

# School Board Business Meeting Highlights

August 15, 2022

*Great Valley School District*

*Office of the School Board Secretary*



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## **During the August 15, 2022, Business Meeting**

The August 15, 2022, work session was called to order by Vice-President Rachel Gallegos. Board members **present** were Tricia Chasinoff, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Andrea Rizzo, and Stephen Dittmann. **Absent:** David Barratt, Jennifer Armstrong, and Neha Mehta.

### **Presentations**

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

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

**Dr. Rizzo** stated that they did not meet last month but they will meet next Wednesday.

#### **Legislative Report**

**Ms. Litzke** stated that the next meeting is on September 28.

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

**Ms. Chasinoff** stated that the next meeting is in the Fall.

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

**Ms. Gallegos** stated that they did not meet in August but they will meet in September.

### **Superintendent's Update**

**Dr. Goffredo** shared a statement that the administrative team watched an informational webinar about Critical Race Theory in the Fall of 2021. He then highlighted the summer learning enrichment, academic camps, and staff development that took place over the summer. Dr. Goffredo gave an update about the construction of the 5-6 Center and that the project is on schedule and the parking lot and bus loop will be useable at the start of the school year. Dr. Goffredo shared a staffing update and the amount of new staff that have been hired throughout the summer, about the COVID-19 protocols for the school year, and the national shortage of bus drivers, which is resulting in double bus routes. Dr. Goffredo also shared that Act 55 was signed into law in July which amends a few School Codes such as safety provisions, dual enrollment agreements, and graduation requirements. **Mr. Peterson** shared that the enrollment update is similar to what was projected last year.



**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

The following residents made public comments on agenda items:

- B. Holmes – enforcement of residents to provide full name and address when making public comments
- B. Chambers – comprehensive plan; emphasis on equity.
- C. Hartley – comprehensive plan; emphasis on equity.

**Consent Agenda Items**

The board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following Consent Agenda Items.

**Routine Approvals**

- Minutes of July 18
- Treasurer’s Report and Tax Collectors’ Report – attached
- Invoices – attached

**Program Approvals**

- Program Approval – Non-Resident Students for 2022-2023

**Financial Approvals**

The following Financial items were approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

- Lakeside Youth Service Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year to be paid with ESSER funds, for \$159,074.
- Holcomb Behavior Health Systems Agreement for Student Assistance Program services for 2022-2023 school year to be paid with the PCCD mental health grant for \$66,000.
- Lindsey Lynch Consulting Proposal for 2022-2023 to be paid with ESSER funds for \$46,500.– attached.
- Agreement with Anne Buckley Renn for the Get Ready to Learn program to be paid with Title II funds for \$4,700.
- Renewal with PowerSchool for Special Education Software for 2022-2023 for \$20,185.12 – attached.
- Special Education Settlement Agreement for student 240566.
- Renewal of Professional Service agreement with JustiCorp for nursing services for the 2022-2025 school years.
- One-year service order with Instructure for the Canvas Management System for \$22,334.13.
- One-year proposal with Nearpod for a lesson, video, and activity creation and delivery platform access for grades K-12 for \$23,900.
- One-year proposal with Desmos Classroom for grades 6-8 for Algebra I for \$7,500.
- Agreement with CAAB Services, LLC for 2022-2023 to be paid from the Ready to Learn grant and Title II funds.
- Agreement with Digitem for staff, administration, and community regarding digital citizenship and wellbeing at a cost of \$2,880.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of School Directors and the Great Valley Education Association.
- Agreement with MG Tactical to provide school safety services from 9/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 to be paid with the PCCD Grant for \$44,850.
- Resolution regarding the PCCD grant for school safety funding.



### Financial Approvals

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Annual renewal of SC View and Financial Information Software from the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit for \$59,227.70.

Five-year agreement with ArbiterPay the electronic payment of athletic officials for \$2,695 for the first year and \$2,495 per year thereafter.

Agreement with Chester County to procure and install various supplies and equipment to support and enhance school cleanliness, air filtration, and social distancing.

### Personnel Approvals

The following Personnel items were approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

#### Resignations

##### Professional Staff

**Dana Bredin**, part-time (.6) Art teacher, Great Valley High School, August 3, 2022 (held 60 days after resignation date or released earlier if a replacement is found).

##### Support Staff

**Janine Spiker**, part-time cafeteria worker, Charlestown Elementary School, effective August 8, 2022.

**Charles Zook**, part-time custodian, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective August 4, 2022.

#### Leaves of Absence

##### Professional Staff

**Michelle Leininger**, English teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately August 23, 2022 to October 28, 2022.

#### Appointments

##### Professional Staff

**Alyson Adams Crabtree**, full-time temporary professional employee Health/Physical Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Sargent), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Erin Smith**, full-time temporary professional employee Autistic Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (new), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Kristina Dixon**, full-time temporary professional employee Grade 5 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (new), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements).

**Anne Wirt**, full-time temporary professional employee one-year grant funded differentiated Literacy and Math Support, Great Valley Middle School, (new), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements).

**Kimmie Di Nhong**, full-time temporary professional employee one-year grant funded differentiated Literacy and Math Support, Charlestown Elementary School, (new), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements).

**Kelly Neary**, full-time temporary professional employee one-year grant funded differentiated Literacy Support, Great Valley High School, (new), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements).



## **Personnel Approvals**

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### **Appointments** - continued

**Alexandra LaRosa**, full-time temporary professional employee Grade 5 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (new), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Katherine Domizio**, full-time professional employee Music teacher, Great Valley High School, (Vogel), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Kaitlyn Anderson**, full-time professional employee Kindergarten teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (Primerano), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Brian Sherrer**, full-time professional employee (.8) Technology Education teacher, Great Valley High School, (Geesey), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Leah Lederman**, full-time professional employee Mathematics teacher, Great Valley High School, (Zeccardi), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Phyllis Ray**, full-time professional employee Grade 5 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Simpkins), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Jacquelyn Furia**, full-year long-term substitute Grade 5 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Derby), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Elizabeth Drysdale**, full-year long-term substitute Art teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Davis, N.), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Elizabeth Pratt**, full-year long-term substitute Intervention Specialist, Great Valley Middle School, (Bagnarelli), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Carly DeMarcantonio**, first semester long-term substitute Special Education teacher, Great Valley High School, (Evans, S.), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Laurie Swope**, first semester long-term substitute Special Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Kheradi), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Paige Calfapietra**, first semester long-term substitute Kindergarten teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, (Kaufman), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

### Support Staff

**Mary Emmonds**, full-time 10-month clerical/recess aide, General Wayne Elementary School, (Weltman), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

**Blair Christo**, full-time 12-month Purchasing Clerk/Business Office Administrative Assistant, (Sorial), effective September 6, 2022, (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 High School Coaching

**Travis Turgeon**, Baseball, Head Coach, F.

**Nicole Jones**, Cross Country, Assistant Coach, F.

**Joe Arscott**, Lacrosse, Assistant Boys' Coach, (.5), NF.

**Lance Spiker**, Soccer, 9th Grade Boys' Coach, NF.

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

**Brian McDonough**, Spring Track, Assistant Coach, NF.

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

**Andrew Le**, Winter Track, Head Coach, (.5), NF.

**Julian Strunk**, Winter Track, Assistant Coach, (.25), NF.

*Great Valley High School Non-Coaching*

**Katherine Domizio**, Chamber Singers, F.

**Lisa Nackers**, School Store Sponsor, F.

**Barbara Newberry**, Student Musical, Orchestra/Pit Director, NF.

**Megan Druckenmiller**, Yearbook Sponsor, F.

*Great Valley Middle School Department Chairs*

**Brenda Roy**, Support Services Chair, F.

*Great Valley Middle School Coaching*

**Kim Dietrick**, Cross Country, Head Coach, NF.

**Adam Search**, Cross Country, Assistant Coach, F.

**Darren Jerome**, Football, Head 8th Grade Coach, NF.

**Alyson Crabtree**, Soccer, 7th Grade Girls' Coach, F.

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

**Mary Fischer-Nassib**, Volleyball, 8th Grade Girls' Coach, NF.

**Emily Amodei**, Volleyball, 7th Grade Girl's Coach, F.

*Great Valley Middle School Non-Coaching*

**Aura Lester**, Envirothon Coach, F.

*Elementary Non-Coaching*

*Charlestown Elementary School*

**Allison Blikle**, Reading Olympics, (.5), F.

**Shana Cooper**, Science Fair Sponsor, F.

*General Wayne Elementary School*

**Eric Schmidt**, Reading Olympics, (.5), F.

### Salary Adjustments

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Assessment Evaluation, 15 hours total

**Jonathan DeVirgilio**



## **Personnel Approvals**

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### **Salary Adjustments** – continued

PLTW Training, (Certification requirement to teach PLTW Curriculum), 9/12/22 – 11/16/22, 11 days of training each, per diem rate

**Trevor Viviani**

**Brian Sherrer**

Kindergarten Orientation, 6 hours, \$46/hour, (prepping for students due to no KDM playground)

**Sam Ellis**

### **Change Of Status/Assignment**

#### Professional Staff

**Jim Simpkins**, Grade 4 to Intervention teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Gregory), effective August 23, 2022.

**Eve Henwood**, ELA teacher, Great Valley Middle School to Literacy Specialist, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Derby), effective August 23, 2022.

**Meghan Primerano**, Kindergarten teacher, Sugartown Elementary School to Literacy Specialist, General Wayne Elementary School, (Ent), effective August 23, 2022.

**Brianne Wilson**, Grade 4 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School to Math teacher, Grade 6, Great Valley Middle School, (Bradley, Jason), effective August 23, 2022.

#### Support Staff

**Chris Medaglia**, full-time 10-month Cafeteria Coordinator, Great Valley High School to full-time 12-month Facilities Department Administrative Assistant, Great Valley District Office, (Murray), effective September 1, 2022.

**Latasha Tucker**, full-time cafeteria aide to Interim High School Food Service Coordinator, Great Valley High School, (Medaglia), until the position is filled, effective beginning September 1, 2022.

### **Tenure Services**

The following temporary professional employees have been rated as successful during the 3 years of employment as temporary professional employees. They are eligible for professional employee status as of August 23, 2022. This change of status is to be recorded in the official minutes and requires no official action.

**Caroline Biondolillo**, Sugartown Elementary School

**Alyssa DeMitis**, Great Valley Middle School

**Sara Slaybaugh Gancarz**, General Wayne Elementary School

**Taylor Geiser**, K. D. Markley Elementary School

**Molly Harris**, Great Valley Middle School

**Angela Michaels**, Great Valley High School

**Samantha Shewman**, K. D. Markley Elementary School

**Sean Steinmetz**, K. D. Markley Elementary School

**Tara Tracchio**, Sugartown Elementary School



## **Personnel Approvals**

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### **Staff Conference Requests**

**Kenneth Morris**, Facilities Supervisor, Great Valley District Office, PA Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) – School Operations Academy, Harrisburg, PA, July 27 - 28, 2022

**Kenneth Morris**, Facilities Supervisor, Great Valley District Office, National Facilities Management & Technology (NFMT) – ProFM Credential Conference, Baltimore, MD, March 21 - 23, 2023

## **Program Approvals**

The following Program items were approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

Approval of June 2, 2023, as the graduation date for the 2022-2023 school year.

Approval for the student/parent handbooks in the elementary, middle, and high school for the 2022-2023 school year.

Approval of the 2022-2025 Comprehensive Plan by signing the Great Valley Affirmation Statement.

Approval of curriculum revisions for AP Calculus BC, Film as Literature, and Kindergarten Math for the 2022-2023 school year.

## **Facilities/Transportation/Technology/Food Service Approvals**

The following Facilities/Transportation/Technology/Food Service items were approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

### **Facilities Approvals**

Purchase of a John Deer Gator for the Middle School from Robert E. Little, Inc., for \$17,358.16.

Agreement with Fire Evacuation Mapping for all buildings, for \$11,800.00.

Change Order #1 with Plymouth Environmental for additional asbestos removal at 47 Church Road, for \$25,310.00.

Installation of the playground equipment at the K.D. Markley Elementary School with Lobar Construction for \$97,513.16.

### **Transportation Approvals**

Approval of the 2022-2023 Krapf and Norcross drivers.

Private transportation contract for 2022-2023.

### **Food Service Approvals**

Removal of the reduced category for student meals to allow families that qualify for reduced-priced meals to receive meals free of charge.

### **Technology Approvals**

Installation of 17 Clear Touch Interactive screens and mounts for the Kindergarten classrooms for the 2022-2023 school year, for \$82,473.00.

Purchase of nine printers/copies from Ricoh, for \$59,114.60.

Renewal of the Intrado/SchoolMessenger for the 2022-2023 school year, for \$7,542.45.



## **Public Comments**

The following residents made public comments:

- B. Chambers – critical race theory webinar
- S. Rhoades – critical race theory webinar
- A. Snyder – equity within the school district, mental health, and junior parking
- K. Kingan – critical race theory webinar and within our schools
- B. Holmes – critical race theory webinar and diversity equity and inclusion
- R. Dietrich – critical race theory, teaching accurate history
- S. Maroney-Garrett – equity and diversity in our schools and the comprehensive plan
- P. Sengeman – critical race theory, racism and the teaching of history
- S. Kahan – support for the board and equity within our schools
- K. Reid – black history in the curriculum

## **Adjournment**

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.