, 2019.

Medical Examiners for 2018-2019 school year

Premier Orthopaedics, Great Valley School District Athletics.

Gene Uhler, M.D., Great Valley School District, 12 month consultations, secondary scoliosis screenings.

Dental Examiner for 2018-2019 school year

Mark Koup, D.M.D., Charlestown Elementary School, General Wayne Elementary School, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Sugartown Elementary School, and Great Valley Middle School for dental screenings.

Personnel Approvals

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Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Full Day In-Service

Allison VanOcker, (.50), 3/14/19, 3/15/19

Juana Herman, (.7), (Total = 5 hours – 3/15/19, 3/18/19, 3/21/19, 4/5/19)

Alice McBrearty, (.55), (Total = 5.5 hours – 3/14/19, 3/21/19, 3/27/19, 4/2/19)

Audrey Hoyt, (.5), 3/14/19, 3/15/19

High School Musical Pit Musicians, Rehearsals/Performances, 3/24/19, 3/25/19, 3/26/19, 3/28/19, 3/29/19, 3/30/19, 3/31/19

Taylor Gavin

Elizabeth Mahovsky

Summer Services

Student Orientation, MS

Jason Bradley, 4 hours

Ben Robinson, 4 hours

Bob Stewart, 4 hours

Jo Bedell, 4 hours

Derek Brogan, 4 hours

Teresa LoGiudice, 4 hours

Lisa Freeman, 6 hours (4 plus 2 for planning)

Kelly Benner, 6 hours (4 plus 2 for planning)

Jen Schultz, 6 hours (4 plus 2 for planning)

Salary Advancement

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

Rescinding of December 3, 2018 Board approval for **Allison VanOcker**, (.5), General Wayne Elementary School, Bachelor's plus 15 to Bachelor's plus 30.

Allison VanOcker, (.5), General Wayne 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)*

Memorandums of Understanding with Great Valley Education Association

1. Salary Advancement

Staff Overnight Conference Requests

Dr. Regina Speaker Palubinsky, Superintendent; **Dr. Amanda Pierce**, Elementary Supervisor of Teaching and Learning, District Office; **Beth Zigmont**, Secondary Supervisor of Teaching and Learning, District Office; **Sarah O'Neill**, 4th grade teacher, Sugartown Elementary School - Model Schools Conference 2019, Washington, DC, Sunday, June 23 – Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

Policy Approvals

The board accepted the following policies for 1st Reading:

Policy 800 - Records Management & AG

Policy 801 - Public Records & AG

Policy Approvals

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1st Reading - continued

- 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 board accepted the following policies for 1st Repeal Reading

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

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

- 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
- 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 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

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 8:30 p.m.