

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

September 19, 2022

Great Valley School District

Office of the School Board Secretary



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During the September 19, 2022, Business Meeting

The September 19, 2022, business meeting was called to order by Vice-President Rachel Gallegos. **Board members present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Samantha Jouin, Neha Mehta, Andrea Rizzo, and Stephen Dittmann. **Absent:** Jennifer Armstrong, David Barratt, and Wendy Litzke.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Ms. Gallegos** reported that School Board Meetings and all conduct within the venue will be recorded - Audio and Visual. She also stated that Student Council reports will begin in October.

Presentations

Student Representative to the Board

Suhani Mathur, alternate student representative to the board, reported on the activities. She shared that the Denmark exchange will resume this year, and the exchange students will be in Great Valley from September 28 to October. Suhani stated that Spirit Week will be from September 27 to September 30. The pep rally will be held in the stadium on September 30, and the Homecoming Dance will be in the gym on October 1.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Gallegos asked **Mr. Peterson** if there was any Secretary's Correspondence. There was none.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Report

Dr. Rizzo stated that the last meeting was held on August 17. She reported that it was a brief meeting focused on voting items. A presentation was made by the Co-Executive Director regarding the opening of schools, increased enrollment, and the IU programs. The next meeting will be on September 21

Legislative Report

Ms. Litzke was absent, so there was no report.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Ms. Chasinoff stated that the next meeting is scheduled for October 13. She shared that the council is looking to expand membership to the community and further communications will be coming in the Fall about how to join the council.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Gallegos stated that the Venture Grant applications for teachers will be coming out soon. She also shared that the Good Neighbor Program has expanded to make funds more easily available. Money is available at each school to help students who may need emergency funds. Principals can provide information to teachers about how to access the funds.



Presentations

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Communications Committee

Dr. Goffredo shared the notes from the Committee meeting on behalf of Ms. Litzke. He reported that the district sent communication about various informational items. In addition, two videos were shared on social media, and each school shared individual communications about back-to-school events and school-specific items. He also stated that a monthly e-newsletter will be distributed with construction updates, upcoming meeting information, and photos of the construction project. Dr. Goffredo also shared that the new website design is underway, with the new site expected to launch in January.

Instructional Technology and Curriculum Committee

Dr. Rizzo shared that the committee met on September 14. Discussions included best practices for World Languages, the long-term needs of the students, and which school grades should be included. She also shared the Committee discussed the planned revision of the Social Studies curriculum. Dr. Rizzo also shared that the grading and assessment process was discussed.

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Goffredo spoke about the opening of schools. He shared that effective October 1, 2022, breakfast will be free to all students across the state, thanks to the fundamental role played by Nicole Melia, our Food Service Supervisor and policy chair for the School Nutrition Association of PA, who led efforts to advocate for this action on behalf of our students and families. Dr. Goffredo then shared the overall district goals, and the timeline for the 5/6 Center and the GVMS Programs. Mr. Peterson shared the Enrollment Projections for the next 5 years and what they will mean for the district from a staffing perspective and the capacities of each of our buildings.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Ms. Gallegos made a comment on behalf of the Board of School Directors and Superintendent in light of recent comments made by the public at school board meetings. She stated that they are committed to supporting every child within our district and will continue to do everything possible to make Great Valley a welcoming place to learn and work for everyone

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

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

Routine Approvals

Minutes of August 15
Treasurer's Report and Tax Collectors' Report
Invoices

Financial Approvals

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

Contract with PickUp Patrol for a one-year subscription, following a trial period, for parent drop-off and pick-up schedule at a cost of \$4,507.63.
Hive & Thrive LLC Contract for professional development in the amount of \$1,500 to be paid with Title II funds.
Carnegie Learning Quote for a digital platform for introductory German 1 class at a cost of \$1,351.77.



Financial Approvals

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Contract with Dr. Lucy Haney for professional development to be paid with Title II funds for \$2,200.
 Renewal of World Book Subscription for a cost of \$5,009.54.
 Contract with The Pathway School for student 290604 for the 2022-2023 school year at the cost of \$58,600.
 Contract with Overbrook School for the Blind for student 220017 for the 2022-2023 school year at the cost of \$43,200.
 Contract with The Camphill School for student 240427 for the 2022-2023 school year at the cost of \$40,860.
 Contract with The Camphill School for student 230708 for the 2022-2023 school year at the cost of \$40,860.
 Contract with The Camphill School for student 240615 for the 2022-2023 school year at the cost of \$51,001.20.
 Contract with The Camphill School for student 210146 for the 2022-2023 school year at the cost of \$51,001.20.
 Contract with The Camphill School for student 230538 for the 2022-2023 school year, which will be billed for Individual Therapies at \$125/hour for 60 hours/week and group therapy for OT and PT at \$95/hour for 30min/week each.
 Contract with Foundations Behavioral Health for the Lifeworks School for student services for the 2022-2023 school year.
 Special Education settlement agreements for students 230529 and 310018.

Facilities Approvals

Contract with Charlestown Landscaping for snow plow removal for the 2022-2024 school years, to be billed on an as-needed basis.

Transportation Approval

Private Transportation contract for the 2022-2023 school year.

Personnel Approvals

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

Resignations

Professional Staff

Daniel Glass, first semester long-term substitute Physical Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, effective August 17, 2022.

Samantha Shewman, full-time Itinerant Autistic Support teacher, Great Valley School District, effective October 31, 2022.

Support Staff

Lisa Bernhardt, part-time cafeteria worker, Great Valley Middle School, effective September 4, 2022.

Extra Duty Responsibilities

Lisa Nackers, School Store Non-Coaching EDR, Great Valley High School, effective August 29, 2022.

Leaves of Absence

Professional Staff

Kayla Prince, Grade 1 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests a Child Rearing Leave from November 14, 2022 to the end of the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

Administrative Staff

Emily Braskey, Special Education Supervisor, Great Valley District Office, requests FMLA from approximately January 3, 2023 to March 24, 2023.



Personnel Approvals

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Appointments

Professional Staff

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

Patricia Mulholland, full-time professional employee Social Worker, Great Valley High School, (Trimble), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Kristen Green, full-time temporary professional employee School Psychologist, Great Valley High School, (DiPietro), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Gabrielle Pearson, full-time temporary professional employee Kindergarten teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, (new), effective August 23, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Alexandra Walters, full-time temporary professional employee one-year grant funded differentiated Literacy and Math Support, General Wayne Elementary School, (new), effective August 25, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Steven Partain, full-time temporary professional employee one-year grant funded differentiated Math Support, Great Valley High School, (new), effective August 25, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Elena Ciarrocchi, full-time temporary professional employee one-year grant funded differentiated Literacy and Math Support, Charlestown Elementary School, (new), effective August 29, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Caroline Collins, full-time temporary professional employee one-year grant funded differentiated Literacy and Math Support, Sugartown Elementary School, (new), effective August 29, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Daniel Alper, 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).

Jennifer Fuentes, first semester long-term substitute Grade 1 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Prince), (subject to change after ratification of the CBA), effective September 20, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements).

Support Staff

Yvonne Westlake, full-time 10-month Culinary Coordinator, (Medaglia), effective September 20, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Substitutes

Linda Sauerteig, substitute school nurse, Great Valley School District, effective September 20, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Bridget Curran, substitute school nurse, Great Valley School District, effective September 20, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

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

Great Valley High School Coaching

Scott Gee, Wrestling, Head Coach, F.

Morgan Orlowski, Softball, Assistant Girls' Coach, (.3), NF.

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

Peter Garcia, Marching Band Special Area: Pit Percussion Coach, NF.

Jason Moore, Assistant Marching Band Director: Brass and Woodwind Instructor, (.4), NF.

Michael Molieri, Marching Band: Drill/Movement/Dance/Color Guard Instructor, NF.



Personnel Approvals

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Appointments - continued

Great Valley Middle School Coaching
Larry Cinciripino, Football, Assistant 8th Grade Coach, F.

Charlestown Elementary School Non-Coaching
Michelle Hanna, Musical Director, (.5), F.

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

Juana Herman, (.7), 8/23/22, 8/24/22, 8/25/22 – 7.5 hours total

Mentors

- Jean Spitofsky**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Victoria Palaia, Charlestown Elementary School.
- Jennifer Gleason**, Charlestown Elementary School, mentor to Aydan Seaman, Charlestown Elementary School.
- Laura McGrath**, General Wayne Elementary School, mentor to Caitlin Cecco, General Wayne Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Nanette Schrecengost**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Caitlin Cecco, General Wayne Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Shana Cook**, General Wayne Elementary School, mentor to Paige Calfapietra, General Wayne Elementary School.
- Katie Auslander**, General Wayne Elementary School, mentor to Gabrielle Pearson, General Wayne Elementary School.
- Amy Wilson**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Julia DeGrave, K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Donna Ahern**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Jackie Furia, K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Jessica Shock**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Jackie Furia, K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Kate Regula**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Elizabeth Drysdale, K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Katy Uhrich**, Charlestown Elementary School, mentor to Jackie Gualtieri, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Tara Tracchio**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Erica McAneney, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Todd Riddle**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Alexandra LaRosa, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Jessica Shock**, Charlestown Elementary School, mentor to Alexandra LaRosa, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Todd Riddle**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Kristen Dixon, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Jessica Shock**, Charlestown Elementary School, mentor to Kristen Dixon, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Amy Rauscher**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Katelyn Anderson, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Jamie Himmelberger**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Kimmie Di Nhung, Charlestown Elementary School.
- Amanda McClennen**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Kimmie Di Nhung, Charlestown Elementary School.
- Jamie Himmelberger**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Elena Ciarrocchi, Charlestown Elementary School.
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- Jamie Himmelberger**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Caroline Collins, Sugartown Elementary School.
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- Jamie Himmelberger**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Alexandra Walters, General Wayne Elementary School.
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- Michael Bender**, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Lara Cini, Great Valley Middle School.
- Sherri Kratzer**, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Dana Zachar, Great Valley Middle School.
- Matthieu Weiner**, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Allyson Crabtree, Great Valley Middle School.
- Matthew Schultz**, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Daniel Alper, Great Valley Middle School.
- Roseanna Fabii**, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Erin Smith, Great Valley Middle School.
- Julie Wagner**, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Laurie Swope, Great Valley Middle School.
- Jennifer Motzer**, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Elizabeth Pratt, Great Valley Middle School.
- Alex Venarchik**, Great Valley High School, mentor to Jessica Protesto, Great Valley High School.



Personnel Approvals

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Salary Adjustments - continued

Mentors - continued

- Alex Venarchik**, Great Valley High School, mentor to Trevor Viviani, Great Valley High School.
- Erin Wolf**, Great Valley High School, mentor to Nicole Mercadante, Great Valley High School.
- Stephanie Bricker**, Great Valley High School, mentor to Leah Lederman, Great Valley High School.
- Erin Jochym**, Great Valley High School, mentor to Emily O'Connor, Great Valley High School.
- Julie Mest**, Great Valley School District, mentor to Steven Partain, Great Valley High School.
- Chris Marley**, Great Valley High School, mentor to Scott Gee, Great Valley High School.
- Tess Lutz**, Great Valley High School, mentor to Ally Mahan, Great Valley High School.
- Jessica Stanhagen**, Great Valley High School, mentor to Emma Ahearn, Great Valley High School.
- Erin Wolf**, Great Valley High School, mentor to Katelyn Domizio, Great Valley High School.
- Molly Harris**, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Patricia Mulholland, Great Valley High School.
- Russ Jones**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Kristen Green, Great Valley High School.
- Renee Kilpatrick**, Great Valley High School, mentor to Carly DeMarcantonio, Great Valley High School.
- Teresa Lynch**, Great Valley School District, mentor to Kathy Ayers, Great Valley School District.

Change Of Status/Assignment

Professional Staff

- Karen Scholz**, Special Education teacher to Grade 6 ELA, Great Valley Middle School (Henwood), effective August 23, 2022.
- Anne Dale**, part-time (.4) Art teacher to full-time (1.0) Art teacher, Great Valley High School, (Bredin), effective August 23, 2022

Support Staff

- Annie Campbell**, part-time clerical aide, Great Valley District Office, retroactive to July 1, 2022.
- Kristin Joyce**, part-time clerical aide, K. D. Markley Elementary School to part-time clerical aide, Student Services Department, Great Valley District Office, effective approximately October 3, 2022.

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

Builder's Risk insurance policy through Chubb/ACE American Insurance Company at a cost of \$123,625 to be paid with Bond funds.

PSBA Officer Election Approval

The Board authorized the Board Secretary, Mr. Peterson, to register the vote of PSBA Insurance Trust Trustee positions with PSBA. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Public Comments

The following residents made public comments:

- N. Salvatico – teachers' contract
- J. Davis – Diversity/Equity/Inclusion
- J. Jackson – Diversity/Equity/Inclusion
- M. Tonya – gun safety campaign called Be S.M.A.R.T.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.