

# School Board Meeting Highlights

March 15, 2021

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



## **DURING THE March 15, 2021 BOARD MEETING...**

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

### **Student Council Report**

Great Valley Middle School Student Council officers **Natalie Dill**, **Ryan Rossi**, **Sabrina Maldonado**, and **Gia Patel** gave a report on Middle School activities. The events included a Gingerbread Decorating contest, a Music Creation contest, Jersey Day, and Candy Guess contest. Students reported that Spirit Days will be celebrated on March 25 and 26. Virtual Student Council meetings are held monthly, the next meeting being March 22.

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

**Hope Semar** reported that Student Council representatives conducted tours of the High School for Freshmen, new students, and a group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders. She spoke about the Best Buddies mis-matched sock sale in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day. Hope provided feedback about what students think are the positive aspects of the new mode of learning.

### **Presentations**

#### **Chester County Intermediate Unit Directors' Budget Report**

**Joseph Lubitsky**, Director of Administrative Services of the Chester County Intermediate Unit, gave a [report](#) on the CCIU budgets for 2021-2022. He stated that there would be no increase in the Core and Occupational Education budgets. **Dr. George Fiore**, Executive Director, thanked Dr. Goffredo for the partnership of Great Valley School District. He also extended appreciation for the efforts of Great Valley in coordinating school staff to receive the first round of allotted COVID vaccines.

#### **Executive Session**

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

#### **Secretary's Correspondence**

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

#### **Chester County Intermediate Unit Board Report**

**Mr. Dittmann** stated that there was no new information to report.

#### **Legislative Report**

There was no legislative report.

## **Presentations**

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### **Council for Diversity and Inclusion**

**Mrs. Jouin** reported that the Council met on March 10 with Dr. Crystal Lucky facilitating the meeting. Mrs. Jouin stated that guest speaker, Dr. Alex Iannucci, Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives in the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Villanova University, spoke about the effects of anti-racism. Mrs. Jouin also reported that Great Valley was asked to present on a panel for the Diversity Hiring in Schools meeting hosted by the NAACP.

### **The Great Valley School District Education Foundation**

**Mrs. Chain** stated that donations to the *Have a Heart Challenge* conducted in February through the Good Neighbor Program exceeded the \$5,000 goal. She reported that a total of \$5,576 was contributed and those funds were matched by a benefactor. Mrs. Chain gave an update about new scholarship programs established to benefit graduating seniors.

### **Announcement of Finance Committee Meeting**

**Mr. Barratt** announced that there will be a School Board Finance Committee Meeting on March 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

## **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 online program in the Speaker Series which is scheduled for April 27 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. He stated that kindergarten registration is currently open, and registration for all other grades will begin on April 5. Dr. Goffredo stated that registration for virtual summer camps is also open at this time.

**Nicole Melia**, Food Services Supervisor, gave an [update](#) on school meals. She spoke about how meals will be distributed in the schools when students return to classes. She reported that the Nourish Box meal pick up will continue to the end of the summer. She stated that the Food Service department has continued the Farm-to-School effort, and seed kits will be available to classrooms and to virtual learners following spring break.

**Dr. Tricia Beck** [reported](#) about the Virtual Learning Program. She spoke about collaboration efforts that were used to develop the virtual learning plans. She then described the learning model and enhancements for each grade level.

**Dr. Goffredo** began the District [Update](#) by reporting there has been a decline in COVID incidence and positivity rates. He spoke about elementary teacher assignment changes, elementary class sizes, and elementary student changes.

## **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 8 to 0:

### **Routine Approvals**

Minutes of February 16 and March 1, 2021 meetings  
Treasurer's and Tax Collectors' Report  
Invoices

### **Program Approval**

Additional 2021 Summer Learning Experience – College Essay and Application Prep

## Consent Agenda

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### Facilities Approvals

Agreement with the Schrader Group to provide professional services for the design and construction of a district-wide Grade 5/6 Center  
 Contract with P.W. Houder to provide general construction services for the Phase II Concrete/Brick restoration project  
 Contract with Greg A. Vietri to provide electrical construction services for the Phase II Concrete/Brick restoration project

### Financial Approvals

Purchase of the CSIU's Financial Information System (FIS) software from the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost of \$40,345 and \$5,550 in one-time estimated setup and conversion fees  
 Contract with LearnWell for educational services at a partial hospitalization program for student #240128  
 Contract with KidsPeace for educational services provided to student #270178 while attending a partial hospitalization program  
 Contract with The Meadows Psychiatric Center for student services for potential students attending the program in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023

### Financial Approval

The board voted 8 to 0 to accept a proposal from T&M Associates to provide professional land surveying services at the K.D. Markley Elementary site and the district land located across Swedesford Road at a cost of \$35,385.

### Personnel Approvals

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

#### Resignations

##### Professional Staff

**David Cliffl**, grade 5 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective March 23, 2021.  
**Diana Cassels**, PE teacher, Great Valley Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 11, 2021.  
**Paul Kent**, PE teacher, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 13, 2021.  
**John Snyder**, German Teacher (.6), Great Valley Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.  
**Cathy Carrigan**, Reading Specialist, General Wayne Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 11, 2021

##### Support Staff

**Deb Woodcock**, Administrative Assistant, Great Valley District Office, Technology Department, for the purpose of retirement, effective August 31, 2021.  
**Kathy Rankin**, part-time aide, K. D. Markley Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective March 10, 2021.  
**Moira Banister**, part-time food service aide, Sugartown Elementary School, effective February 19, 2021.  
**Dennis Travis**, full-time custodian, Sugartown Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2021.

#### Leaves of Absence

##### Professional Staff

**Ashlyn Llerandi**, grades 4 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately May 5, 2021 to the end of the 2020-2021 school year.  
**Elizabeth Zeccardi**, math teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA and child rearing leave from approximately April 26, 2021 to the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

## **Personnel Approvals**

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### **Leaves of Absence** – continued

#### Professional Staff - continued

**Kelsey Bogan**, librarian, Great Valley High School, requests intermittent FMLA from October 26, 2020 to November 13, 2020.

**Marisa Marchese**, grade 2 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, requests professional compensated leave for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Lynn Dore**, French teacher, Great Valley High School, requests professional compensated leave for the 2021-2022 school year.

#### Support Staff

**Leslie Gamma**, technical coordinator, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately February 25, 2021 to March 10, 2021.

**Stephen O’Krepki**, HVAC mechanic, Great Valley District Office, requests FMLA from approximately February 26, 2021 to March 26, 2021

### **Changes of Status**

#### Administrative Staff

**Marshall Hoffritz, Ed.D.**, Assistant Principal, Great Valley Middle School, to Principal, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Morris, V.), effective August 2, 2021

#### Professional Staff

**Collin Healey**, half-year long-term substitute to full-year long-term substitute grade 2 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, (Ferraioli).

#### Support Staff

**Thomas Calvario**, full-time custodian, Sugartown Elementary School, (following 180-day probation period), effective February 22, 2021.

**Linda Cox**, full-time custodian, Great Valley High School, (following 180-day probation period), effective March 1, 2021

### **Appointments**

#### Professional Staff

**Taylor Gavin**, half-year long-term substitute, (.5), Charlestown Elementary School, (Hoyt), effective January 22, 2021.

#### Support Staff

**Erin Yeagle**, full-time 12-month administrative assistant, Assistant Superintendent’s Office (Teaching and Learning), Great Valley District Office, (Gillespie), effective approximately April 5, 2021, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

#### Extra Duty Responsibility

##### *Great Valley High School Coaching*

**Greg Barrow**, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.10), NF.

**Zachary Fifer**, Spring Track, Assistant Coach, (.25), NF.

**Collin Healey**, Baseball, Head Coach, (.45), NF.

**Robert Lavelle**, Wrestling, Head Coach, F.

**Andrew Le**, Spring Track, Assistant Coach, NF.

**C. J. Savage**, Basketball, Head Coach, NF.

**Corey Webb**, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.45), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

## Personnel Approvals

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### Appointments - continued

#### Extra Duty Responsibility - continued

##### *Great Valley High School Coaching* - continued

**Courtney Cortese**, Lacrosse, Girls' Assistant Coach, (.5), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Meridith Bebee**, Softball, Girls' Assistant Coach, (.3), F.

**Paul Waltz**, Tennis, Boy's Head Coach, NF.

**Nicole Jones**, Spring Track, Head Coach, F.

**Gerald McGrath**, Tennis, Boys' Assistant Coach, F.

**Robert Montgomery**, Softball, Head Coach, F.

**Jeff Moyer**, Softball, Assistant Coach, (.7), F.

**Janice Reigel**, Spring Track, Assistant Coach, (.5), NF.

**Pete Ruckelshaus**, Spring Track, Assistant Coach, (.5), F.

**Julian Strunk**, Spring Track, Assistant Coach, NF.

**Kim Wenger**, Lacrosse, Girls' Head Coach, NF.

**Jason Wolensky**, Lacrosse, Boys' Assistant Coach, (.5), NF.

##### *Great Valley Middle School Coaching*

**Owen Brown**, Softball, Head 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Coach, F.

**Kim Dietrick**, Track, Assistant Coach, NF.

**Jeff Donovan**, Lacrosse, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Coach, (.5), NF.

**Paul Girone**, Baseball, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach, NF.

**Paul Gring**, Track, Head Coach, NF.

**Tom Lavin**, Lacrosse, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Coach, (.5), NF.

**Mike Meluskey**, Softball, Head 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Coach, F.

**C. J. Savage**, Track, Assistant Coach, NF.

**Ann Search**, Lacrosse, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Coach, F.

**Neil Young**, Lacrosse, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Coach, F.

**Adam Search**, Track, Assistant Coach, F.

**Sherry Kratzer**, Lacrosse, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Coach, F.

**Gary Phillips**, Baseball, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach, F.

### Salary Adjustments

#### Part-time Staff for Full Day In Service

**Alice McBrearty**, (.8), 7 hours- 2/16/2021

**Juana Herman**, (.7), 3.75 hours- 2/8/2021, 2/25/2021, 3/1/2021

**Brittany Wolfe**, (.55), 3 hours – 2/9/2021, 2/19/2021

#### Substitute Nurses

Rate increase effective February 22, 2021.

#### AP Computer Science Principles Follow-Up Training Sessions, 16 hours

**Matthew Ellis**

**Evan Geesey**

**Alex Venarchik**

#### ACT Proctors

Up to 15 proctors

## **Personnel Approvals**

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### **Salary Adjustments** - continued

Secondary Virtual Learning Plan Work – Spring, 30 hours

*Middle School*

**Alyssa Bergen**  
**Jeremy Bergman**  
**Emily Beyer**  
**Derek Brogan**  
**Maryellen Byrne**  
**Jon DeVirgilio**  
**Adria Geesey-Peters**  
**Eve Henwood**  
**Victoria Kalman**  
**Sherri Kratzer**

**Michael Meluskey**  
**Jennifer Motzer**  
**Christene Nystrom**  
**Marj Orlowski**  
**Adam Search**  
**Ann Search**  
**Karen Scholz**  
**Matthew Schultz**  
**Robin Tridico**

*High School*

**Joe Bradley**  
**Erin Catalano**  
**Pam Crump**  
**Meghan Daney**  
**Park dePorry**  
**Kelly DiPrinzio**  
**Megan Druckenmiller**  
**Erin Jochym**  
**Dustin Kasper**  
**Tess Lutz**  
**Toni Marcelli**

**Christopher Marley**  
**Amy McGregor**  
**Don Morabito**  
**Jamie Mozzone**  
**Christina Nikodemski**  
**Meredith Rosa**  
**Jeremy Rudolph**  
**Jeffrey Spicer**  
**Kaitlin Valliere**  
**Jackie Wesley**

### **Summer Services**

Summer Learning Experiences

*Half Day One Week Camps*

**Meghan Daney**, 1 week  
**Jamie Mozzone**, 1 week  
**Mary Kate Walsh**, 2 weeks

School Counselor Days for Summer, 5 days

**Meredith Bebee**  
**Anna Saracino**  
**Carrie Kane**  
**Robert Lavelle**  
**Jeff Martin**

## **Policy Approvals**

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the following policies:

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|-------|-------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 216   | Student Records, AG           | 232   | Participation in School Affairs     |
| 216.3 | Supplemental Records, AG      | 317.1 | Educator Misconduct, AG             |
| 218.1 | Weapons                       | 318   | Employee Attendance Expectations    |
| 218.2 | Terroristic Threats Acts, AG  | 322   | Gifts, AG                           |
| 219   | Student Complaint Process, AG | 328   | Compensation Plans Salary Schedules |
| 221   | Dress & Appearance, AG        | 341   | Benefits for PT Employees           |
| 231   | Classroom Field Trips         | 343   | Paid Holidays                       |

## **Policy Approvals**

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The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Repeal Reading of the following policies:

- 417.1 Educator Misconduct
- 422 Gifts
- 428 Salary Determination
- 517.1 Educator Misconduct
- 518 Penalties for Tardiness & Attendance
- 522 Gifts
- 528 Wage & Salary Determination
- 529 Substitute Compensation

## **Public Comments – Other Items**

No public comments were submitted.

## **Other Board Comments**

There were no other comments from the board.

## **Adjournment**

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.