

# School Board Work Session Highlights

September 12, 2022

*Great Valley School District*

*Office of the School Board Secretary*



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## **During the September 12, 2022, Work Session**

The September 12, 2022 work session was called to order by President David Barratt. Board members **present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo. Wendy Litzke joined via Zoom. **Absent:** Jennifer Armstrong

## **Student Representative to the Board**

**Ryan Brady** reported that the Fall play, Puffs, has been cast and will premier at the High School auditorium on November 17-19. Fall sports are underway and the girl's Tennis team has a record of 9-2, the Football team is undefeated, and the Cross Country just won an invitational to Abbington. He stated that there is a recommitment to the cell phone policy and it has had a positive impact on academics and the social interaction between students. The Freshman student council elections are happening the week of September 19. Ryan also stated that the clubs have all resumed and he shared that three new clubs were formed.

## **Program**

### **Discussion**

**Tomea Sippio-Smith and Dayna Muñiz** from Delaware Valley Consortium for Equity and Excellence (DVCEE) gave a [presentation](#) on the overview of the Equity Review and Process. They stated that there has been background work that has been done for the past two years to see where the needs and focus should be. The program evaluation will be a review of experiences, and practices. There will be site visits with staff, students, and parents in the Fall. The report, which will be shared with confidentiality for all participants, will be complete in the Winter of 2023.

**Mr. Peterson** [reported](#) on August 31, 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> Day Enrollment. He stated that the actual enrollment was 4,650, and the projected enrollment was 4,688. He shared enrollment totals at each grade level, district totals, and class sizes.

### **Information**

Monthly enrollment report – September 6, 2022

## **Policy**

Mrs. Jouin stated that there was no update from the Policy Committee.

## **Superintendent's Report**

**Dr. Goffredo** gave an update on the beginning of the school year. He reviewed Opening Day, the professional development that occurred when staff returned, and the overall enrollment and class sizes.



### **Facilities**

**Mr. Peterson** reviewed the facilities items that will be on the September 19 agenda for approval.

- Charlestown Landscaping Snow Plowing Contract
- Change Order with Lobar Construction
- Builder’s Risk Insurance Policy

### **Information**

Facilities Use Report – September 2022

### **Transportation**

**Mr. Peterson** spoke about the private parent transportation contract.

### **Finance**

**Mr. Peterson** stated that the following finance items will be listed for approval on the business meeting agenda:

- PickUp Patrol Trial and Contract
- Hive & Thrice, LLC Training Contract
- Carnegie Learning Quote
- Dr. Lucy Haney Contract
- World Book Subscription Renewal
- The Pathway School Contract
- Overbrook School for the Blind Contract
- The Camphill School for Students 240427, 230708, 240615, 210146, and 230538
- Foundations Behavioral Health for the Lifeworks School Contract

### **Other**

**Mr. Barratt** shared that the vote for the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) Officers will take place on September 19 Business Meeting. Information on all candidates is available to board members in BoardDocs and any questions should be directed to Dr. Mehta.

### **Draft Agenda**

**Mr. Barratt** stated that the draft agenda of the September 19, 2022 business meeting is available to the board for review.

### **Public Comments**

The following residents presented public comments:

- S. Lawrence – Traffic at the secondary campuses; Carnegie Learning Quote; Grade 8 field trips
- W. Dunlap – transgender bathroom policy
- B. Chambers – transgender bathroom policy
- F. Redman – Doe V. Boyertown Area School District
- C. Hartley – censoring books in Public School Libraries; treating all students with respect
- J. Pyc – Loudoun County, Virginia case; DEI Policy
- Betsy B. – High School library books



### **Executive Session**

**Mr. Barratt** shared that the Board supported the Superintendent when he was hired and they continue to do so. He also announced that the board met in Executive Session before the meeting to discuss personnel issues, legal issues, and land issues.

### **Adjournment**

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.