

School Board Special Meeting Highlights June 3, 2019

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



DURING THE June 3, 2019 SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

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

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.

Recognition

Mr. Barratt recognized **Amelia (Millie) Field** and **Ian Adler** for service to the Board of School Directors as Student Representative to the Board and Alternate Student Representative to the Board for the 2018-2019 school year.

Henry McCloskey introduced **Shrey Pandya (10)**, who won 1st Place in the Programming category at the CCIU Regional Media and Design Competition.

Thirteen GVHS students earned awards at the PA FBLA Academic State Competition in Hershey, PA and were introduced by Mr. McCloskey.

Student Name/Grade	Category	Award Level
Noah Harrigan (11)	Economics	1st Place
Christian Angelov (11)	Securities & Investments	2nd Place
Luke Liu (11)	Agribusiness	2nd Place
Shrey Pandya (10)	Intro to Info Technology	3rd Place
Dominic Finan (12)	Health Care Administration	4th Place
Alan Xu (11)	Economics	4th Place
Christopher Ye (11)	Cyber Security	4th Place
Phillip Zhang (9)	Intro to Info Technology	6th Place
Aakash Narayan (10)	Intro to Info Technology	7th Place
Rithvik Bobbili (11)	Network and Concept	7th Place
Louise Dupont (9)	Intro to Parliamentary Procedures	8th Place
Ryan May (12)	Organizational Leader	8th Place
Rebecca Stern (10)	Intro to Financial Math	9th Place
John Li (11)	Political Science	10th Place

Mr. McCloskey reported that Great Valley High School won the 2019 EconChallenge State Championship in the Adam Smith Division. The team ranked #1 against 95 teams. Team members are: **Noah Harrigan (11)**, **Rithvik Bobbili (11)**, **John Li (11)**, and **Alan Xu (11)**.

Bern McCauley stated that Great Valley High School competed in the 2019 PA State Academic Competition. The team finished the contest with 70 points and earned 2nd Place. The team also qualified to compete at the National Academic Quiz Bowl Tournament. Members of the Great Valley Team are: **Daniel Milani (12)**, **Nandhini Krishnan (12)**, **William Lewis (12)**, **John Li (11)**, **Anshu Nunemunthala (10)**, and **Rishi Raman (10)**.

Recognition

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Henry McCloskey reported that Great Valley High School was named the first place winner in NJM Insurance Group's "Just Drive" public service announcement (PSA) video contest. Great Valley High School won first place with its PSA that was produced by TV Studio Director **Kevin Fitzpatrick** and four students: Juniors **Isaiah Cunningham** and **Jacob Hoover**, Senior **Jacob Mingis**, and Sophomore **Sarah Liu**. The contest welcomed high schools from across the region to submit a 30-second video outlining the danger of distracted driving. Students from 34 Pennsylvania high schools created videos.

Coach Paul Waltz spoke about the Boys' Tennis Team which won the PIAA State Championship in Hershey, PA. Members of the team are: **Steven Coelho** (10), **Adit Awatramani** (11), **Sameer Gangoli** (11), **Amish Saini** (11), **Ryan Hamel** (12), **Marc Lussier** (12), and **Warrick Parvess** (12).

Henry McCloskey reported that the Great Valley Crew Team finished Fifth Place overall in at the Philadelphia City Championships and qualified for the SRAA National Championship Regatta. Team members are: **Caroline Glaser** (11), **Colin Biddle** (12), **Alex Jouin** (12), **Ryan Layden** (12), and **Nathan Paoella** (12).

Wayne McCullough, the new Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials, (PASBO) stated that the Great Valley School District was recently recognized as the PASBO 2019 Award of Excellence in School Purchasing Operations recipient during their annual conference. The award was accepted by **Melissa Klaus**, PCSBS, Purchasing Coordinator/Fiscal Services Specialist for the school district. The PASBO Award of Excellence in School Purchasing Operations is designed to recognize professionalism, efficiency and leadership in school purchasing. PASBO and Keystone Purchasing Network are proud to recognize the school district's accomplishment with a scholarship for use in the professional development of the school's purchasing staff.

Student Representative to the Board

Millie Field introduced the 2019-2020 Student Representative to the Board, **David Nemeth**, and the Alternate Representative, **Katie Olafson**.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Linderman gave an [update](#) on the 2019-2020 proposed final budget. He stated that the budget as it currently stands is \$109,900,000 which reflects a 4.67% increase over last year's budget. Mr. Linderman spoke about the debt service proposal and projected a slide indicating how contributions to the fund would the impact to the taxpayer over the next few years.

Mrs. Chain spoke about various initiatives supported by The Foundation at Great Valley. She then introduced **Steve Skoufalos**, President of The Foundation, who presented a check in the amount of \$2,500 to the GVHS Academic Quiz Bowl Team.

Public Presentations on Agenda Items

Jacque Velez – Art department

Financial Approval

The board approved the resolutions approving the 2019-2019 General Fund Budget and Capital Project Budget. The motion carried by a vote of 7 aye (Armstrong, Barratt, Behrle, Chain, Gunderson, Jouin, Paluch) to 2 nay (Foret, Ravenfeld).

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Mr. Barratt then announced that the work session would begin immediately following this special meeting.