

# School Board Meeting Highlights

April 19, 2021

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



## **DURING THE April 19, 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, Wendy Litzke, and Neha Mehta. **Absent:** Bryan Paluch

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

**Hope Semar** introduced alternate student representative **Ria Kokkengada**. Ria reported about the following High School events of note: Mr. Great Valley competition; Women in Science and Engineering Club virtual symposium; Model United Nations Club virtual conferences including Rutgers Model Congress; Ridley Park cleanup; and participation in AP Advance Placement exams.

### **Presentations**

#### **Executive Session**

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

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

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

#### **Board Instructional Technology & Curriculum Committee**

No report was made.

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

**Mr. Dittmann** gave a report on discussions conducted at the March 17 meeting of the IU Board. He stated that Dr. George Fiore gave a presentation about the Covid vaccination clinics, Regional Antigen Testing Centers, and the Legislative Briefing that was held on March 11, 2021. The next meeting of the CCIU Board of Directors is scheduled for April 21 at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Legislative Report**

**Mrs. Litzke** stated that the Legislative Council met on March 24. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20.

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

**Mrs. Jouin** reported that the Council subcommittees met on April 7. Before breaking into subcommittee groups, Dr. Crystal Lucky and Dr. Wexler facilitated a discussion on equity. Mr. Jouin then gave an overview of what each subcommittee addressed during their group meeting. She stated that May 5 will be the final meeting of the Council for this school year.

## **Presentations**

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

**Mrs. Chain** stated that the Foundation Board will meet this week. She reminded everyone of the brick campaign that is currently underway.

### **Report on NSBA Conference**

**Dr. Mehta** reported about the National School Boards Association Conference that was held virtually during the first week of April. The financial and educational impacts of Covid 19 was one specific topic of discussion. Others were around equity and diversity. Dr. Mehta stated that an item of interest to her as a board member was how a board evaluates its work.

## **Superintendent's Report**

**Dr. Goffredo** began the [presentation](#) by sharing good news, events, and highlights around student and staff achievement. Congratulations go to Principal, Kyle Hammond who earned his doctorate degree from Immaculata University, and to K. D. Markley teacher, Amy Hober, who was selected as the Great Valley School District's Citadel Heart of Learning Award winner.

**Dr. Goffredo** spoke about other items of note including: visits made to other 5-6 Centers; the Drama Guild virtual production of *The Theory of Relativity*; and the next session in the Speaker Series. Dr. Goffredo reported that it is intended for graduation ceremonies to be held outdoors in the stadium on June 4, subject to Covid restrictions.

**Dr. Goffredo** provided updates on Covid-19 incidence and positivity rates. He stated that in light of staff being vaccinated and changes in medical guidance around social distancing, the district will be asking the board to approve the move to 5-day in-person instruction beginning May 10.

**Dr. O'Toole** and **Dr. Beck** reviewed Summer Literacy and Math educational opportunities, and Dr. Goffredo reviewed the process around summer scheduling.

## **Public Presentations on Agenda Items**

Return to 5-day instruction - K. Parker, R. Stern, J. Frederick  
Asynchronous Mondays – J. Tidwell, C. Hartley

## **Consent Agenda**

### **Routine Approvals**

Minutes of March 15, 2021 meeting  
Treasurer's and Tax Collectors' Report  
Invoices

### **Program Approval**

Additional 2021 Summer Learning Experience – College Essay and Application Prep

### **Financial Approvals**

Contract with Working Wellness Yoga for Yoga and Mindfulness courses during the 2021 ESY & ESL Summer Camps at a cost of \$4,000. Funded through Title IV (\$2,000) and Title III (\$2,000).  
Hive & Thrive LLC training contract at a cost of \$1,500 (\$500 per session)  
Service Agreement with Janitorial Management Incorporated for the period of April 5, 2021 through June 11, 2021, at a cost of \$5,600 per week.

## Consent Agenda

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### Financial Approvals - continued

Agreement with the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials to conduct a study of the GVSD student transportation system at a cost of \$10,000.

Point of Sale (POS) software from Premiero Edge for the food service department at a cost of \$8,930.00

Enhancements to the Qualtrics license for the period of 4/1/2021 - 6/30/2021 at a cost not-to-exceed \$3,000.

Approval of bids for art supplies, athletic equipment and supplies, and medical and athletic trainer equipment and supplies

Three-year Agreement with Hanover Research at an annual cost of \$42,000.

Renewal of the Forecast5 licenses including 5Sight, 5Cast, and 5Cast Plus, for the period of 4/1/21 - 3/31/2022 at a cost of \$16,612.

Exoneration of property tax liens on the property formally owned by Angelica Botelo in the amount of \$5.17 and the properties formally owned by Raul Tinoco in the amount of \$1,918.20, as recommended by the Chester County Tax Claim Bureau.

Special Education Settlement Agreements for Student #270075 and Student #018430

### Financial Approval

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the resolution setting the preliminary budget at an increase of the Act 1 index in the amount of 3.0%.

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve Chester County Intermediate Unit Core and Occupational Budgets for 2021-2022.

### Personnel Approvals

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

#### Resignations

##### Administrative Staff

**Bonnie Citron**, Principal, General Wayne Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective August 9, 2021.

##### Professional Staff

**Amanda Wieler**, long-term substitute special education teacher, Great Valley High School, effective May 3, 2021.

##### Support Staff

**Margaret (Peggy) Parker**, part-time aide, General Wayne Elementary School, effective April 16, 2021.

**Kathleen Ayers**, full-time Instructional Technology Support, Great Valley District Office, effective April 16, 2021.

**Linda White**, full-time administrative assistant for Director of Business Affairs and assistant school board secretary, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

**Lynn Connors**, part-time cafeteria aide, Great Valley Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 11, 2021.

**Dorothy Wilkinson**, part-time cafeteria aide, Great Valley Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 11, 2021.

**Boyd Guie**, full-time Head Custodian, Great Valley Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 20, 2021.

#### Leaves of Absence

##### Professional Staff

**Meghan Raymond**, special education teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, requests professional compensated leave for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Jeffrey Moyer**, physics teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately June 2, 2021 to the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

## Personnel Approvals

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### Leaves of Absence - continued

#### Professional Staff - continued

**Brian Yohannan**, grade 4 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately May 8, 2021 to May 24, 2021.

**Laura Rostick**, school psychologist, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from August 24, 2021 to the end of the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

**Meredith Borys**, grade 5 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately May 1, 2021 to October 1, 2021.

**Danielle Butville**, grade 4 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately June 3, 2021 to November 5, 2021.

#### Support Staff

**Richard Myers**, full-time custodian, Great Valley Middle School, requests an extension of FMLA to approximately April 23, 2021.

### Appointments

#### Professional Staff

**Sierra Hart**, full-time temporary professional employee chemistry teacher, Great Valley High School, (Burgmayer), effective August 24, 2021 (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

#### Extra Duty Responsibility – 2020-2021 School Year

##### *Elementary*

**Sarah O'Neill**, Science Fair, Sugartown Elementary School, F.

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

**Kyle Turner**, Swimming, Assistant Coach, NF.

**James Weagley**, Assistant Athletic Trainer, NF.

**Joseph Arscott**, Lacrosse, Assistant Boys' Coach, NF.

#### Extra Duty Responsibility, 2021-2022 school year

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

**Ryan Schmidt**, Football, Assistant Coach, (.5), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

#### Athletic Workers for GVHS and GVMS, 2020-2021 School Year

**John Snyder**

**Krista Russell**

**Alexandra Maxwell**

### Salary Adjustments

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

**Juana Herman**, (.7), 8 hours – 3/8/2021, 3/11/2021, 3/12/2021, 3/17/2021, 3/25/2021

**Alice McBrearty**, (.8), 3/11/2021, 3/12/2021 and 1.5 hours (3/1/2021, 3/23/2021)

**Brittany Wolfe**, (.55), 3 hours - 3/18/2021, 3/11/2021

## Personnel Approvals

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### Salary Adjustments - continued

ACT Test Proctors

**Jeff Martin**

**Lisa Nackers**

**Yvonne Bauer**

**Meredith Rosa**

ACT Test Coordinator, Per Diem, Per Hour

**Carrie Kane.**

Secondary Virtual Learning Plan Work – Spring, 30 hours

*Middle School*

**Laura Mack**

### Summer Services

Summer Learning Experiences

*Half Day One Week Camps*

**Meghan Daney, 1 week (additional)**

ESY (Extended School Year) Teachers

**Andrea Lyon**, Special Education ESY teacher, Great Valley School District, effective approximately June 28, 2021, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Nicole Sellman**, Special Education ESY teacher, Great Valley School District, effective approximately June 28, 2021, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

School Psychologists Days for Summer, 5 days each

**Russ Jones**

**Andrea Russell**

**Molly Heigh**

**Laura Rostick**

**Michael DiPietro**

School Nurses Days for Summer, 1 day each

**Vickie Embiscuso**

**Mimi Guiltinan**

**Tami Rogan**

**Jean Spitofsky**

**Sue Bullard**

**Alison Morse**

## Policy Approvals

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following Policy Items:

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption:

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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2nd Repeal Reading:

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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

150 Title 1 – Comparability of Services	332 Working Periods, AG
217 Graduation Requirements	333 Professional Development
307 Student Teachers/Interns, AG	334 Sick Leave
309 Assignment and Transfer	336 Personal Leave
323 Tobacco and Vaping Products	342 Jury Duty
325 Dress and Appearance, AG	353 Tutoring for a Fee, AG
331 Job Related Expenses, AG	

1<sup>st</sup> Repeal Reading:

407 Student Teachers/Interns	453 Tutoring for a Fee
409 Assignment and Transfer	509 Assignment and Transfer
423 Smoking/Tobacco	523 Smoking/Tobacco
425 Dress and Appearance	525 Dress and Appearance
431 Job Related Expenses	531 Job Related Expenses
432 Working Periods	532 Working Periods
433 Professional Development	534 Sick Leave
434 Sick Leave	536 Personal Necessity Leave
436 Personal Necessity Leave	542 Jury Duty
442 Jury Duty	553 Tutoring for a Fee

## **Program Approval**

Mrs. Armstrong made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Chain, to transition to five-days a week of in-person instruction for students beginning May 10. The motion failed by a vote of 4 to 4.

Mrs. Chain made a motion, with a second by Mr. Dittmann, to transition to five-days a week of in-person instruction for students beginning May 3. The motion failed by a vote of 4 to 4.

Mrs. Armstrong made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Chain, to transition to five-days a week of in-person instruction for students beginning May 10. The motion carried by a vote of 8 to 0.

## **Public Comments – Other Items**

No public comments were submitted.

## **Other Board Comments**

**Mrs. Gallegos** asked about end of year activities for secondary students given there are no final exams this year. Dr. Goffredo stated that he will discuss this with Dr. Capetola and report back to the board. Dr. Capetola will also share information with students and parents.

## **Other Board Comments**

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**Mrs. Armstrong** asked about virtual instruction for the next school year. Dr. Goffredo said that discussions are currently underway on this issue, including conversations with the GVEA. He added that a preliminary family survey will be going out to assess interest in virtual instruction, with a follow up survey closer to the start of school.

## **Adjournment**

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.