

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



DURING THE December 14, 2020 BOARD MEETING...

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Mr. Barratt** announced that the purpose of this meeting is for discussion of the Feasibility Study.

Mr. Barratt then stated that as a result of new restrictions recently imposed by Governor Wolf, only 10 people are permitted to be physically present in the meeting room. He said that the 9 board members and Mr. Schrader are in attendance in the board room and other administrators are also in attendance but viewing the meeting virtually.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comments on agenda items were submitted.

Financial Approvals

By a vote of 6 to 0 the board approved the following financial items. Mrs. Chain had to step out of the room so was not present at the time of the vote.

Treasurer's Report and Tax Collectors' Report
Global Compliance Network Contract Renewal for the period of February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022 for the amount of \$900.

Personnel Approvals

The following personnel items were approved by a vote of 8 to 0. Mrs. Chain returned to the board room and Ms. Gallegos arrived to the meeting.

Salary Adjustments

Mentorships

Erin Topley, mentor to Chelsea Kaufman.

Erin Topley, mentor to Kristin Wilk.

Emily DiOttavio, mentor to Collin Healey.

Brooke Abrahams, Charlestown Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School, shared mentor to Jade Hayes, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (shared with Nicole Davis).

Nicole Davis, shared mentor to Jade Hayes, (shared with Brooke Abrahams).

Secondary Virtual Learning Plan Work – Continued, 30 hours each

Stephanie Bricker

Laura Mack

Personnel Approvals

(continued)

Salary Adjustments - continued

Part-time Staff for Full Day In-Service

Alice McBrearty, (.8), .75 hours – 12/4/2020

Taylor Gavin, (.5), 18.75 hours – 12/7/2020, 12/8/2020, 12/9/2020, 12/10/2020, 12/11/2020

Program Approval

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the revised 2020-2021 school calendar.

Facilities

David Schrader gave an updated [presentation](#) on the Feasibility Project, specifically on the topic of a new Grade 5/6 Center. He first spoke about the sites that were considered for possible construction, those being the K. D. Markley site, Bacton Hill site, and the High School/Middle School campus. He stated that the Secondary Campus was eliminated due to currently constricted athletic fields and traffic concerns.

Speaking about the K. D. Markley site, Mr. Schrader provided three options, two of which would call for removal of the District Office building. He stated that DO is zoned as a historic resource, but is not on a historic registry.

Chris Jensen, T&M Associates, spoke about the appeal process in relation to township supervisors' approvals. He stated that decisions would be based in accordance with the Municipalities Planning Code.

Eric Ostimchuk of Traffic Planning and Design spoke about the K. D. Markley traffic study that was conducted. The Study included preliminary proposed improvements. He stated that taking into consideration the order of magnitude between Bacton Hill and K. D. Markley, the cost to build at the Bacton Hill site would be higher.

Mr. Peterson stated that if the board gives direction to the architect and to administration to continue conversations with the township about K. D. Markley zoning issues, and with the Historical Society for a decision on the District Office building, it doesn't mean the Bacton Hill property is ruled out. He said that learning more about the issues on this site may or may not influence the final decision of the board.

Mr. Schrader said if the board so directs, the architects would go before the historical committee to have a deeper discussion about the K. D. Markley site. Mr. Jensen added that when meeting with the township they would find out if that board would be open to potential tax amendments to allow for exceedances to be done without having to go to the Zoning Hearing Board. He provided further explanation of this option.

Mr. Barratt conducted a poll to see which board members were interested in pursuing more information about the K. D. Markley site. Eight board members concurred (Armstrong, Barratt, Chain, Dittmann, Gallegos, Jouin, Litzke, Mehta); one was opposed (Paluch). Mr. Schrader stated that he would come back before the board at the February business meeting with further information.

Randy Kline of Tremco Incorporated was then introduced to speak about the roofing [project](#) at K. D. Markley Elementary. Mr. Kline stated that the building roof is currently 90% shingled, 10% single ply in the middle. The proposal is to replace the shingles with a metal roof. He stated that the project could begin in May and be completed by the time students return to school in fall 2021. Mr. Kline stated that he would come before the board in February with project costs and would seek board approval for the project to begin.

Mr. Peterson stated that an estimated \$4.5 million would be required for the project and those funds have been budgeted in the Capital Reserve Fund.

The board voted 9 to 0 to authorize Tremco Incorporated to proceed with design, specification and bidding of the K. D. Markley Elementary School Roof Project.

Public Comments on Other Issues

- S. Lawrence – Asynchronous instruction; Holocaust reading; class sizes
- C. Hartley – Masking; class sizes

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.