

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

July 18, 2022

Great Valley School District

Office of the School Board Secretary



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During the July 18, 2022, Business Meeting

The July 18, 2022, work session was called to order by President David Barratt. Board members **present** were Neha Mehta, Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Rachel Gallegos, and Samantha Jouin. **Joining via Zoom:** Wendy Litzke. **Absent:** Jennifer Armstrong and Andrea Rizzo.

Presentations

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Barratt asked **Mr. Peterson** if there was any Secretary's Correspondence. There was none.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Report

Dr. Rizzo was absent so there was no report.

Legislative Report

Ms. Litzke stated that the next meeting of the Legislative Council is September 28, and the state budget was passed on July 8.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Ms. Chasinoff stated that there was no update.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Gallegos stated that there was no update.

Parent Key Communicators

Dr. Rizzo was absent so there was no report. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Superintendent's Update

Dr. O'Toole and **Dr. Beck** presented the Comprehensive Plan and One-to-One Instructional Technology. Dr. O'Toole shared that the program and schedule for the 5/6 Center and 7/8 Middle School are being finalized. He reviewed the One to One implementation plan from the 2016-2017 school year and how it shifted from the original plan. Dr. O'Toole reiterated the importance of communication with parents and the school to ensure the technology is used appropriately both in and out of the classroom.

Superintendent's Update

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Ms. Blake gave an update about the progress of the new GVSD website design. She shared that the goals are to ensure that the new site will enhance the District brand and maximize features that make the website user-friendly and easy to navigate. Ms. Blake shared that the plan is to release the new website in January 2023. She also previewed the tentative website and highlighted some of the new features the site will have.

Dr. Goffredo spoke about the Health and Safety Plan. He stated that the plan has not changed much in the past six months and that the district will continue to follow the Chester County Health Department's guidance. He also said it is unlikely to have interactive streaming for the upcoming school year.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

The following residents made public comments on agenda items:

S. Lawrence – health and safety plan and the Special Education Plan

K. Fixler – Inquired about the proper Covid-19 procedures for the 2022-2023 school year and the importance of digital citizenship and digital literacy and equity.

Consent Agenda Items

The board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following Consent Agenda Items.

Routine Approvals

Minutes of May 16, June 6, and June 13, 2022
Treasurer's Report and Tax Collectors' Report
Invoices

Financial Approvals

The following Financial items were approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

Pro-Active Assessment Appeals for real estate taxes for 17 different parcels (School Board Policy #627)
Contract with Advanced Protection Company for security services for schools and athletics for the 2022-2023 school year at the cost of \$27.00 an hour
Donation of a high-end 3D printer for the Great Valley High School from Crane Payment Innovations
Educational Services Contract with LearnWell for Students 210132, 250093
Educational Services Contract with Camphill for Student 230708
Educational Services Contract with Royer-Greaves for Students 190018, 340215, 340215
Contract with Behavior Interventions for the 2022-2023 school year at the rate of \$105 per hour for Board Certified Behavior Analysts and \$55.00 an hour for Registered Behavior Technicians
Contract with Fick Educational Services for tutors for Extended School Year and compensatory and school re-engagement tutoring services for the 2022-2023 school year
Contract with The Devereux Foundation d/b/a Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health for the School District from 8/1/2022-7/31/2023 at the rate of \$89.00 per hour
Contract with Working Wellness Yoga for services for students during Extended School Year in the amount of \$5,130.00, which is covered by grant funding
Contract with CritiCare, Home Health, and Nursing Services to provide licensed nurses and Personal Care Assistants to students during the 2022 Extended School Year and the 2022-2023 School Year at the rates of Registered Nurse – \$66.00 per hour, Licenses Practical Nurse – \$56.00 per hour, and Personal Care Assistant – \$30.00 per hour



Financial Approvals

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Contract with Valerie Piskorski to perform psychoeducational evaluations and associate services on behalf of the School District, as needed, for the 2022-2023 school year at the rates of \$1,650.00 per School Age Evaluation/Reevaluation, \$750.00 per Gifted Evaluation, \$1,200.00 per Early Intervention Evaluation, and \$75.00 per hour for Special Education Due Process Preparation or testimony

Contract with Chester County Intermediate Unit to provide medical ACCESS billing of MA-eligible health-related services

Contract with the Department of Human Services and its contractors, Public Consulting Group and Sivic Solutions Group, to participate in the School-Based ACCESS Program

Special Education Settlement Agreements for students 280015, 210241, and 260147

Personnel Approvals

The following Personnel items were approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

Resignations

Professional Staff

Jessica Piombino, Mathematics teacher, Great Valley High School, effective August 22, 2022.

Evan Geesey, Technology Education teacher, (.8), Great Valley High School, effective August 22, 2022.

Elizabeth Sargent, Health/Physical Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective August 22, 2022.

Michael DiPietro, School Psychologist, Great Valley High School, effective July 29, 2022.

Ashley Vogel, Music teacher, Great Valley High School, effective August 19, 2022.

Jason Bradley, Mathematics teacher, Great Valley Middle School, July 8, 2022 (held 60 days after resignation date or released earlier if a replacement is found).

Support Staff

Janet Bennett, part-time instructional aide, K. D. Markley Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2022.

Marcia Willman, Payroll Accountant, Great Valley District Office, revised retirement date of December 1, 2022.

Matthew Palubinsky, Maintenance/Custodian, Great Valley Middle School, effective August 29, 2022.

Leaves of Absence

Professional Staff

Melissa Raymond, Health/Physical Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests an extension of Child Rearing leave to the end of the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

Jennifer Krasna, Grade 1 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, requests FMLA and Child Rearing leave from approximately November 18, 2022 to the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Shannon Evans, Learning Support teacher, Great Valley High School, requests Child Rearing leave for the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

Marie Derby, Ed.D., Grade 5 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests a Sabbatical for Restoration of Health for the 2022-2023 school year.

Administrative Staff

Ken Morris, Supervisor of Facilities, Great Valley District Office, requests intermittent FMLA from approximately June 20, 2022 to June 20, 2023.

Personnel Approvals

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Appointments

Professional Staff

Julia DeGrave, full-time temporary professional employee Grade 3 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Hennessey), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Shannon White, full-time temporary professional employee Grade 2 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (Stewart), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Erica McAneney, full-time temporary professional employee Grade 1 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (Lane), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Emily Gillard, full-time temporary professional employee Mathematics teacher (grade 7), Great Valley Middle School, (Tridico), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Aydan Seaman, full-time temporary professional employee Grade 4 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, (Wagner, Jessica), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Dana Zachar, full-time temporary professional employee Science teacher (grade 6), Great Valley Middle School, (McKenna), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Emily O'Connor, full-time temporary professional employee Mathematics teacher, Great Valley High School, (Valliere), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Lara Cini, full-time professional employee Computer Applications teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Gillooly), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Scott Gee, full-time professional employee English teacher, Great Valley High School, (Marburger), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Daniel Glass, first semester long-term substitute Physical Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Raymond, Melissa), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Emma Ahearn, first semester long-term substitute Art teacher, Great Valley High School, (Startup), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Ally Mahan, first semester long-term substitute English teacher, Great Valley High School, (Wesley), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Support Staff

Corey McDonough, part-time, 12-month Multimedia Specialist, Great Valley District Office, (new), effective approximately July 25, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Administrative Staff

Christa Keister, full-time Assistant Principal, Great Valley High School, (new), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)



Personnel Approvals

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Appointments - continued

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2022-2023 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)

Great Valley District Wide

Vickie Embiscuso, Nursing Coordinator, F.

Great Valley High School Coaching

Joe Kinee, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.2), NF.

Fred Mahoney, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.4), NF.

Rob Montgomery, Softball, Head Girls' Coach, NF.

Jeff Moyer, Softball, Assistant Girls' Coach, (.7), F.

Nicole Jones, Spring Track, Head Coach, F.

Meridith Bebee, Tennis, Assistant Boys' Coach, F.

Gerry McGrath, Tennis, Head Girls' Coach, F.

Meridith Bebee, Tennis, Assistant Girls' coach, F.

Katie Rickabaugh, Volleyball, Head Girls' Coach, NF.

Melissa Caporellie, Volleyball, Assistant Girls' Coach, NF.

Nicole Jones, Winter Track, Head Coach, (.5), F.

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

Bernard McCauley, Academic Challenge Sponsor, F.

Katherine Niesen, Drama Guild Director, NF.

James Carminito, Freshman Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Brenda Haley, Freshman Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Alex Maxwell, Sophomore Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Jennifer Michewicz, Sophomore Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Erin Catalano, Junior Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Christina Nikodemski, Junior Class Sponsor, F.

Kathy Crisi, Senior Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Park de Porry, Senior Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Don Morabito, Denmark Exchange Sponsor, F.

Paige Morabito, Denmark Exchange Sponsor, F.

Rob Frankel, Drama Guild Producer (Fall), NF.

Joe Bradley, Envirothon Sponsor, F.

Alex Venarchik, FBLA Sponsor, F.

Jamie Mozzone, Literary Magazine Sponsor, , F.

Alex Siwa, Marching/Concert/Jazz Band Director, F.

Morgan Walker, Marching Band: Percussion Instructor, NF.

Krista Russell, Multicultural/Diversity Club Sponsor, (.5), F.

Paige Morabito, National Honor Society, F.

Michelle Iannucci, Newspaper Sponsor, F.

Barry Ziober, Science Fair Sponsor,

Bob Johnson, Stage Crew Director, F.

Alex Venarchik, Student Activities Director, F.

Meghan Daney, Student Council Sponsor, (.5), F.

Tess Lutz, Student Council Sponsor, (.5), F.

Marian Sunnergren, Student Musical, Choral Director, NF.

Personnel Approvals

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Appointments - continued

Great Valley High School Department Chair

Jessica Stanhagen, Art Chair, F.
Meridith Bebee, Counseling Chair, F.
Tom Esterly, English Chair, F.
Erin Wolf, Family and Consumer Science Chair, F.
Stephanie Bricker, Mathematics Chair, F.
Dustin Kasper, Physical Education Chair, F.
Kathy Crisi, Science Chair, F.
Don Morabito, Social Studies Chair, F.
Heather Cain, Student Support Services Chair, (.5), F.
Jacquelyn Mack, Student Support Services Chair, (.5), F.
Jeffery Spicer, World Language Chair, F.

Great Valley Middle School Coaching

Gary Phillips, Baseball, Head 8th Grade Coach, F.
Mathieu Weiner, Basketball, Head 8th Grade Girls' Coach, F.
Paul Gring, Basketball, Head 7th Grade Boys' Coach, NF.
Sherri Kratzer, Field Hockey, Head 8th Grade Girls' Coach, F.
Ann Search, Field Hockey, Head 7th Grade Girls' Coach, F.
C.J. Savage, Football, Assistant 7th Grade Boys' Coach, NF.
Paul Egleston, Lacrosse, Head 7th Grade Boys' Coach, F.
Sherri Kratzer, Lacrosse, Head 8th Grade Girls' Coach, F.
Ann Search, Lacrosse, Head 7th Grade Girls' Coach, F.
Derek Brogan, Soccer, Head 8th Grade Boys' Coach, F.
Paul Egleston, Soccer, Head 8th Grade Girls' Coach, F.
Owen Brown, Softball, Head 8th Grade Girls' Coach, F.
Mike Meluskey, Softball, Head 7th Grade Girls' Coach, F.
Paul Gring, Track, Head Coach, NF.
C J Savage, Track, Assistant Coach, NF.
Joe DeViscio, Wrestling, Head Coach, NF.
Paul Egleston, Wrestling, Assistant Coach, F.

Great Valley Middle School Non-Coaching

Ann Search, National Honor Society, (.5), F.
Pete Ruckelshaus, Robotics, F.
Sherri Kratzer, Science Fair Sponsor, (.5), F.
Shawn Whitelock, Student Council Sponsor, F.
Alyssa DeMitis, Webmaster, F.
Emily Beyer, Yearbook Sponsor, F.

Great Valley Middle School Department Chair

Marj Orlowski, English Chair, F.
Diane Mrochko, Fine Arts Chair, F.
Jaime Urban, Health and Wellness Chair, F.
Ann Search, Mathematics Chair, F.



Personnel Approvals

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Appointments - continued

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2022-2023 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty) - continued

Great Valley Middle School Department Chair - continued

- Sherri Kratzer**, Science Chair, F.
- Larry Cinciripino**, Social Studies Chair, F.
- Michael Bender**, Technology Chair, F.
- Theresa Famous**, World Language Chair, F.

Elementary Non Coaching

All Elementary Schools

- Joy Deminski**, Instrumental Strings Director, F.
- Will Shafer**, Instrumental Music Director, F.

Charlestown Elementary School

- Steve Meiswich**, Intramurals Director, F.
- Cara Dore**, Musical Director, (.5), F.
- Audrey Gormley**, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Donna Gronwaldt**, Student Council Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Katy Uhrich**, Student Council Sponsor, (.5), F.

General Wayne Elementary School

- Christine Parthemore**, Envirothon Sponsor, F.
- Kim Fulmer**, Intramurals Director, F.
- Will Shafer**, Musical Director, F.
- Jenelle Neal**, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Nikki Salvatico**, Student Council, F.
- Kelly Packer**, Video Director, F.

K. D. Markley Elementary School

- Emily Chorney-Manno**, Envirothon Sponsor, F.
- Sam Ellis**, Intramurals Director, F.
- Danielle Bevan**, Musical Director, F.
- Sam Ellis**, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Chris Salerno**, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Michelle Hanna**, Science Fair Sponsor, F.
- Jill Over**, Student Council Sponsor, F.
- Chris Salerno**, Video Director, F.

Sugartown Elementary School

- Chris Casey**, Envirothon Sponsor, F.
- Jim Nolan**, Intramurals Director, F.
- Chris Casey**, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Carrie Schildknecht**, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Sarah O’Neill**, Science Fair Sponsor, F.
- Lewis Levine**, Student Council Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Sarah O’Neill**, Student Council Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Lewis Levine**, Video Director, F.



Personnel Approvals

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Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

Evan Geesey, (.8), Total 15.5 hours – 5/30/22 – 6/3/22, 6/6/22 – 6/10/22

Juana Herman, (.7), Total 4 hours – 6/10/22, 6/13/22

Brittany Wolfe, (.55), Total 3.25 hours – 6/13/22

Dana Bredin, (.6), Total 2.5 hours – 6/10/22, 6/13/22

Anne Dale, (.4), Total 5 hours – 6/13/22

Roberto Hernandez-Sanchez, (.8), Total 1 hour – 6/13/22

Post Season Play (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)

Tennis, Boys', GVHS

Gerry McGrath, 5 days, F.

Meridith Bebee, 5 days, F.

Lacrosse, Boys' GVHS

Ben Walton, 4 days, NF.

Joe Arcscott, 4 days, NF.

Lacrosse, Girls', GVHS

Kim Wenger, 6 days, NF.

Lisa Aikman, 6 days, NF.

Courtney Cortese, 6 days, NF.

Spring Track, GVHS

Brian McDonough, 13 days, NF.

Pete Ruckelshaus, 5 days, F.

Janice Reigel, 3 days, NF.

Counseling Services, up to 5 hours total

Katy Uhrich, Charlestown Elementary School

Change Of Status/Assignment

Professional Staff

Alice McBrearty, part-time ELD teacher, (.8) to full-time ELD teacher, (1.0), General Wayne Elementary School, effective August 23, 2022.

Brittany Wolfe, part-time ELD teacher, (.55) to full-time ELD teacher, (1.0), Charlestown Elementary School, effective August 23, 2022.

Roberto Hernandez-Sanchez, part-time Spanish teacher, (.8) to full-time Spanish teacher, (1.0), Great Valley Middle School, Great Valley Middle School, effective August 23, 2022.

Jamie Keefer, Grade 5 teacher to Grade 3 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective August 23, 2022.

Marie Derby, Reading Specialist to Grade 5 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective August 23, 2022.

Robin Tridico, Mathematics teacher, Great Valley Middle School to Mathematics teacher, Great Valley High School, (Piombino), effective August 23, 2022.

Administration

Karen Taratuski, Psy.D., from Coordinator of Psychological Services to Supervisor of Clinical Services, Great Valley District Office, (new), effective July 19, 2022.

Support Staff

Latasha Tucker, full-time cafeteria aide, Great Valley High School, effective July 19, 2022.

Personnel Approvals

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Summer Services

Full Day Kindergarten Curriculum (Math and ELA), 30 hours each

Erin Trymbiski

K-5 ELA Curriculum/Assessments, 30 hours each

Emily DiOttavio

Student Custodial Employees

Effective 6/13/22

Hudson Ayre

Bryce Broxton

Sascha Buxton

Jose Caballero

Hayden Darabant

Nathaniel Dougherty

Phillip Hecht

Tamir Sallam

Brandan Tremmel

PLTW Training, 7/25/22 – 8/5/22.

Trevor Viviani

AP CSP Course Summer Workshop, 4 days and Virtual Workshop, 8 days during school year

Colby Weist

Math Technology Integration, 12 hours each

Jon DeVirgilio

Laura McDonald

Program Approvals

The board voted to approve the Special Education Plan 2021-2024 and GV Affirmation Statement by a vote of 7 to 0.

The Adoption of the Health and Safety Plan for 2022-2023 was approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

Facilities/Technology/Food Service Approvals

The following Facilities/Technology/Food Service Items were approved by a vote of 6 aye (Chasinoff, Dittmann, Gallegos, Jouin, Litzke, Mehta) to 1 nay (Barratt).

Facilities Approvals

Charlestown Landscaping -One Year Contract Extension, for \$114,520.00

Agreements & Easements for the 5/6 Center - Land Development Agreement, Memorandum of Land Development Agreement, Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement, Sanitary Sewer Easement 1, 2, and 3 to East Whiteland Township, Trail Easements 1 and 2 to East Whiteland Township, Deed of Dedication of Swedesford Road Ultimate Right-of-Way to East Whiteland Township, and PNC Escrow Agreement



Facilities/Technology/Food Service Approvals

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Technology Approvals

ePlus contract renewal for maintenance and preventive maintenance services at the District's Data Center for \$16,318.00

ePlus Agreement for consulting services at a cost not-to-exceed \$5,000.00

Follett contract renewal for the 2022-2023 school year which provides software to students and staff for digital and printed reading materials at a cost of \$5,702.76

Agreement with Gator Networking to install access points on the secondary campuses at a cost of \$15,815.87

Purchase of 5 outside Wi-Fi access points for the secondary campuses at a cost of \$8,385.80

Purchase and training on software for 5 tablets for schedule displays for each of the conference rooms at district office at the cost of \$14,249.00

Food Service Approvals

Extension of the Bread Bid with Rockland Bakery and Pizza Bid with Season's Pizza for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Piggybacking on the Upper Dublin School District's Disposable bid for the 2022-2023 school year which was awarded to Penn Jersey Paper and Imperial Dade

Piggybacking on the Upper Dublin School District's Food Product and Distribution bid for the 2022-2023 school year which was awarded to U.S. Foods

Piggybacking on the Norristown Area School District's Milk Products and Beverages bid for the 2022-2023 school year which was awarded to Swiss Farms Dairy

SOS Contract Amendment to increase the wage rate for full-time Food Service staff to \$17.25 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year

Primero Edge Annual Subscription renewal for the 2022-2023 School Year at the cost of 9,020.00 for digital software, registers, and the School Café App

Public Comments

The following residents made public comments:

S. Lawrence – approval of a safety officer; technology fees; and providing equity with technology

K. Fixler – Chester Valley Trail

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.