

Great Valley School District
Office of the School Board Secretary



DURING THE February 16, 2021 BOARD MEETING...

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

Student Representative to the Board

Hope Semar reported about Black History Month celebrations. She stated that the Great Valley High School morning show continues to produce weekly episodes detailing current events.

Presentations

Executive Session

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Mr. Barratt** announced that the board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Secretary's Correspondence

Mr. Peterson stated that there was no Secretary's Correspondence.

Feasibility Study Presentation

David Schrader gave an updated presentation on the Feasibility Study. He reviewed the two concepts that were developed around construction of the 5-6 Center on the K. D. Markley site. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Schrader stated that the board must now decide on whether to keep or remove the District Office building before further conversations can take place with the township. The board discussed the options and concurred that the District Office building should be removed to accommodate a 2-story structure with a larger student play area. Mr. Schrader stated that it's possible that a portion of the District Office building façade can be preserved and incorporated into the new building.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Report

Mr. Dittmann reported that the CCIU Board of Directors continues to meet virtually.

Legislative Report

Ms. Litzke reported that Chester County Legislative board met on February 4. Topics of discussion included the following: Review of the Governor's budget; review of the distribution of Federal Covid funding; discussion around the possibility of proposed hearings in the House and Senate Education Committees for vaccines for school employees. She stated that the Senate Education Majority Chair is circulating a sponsorship memo for a voucher bill.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion

Mrs. Jouin reported that each of the Council sub-committees met on February 10. She provided a brief overview on what each sub-committee had discussed.

Presentations

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The Great Valley School District Education Foundation

Mrs. Chain reported that the monthly meeting will be held on February 17. She reminded everyone about the current February campaign. A benefactor has offered to match donations dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 for contributions made to the Good Neighbor program.

Instructional Technology and Curriculum Subcommittee

Mr. Paluch stated that the Subcommittee met on February 8. Information was provided around efforts to celebrate Black History month and the kick off of the Real Aloud initiative. Hope Semar gave a demonstration on how the Logitech digital crayons are used on the iPads. Dr. O'Toole and Dr. Beck shared information about PSSA and Keystone exams.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Goffredo [shared](#) good news and highlights from the schools including student recognitions and school activities of note. He spoke about the next Speaker Series seminar scheduled for April 27. He announced that kindergarten registration is currently open and registration for all other grades begins April 5.

Dr. Goffredo then gave a report on updated CDC guidance and considerations around planning for more in-person student learning. A staff survey is being conducted to gather feedback surrounding a potential return to in-person learning. The survey will remain open until Friday, February 19.

Public Presentations on Agenda Items

No public comments on agenda items were submitted.

Consent Agenda

The board approved the following consent agenda items by a vote of 9 to 0:

Routine Approvals

Minutes of January 19, 2021
Treasurer's and Tax Collectors' Report
Invoices

Financial Approvals

GASB 75 Valuation Service Contract with Pennsylvania Trust at a cost not to exceed \$7,775
Tremco Contract for replacement of K.D. Markley Elementary School roof at a cost of \$4,527,500.
Purchase of Logitech Crayon Digital Pencils at a cost of \$52,352
One-year subscription to Swank Digital Campus at a cost of \$4,952
One-year subscription to Microsoft Premier Support at a cost of \$3,765
Purchase of 1,200 8th generation iPads at a cost of \$651,540
Renewal of one-year firewall services from Fortinet at a cost of \$28,973.17
Renewal of Barracuda Essentials Complete Edition at a cost of \$20,640
Acceptance of a Grant for K. D. Markley Elementary School in the amount of \$3,500
Acceptance of a donation to Charlestown Elementary School in the amount of \$100
Acceptance of a donation to Great Valley Middle School in the amount of \$1,000
Acceptance of a donation to Great Valley School District in the amount of \$5,000



Consent Agenda

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Program Approvals

2021 Summer Learning Experiences
2021-2022 Great Valley High School Program of Studies

Facilities Approval

Addendum to the Agreement with the Great Valley Youth Lacrosse Association

By a vote of 9 to 0 the board approved of the one-year extension of the contract with GVEA for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

The board approved the revised 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented by a vote of 9 to 0.

The board approved the 2021-2022 School Calendar by a vote of 9 to 0.

Financial Approval

Mr. Peterson provided a [presentation](#) on the 2021-2022 revenue budget.

Personnel Approvals

The following personnel items were approved by a vote of 9 to 0:

Resignations

Professional Staff

Lindsay Reagan Ingram, long-term substitute, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective February 12, 2021.

Paul Burgmayer, Chemistry teacher, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Leaves of Absence

Professional Staff

Susan Bullard, school nurse, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from February 22, 2021 through approximately six to 12 weeks.

Jessica Wagner, grade 4 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately June 8, 2021 through November 5, 2021.

JoAnn Bedell, ELA teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately February 8, 2021 to February 19, 2021.

Gillian Arganetto, Special Education Teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately June 6, 2021 to November 5, 2021.

Christopher Salerno, Librarian, K. D. Markley Elementary School requests FMLA from approximately April 26, 2021 to May 7, 2021.

Support Staff

Richard Myers, custodian, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately February 1, 2021 through March 15, 2021.

June Regan, administrative assistant, Charlestown Elementary, requests FMLA from approximately February 17, 2021 to April 5, 2021.

Weicum Zhou, full-time custodian, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately January 25, 2021 to February 19, 2021.



Personnel Approvals

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Appointments

Support Staff

Matthew Long, part-time custodian, Charlestown Elementary School, (new), effective approximately February 24, 2021, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Michael McMahon, part-time custodian, Sugartown Elementary School, (new), effective approximately February 24, 2021, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Extra Duty Responsibility

Great Valley Middle School Coaching

Matthew Wise, Basketball, 8th Grade Basketball, F.

Mathieu Weiner, Basketball, 8th Grade Girls' Basketball, F.

Paul Gring, Basketball, 7th Grade Basketball, NF.

Karin Hufnagl, Basketball, 7th Grade Girls' Basketball, F.

Great Valley High School Coaching

Alex Venarchik, Basketball, Head Girls' Coach, F.

Ben Walton, Lacrosse, Head Boys' Coach, NF.

Travis Turgeon, Head Baseball Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Full Day In Service

Juana Herman, (.7), 1 hour- 1/25/2021

Mentorships

Pam Crump, mentor to Amanda Wieler, Great Valley High School.

Elementary Virtual Learning Plan Development

Caroline Biondolillo (45 hours)

Cara Dore (20 hours)

Emily DiOttavio (45 hours)

Rob Goldstein (45 hours)

Sarah Gorr (45 hours)

Pam Mylonas (30 hours)

Sarah O'Neill (45 hours)

Kayla Persichetti (20 hours)

Jessica Shock (45 hours)

Laura Trimbath (45 hours)

Jessica Wagner (45 hours)

Kenya Walker (45 hours)

Angela Van Cott (20 hours)

Kathleen Ayers, Instructional Tech Support, Great Valley District Office, (Rasmussen), effective December 1, 2020 until Supervisor of Instructional Technology position is filled.

Summer Services

Summer Learning Experiences

Half Day One Week Camps

Brooke Abrahams, 1 week



Personnel Approvals

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Summer Services - continued

Summer Learning Experiences - continued

Half-Day One Week Camps

Brooke Abrahams (.5), 1 week

Kim Fulmer, 1 week

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Full-Day One Week Camps

Nicole Davis, 2 weeks

Christopher Marley, 2 weeks

Amanda Ferraioli, 2 weeks

Salary Advancements

Additional coursework and/or additional degree, retroactive to first workday of the second semester in 2021.

Alyssa Bergen, Great Valley Middle School, Bachelor's + 15 to Master's.

Susan Bullard, Great Valley Middle School, Bachelor's + 15 to Master's.

Kelsey Horn, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's + 15 to Master's.

Jennifer Krasna, Charlestown Elementary School, Bachelor's + 15 to Master's.

Toni Marcelli, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's + 15 to Master's.

Alexandra Maxwell, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's + 15 to Master's.

The board voted 9 to 0 to re-elect **Dr. Stephen O'Toole** as District Assistant Superintendent for the term commencing on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2026, and enter into a contract to establish the salary and fringe benefits for his position.

Program Approval

The board voted 9 to 0 to adopt the PA School Board Association Principles of Governance and Leadership.

Public Comments – Other Items

- A. Procopio – additional synchronous time in elementary schedule
- N. Salvatico – antigen testing; full in-person instruction
- C. Hartley – survey relating to full in-person instruction

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.