

# School Board Work Session Highlights

November 9, 2020

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



## **DURING THE November 9, 2020 BOARD MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. Board members **present**: Jennifer Armstrong, Amy Chain, Stephen Dittmann, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, and Bryan Paluch.

### **Student Representative to the Board**

**Hope Semar** spoke about PIAA athletics. She reported on activities that will be conducted in place of regular Homecoming activities this year. She stated that nominations for Homecoming Court are underway. She also spoke about a video of sports highlights that is projected to air on November 20.

### **Program**

#### **Information**

Monthly Enrollment [Report](#)– October 29, 2020

### **Policy**

#### **Discussion**

**Mrs. Jouin** gave a report from the Policy Committee Meeting that was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2020.

The following policies are being listed for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption:

- 103 Nondiscrimination in School & Classroom Practices, AG
- 138 Daycare
- 209 Health and Dental Examinations/Screenings, AG
- 209.1 Food Allergy Management, AG
- 215 Promotion & Retention, AG
- 224 Care of School Property, AG
- 226 Student Searches, AG
- 229 Student Fundraising, AG
- 230 Public Performances by Students, AG
- 233 Suspension & Expulsion, AG
- 234 Pregnant/Parenting Students, AG
- 237 Electronic Devices, AG
- 247 Hazing, AG
- 248 Harassment, AG
- 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying, AG
- 251 Homeless Students, AG



## **Policy**

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The following policies are being listed for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

- 104 Nondiscrimination in Employment & Contract Practices, AG
- 225 Students and the Police, AG
- 246 Student Wellness, AG, Appendix A
- 301 Creating a Position
- 303 Employment of District Staff, AG
- 305 Employment of Substitutes
- 306 Employment of Summer School Staff
- 308 Employment Contract / Board Resolution
- 312 Evaluation of Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent
- 314 Medical Examination
- 348 Harassment
- 352 Crowdfunding, AG

The following policies are being listed for 1<sup>st</sup> Repeal Reading

- 401 Creating a Position
- 404 Employment of Professional Employees
- 405 Employment of Substitutes
- 406 Employment of Summer School Staff
- 408 Employment Contract
- 414 Physical Examination
- 448 Prohibitive Harassment, AG
- 452 Crowdfunding, AG
- 501 Creating a Position
- 504 Employment of Classified Employees, AG
- 505 Employment of Substitutes
- 506 Employment of Summer School Staff
- 508 Employment Contract
- 514 Physical Examination
- 548 Prohibited Harassment, AG
- 552 Crowdfunding, AG

## **Superintendent's Update**

**Dr. Goffredo** began the Superintendent's [update](#) by speaking about how students are working together in labs in both the hybrid and virtual learning settings. He recognized A.J. Lovasz, a middle school student who crocheted and donated 100 baby hats to Chester County Hospital. He spoke about participation in curbside libraries and about upcoming Speaker Series events.

Elementary teachers, **Heather Stairs** and **Jessica Wagner** gave a presentation on their experiences with hybrid and virtual learning, virtual learning plans, and new technology tools.

**Dr. Goffredo** then reported about elementary hybrid enhancements, and gave an update on secondary schools. He provided an update on guidance from the Chester County Health Department around the Coronavirus and what would occur should rates of infection continue to rise.

**Mr. Semar** gave a presentation on the Great Valley Winter Athletic Health and Safety Plan.



## **Facilities**

### **Information**

Building Use [Report](#) – November 2020

## **Transportation**

### **Discussion**

The board will be asked to approve the list of Krapf drivers.

## **Finance**

### **Discussion**

The following Finance items will be listed for approval:

- Chester County Intermediate Unit Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding Agreement
- Contracts with LearnWell for educational services
- Contract with Center for Families for educational services
- Independent Contractor Agreement with Valerie Piskorski for Psychological Services
- Professional Services agreement with Behavior Interventions, Inc.
- Johnson Controls Contracts for remote control of HVAC equipment
- Virtual Lab Platform for all high school course disciplines from Vernier Software & Technology
- Canvas Search Feature for secondary students from Atomic Jolt
- Contract with PA Leadership Charter School
- Acceptance of a donation of land located on Sidley Hill Road from Dr. Paul V. Matsiras and authorization for the Board President, Superintendent of Schools, and/or the Director of Business Affairs to take any and all necessary steps to effectuate the acceptance of such Donation.
- Approval of a potential extension of the Face Period for payment of Real Estate Taxes

## **Board Comments**

**Mrs. Chain** gave a report from the Great Valley School District Education Foundation. She stated that the Good Neighbor Program has helped 35 district families this year. She also reported that the board will be asked to accept a \$2,500 donation from the Foundation to pay down lunch debt for families.

**Mrs. Jouin** asked for an update on the Art Program. **Dr. Goffredo** responded that there are some unfilled student requests. Dr. Goffredo stated that additional staff may be needed in order for some of the art programs to run. He will bring information about that item back to the board. **Mr. Barratt** stated that a conversation about all electives needs to be conducted by the board.

**Mrs. Gallagos** spoke in recognition of Great Valley High School senior, **Will Frederickson** with whom she worked at the election polls.

## **Draft Agenda**

**Mr. Barratt** stated that the draft agenda of the November 16, 2020 business meeting is available to the board for review.



### **Public Comments**

Public comments related to the Covid virus were submitted by S. Lawrence, J. Ruddy, and L. Ray. A public comment was submitted by D. Miller about 5 day, in school learning.

### **Executive Session**

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

### **Adjournment**

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.