

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

October 17, 2022

Great Valley School District

Office of the School Board Secretary



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During the October 17, 2022, Business Meeting

The October 17, 2022, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Board members present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo. **Absent:** Jennifer Armstrong.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **Mr. Barratt** reported that the board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal issues. He stated that a tentative agreement has been reached with the teacher's union for a 4-year contract, and that the November Work Session will be held in the Auditorium at General Wayne Elementary School.

Presentations

Recognition

Dr. Sharon Cohen shared that Faridah Ismaila was named a 2022 Doodle for Google National Finalist and winner in the 6-7 grade group by answering the theme of "I care for myself by...". Her response referenced the African dishes she cooks with her mother.

Student Council Reports

Student Council Representatives from General Wayne Elementary, Charlestown Elementary, and Great Valley Middle School updated the Board on activities taking place in their schools.

Student Representative to the Board

Ryan Brady, the student representative to the board, reported on the activities. He reported that Fall Sports are coming to an end, and a few teams are going to the playoffs; one of those teams is the football team. He also stated that the Best Buddies Club has over 150 members and is one of the most popular clubs at the high school and that they held their first meeting on October 17. It was also stated that Mr. Moffitt, the soccer coach reached 300 wins during his coaching career, and he was being honored tonight at the High School.

Secretary's Correspondence

Mr. Barratt 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 September 21. She reported that it was the 50th anniversary of the IU and that the DEI findings for the CCIU were shared and they might be helpful to Great Valley. It was also stated that the nursing program at the CCIU was rated one of the best programs in the state. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19

Legislative Report

Ms. Litzke stated that the law firm Wisler Pearlstein, LLP, presented an overview of act 55 and the proposed changes to the Title 9 Regulations. They also discussed gender identity and the next council meeting.



Presentations

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Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Ms. Chasinoff stated that Dr. Goffredo shared the district goals, and a facilitator from the DVCEE met with teachers, parents, and community members. Ms. Chasinoff also shared that there was a discussion about permitting more community members into the group.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Gallegos stated that the foundation had a retreat to discuss expansion at the beginning of October. She also shared that venture grants are available for teachers, the SOAR program has returned, and the Good Neighbor program allows families to have access to funds at each of the schools for groceries and other emergent needs.

Superintendent’s Update

Dr. Goffredo recognized seven students for the National Recognition Program Awards. He also discussed the future Speaker Series dates and the Act 55 components, which expanded from Act 58, that affect K-12 schools. A few changes from Act 55 are graduation requirements, extra-curricular activities for students who are homeschooled, student meal programs, and school safety training.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following Agenda Items.

Routine Approvals

- Minutes of September 19
- Treasurer’s Report and Tax Collectors’ Report
- Invoices

Financial Approvals

- Act 57 Resolution for tax collectors to waive penalties on real estate tax bills
- Resolution and amendment to the Delinquent Real Estate Taxes Agreement with Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd., which will modify the costs to the delinquent property owners
- Per Pupil budget for the 2023-2024 school year
- DeltaMath quote for district licenses in grades 9-12, at a cost of \$2,800
- Typing Agent licenses from October 18, 2022 to October 31, 2023, at a cost of \$2,520
- Contract with LearnWell for students 260270 and 270153 for educational services while in a partial hospitalization program
- Contract with Valley Forge Educational Services for student 300260 for the 2022-2023 school year, at a cost of \$42,130
- Contract with Buxmont Academy to guarantee one special education slot and one regular education slot for potential student placements in the 2022-23 school year
- Contract amendment with Substitute Teacher Services (STS) increasing the per-diem rate for daily substitute teachers to \$150, effective October 18, 2022
- Agreement with Be a Part of the Conversation for the 2022-2023 School Year for the District Speaker Series at a cost of \$7,600 to be paid through Title IV funds
- Requests to Establish Student Activity Clubs
- Three-year Meraki License Renewal for internet access points, at a cost of \$97,516.80
- Change Order #2 to the contract with Lobar, Inc., General Contractor, for \$34,822.68, to be paid with Bond Funds
- Change Order #3 to the contract with Lobar, Inc., General Contractor, for \$6,914.97 to be paid with Bond Funds



Financial Approvals

The following Financial items were approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

Authorization of the Director of Business Affairs and Board President to execute electricity purchasing contracts for the three-year period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, per the terms and conditions of the consortium bids, conducted by Provident Energy.

Change order #6-01 to the contract with Philips Brothers Electrical Contractor, at a cost of \$22,546.66 to be paid with bond funds

Personnel Approvals

The following Personnel items were approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

Resignations

Support Staff

Megan Regan-Basquill, full-time administrative assistant, Special Education Department, Great Valley District Office, effective October 7, 2022.

Lisa Warren, 10-month part-time Health Room aide, Great Valley Middle School, effective October 14, 2022.

Leaves of Absence

Professional Staff

Kathleen Crisi, Biology teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately September 12, 2022 to October 24, 2022.

Brittany Wolfe, ELD teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, requests medical leave for maternity and child rearing leave from approximately November 28, 2022 to the end of the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Aubrey Bucha, full-time temporary professional employee one-year grant funded differentiated Literacy and Math Support, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (new), effective approximately October 3, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Caitlin Vandevander, full-time temporary professional employee one-year grant funded differentiated Literacy and Math Support, Great Valley Middle School, (new), effective September 27, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Shannon McDonald, full-time temporary professional employee one-year grant funded Executive Functioning and Mentoring Support, Great Valley High School, (new), effective approximately October 3, 2022, pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

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

Lindsey Keys, full-time temporary professional employee one-year grant funded Literacy and Math Support, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (new), effective approximately October 17, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Support Staff

Natalie Oskowitz, full-time 12-month Payroll Coordinator, Great Valley District Office, (Willman), effective October 27, 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

Jaime Ricker, Soccer, 9th Grade Girls' Coach, NF.



Personnel Approvals

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Appointments - continued

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

Colby Weist, Robotics Sponsor, F.

Bridgaline Liberati, Marching Band: Flags/Color Guard Instructor, NF.

Great Valley High School Department Chair

Trevor Viviani, Technology Education Department Chair, F.

Great Valley Middle School Coaching

Daniel Alper, Soccer, Head 7th Grade Boys' Coach, NF.

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

Juana Herman, (.7), 8/29/22, 9/12/22, 9/22/22 – 3 hours total

Mentors

Donna Ahern, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Phyllis Ray, K. D. Markley Elementary School, annual stipend.

Jessica Shock, Charlestown Elementary School, mentor to Phyllis Ray, K. D. Markley Elementary School, annual stipend.

Teresa Lynch, Great Valley School District, mentor to Caitlin Vandevander, Great Valley Middle School, annual stipend.

Pam Mylonas, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Jennifer Fuentes, K. D. Markley Elementary School, annual stipend.

Julie Wagner, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Laurie Swope, Great Valley Middle, School, second semester stipend.

Carrie Kane, Great Valley High School, mentor to Shannon McDonald, Great Valley High School, annual stipend.

Jamie Himmelberger, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Aubrey Bucha, K. D. Markley Elementary School, annual stipend.

Amanda McClennen, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Aubrey Bucha, K. D. Markley Elementary School, annual stipend.

Jamie Himmelberger, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Nichole Parylak, General Wayne Elementary School, annual stipend.

Amanda McClennen, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Nichole Parylak, General Wayne Elementary School, annual stipend.

Jamie Himmelberger, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Lindsey Keys, K. D. Markley Elementary School, annual stipend.

Amanda McClennen, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Lindsey Keys, K. D. Markley Elementary School, annual stipen

Gifted Document Writing and Curricular Support

Michelle Hanna, up to 15 hours

Paige Morabito, up to 15 hours

PLTW Training (Principles of Engineering Course), 11 days, October – December 2022

Jessica Protesto

Change Of Status/Assignment

Professional Staff

Christine Izard, Teacher on Assignment, Special Education Department, Great Valley District Office to School Psychologist, Charlestown Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School, effective date to be determined.

Laurie Swope, long-term substitute first semester to full-time professional employee Special Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Kheradi/Scholz), effective October 10, 2022.



Personnel Approvals

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Change Of Status/Assignment - continued

Professional Staff

Nicole Lombardi, Speech Therapist, Great Valley High School to Teacher on Assignment, Special Education Department Great Valley District Office, effective October 31, 2022.

Support Staff

Connie Ingersoll, full-time Human Resources administrative assistant to full-time Human Resources Generalist, Great Valley District Office, (new), effective October 10, 2022.

Kristin Joyce, part-time clerical aide, Student Services Department, Great Valley District Office to part-time clerical aide, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective October 17, 2022.

TENURE CONTRACTS

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 October 17, 2022. This change of status is to be recorded in the official minutes and requires no official action.

Ashlyn D’Andrea, Sugartown Elementary School

Rebekah Groh, Great Valley Middle School

STAFF CONFERENCE REQUESTS

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Convention 2022, Boston, MA, Thursday, November 17 – Sunday, November 18, 2022.

Erin Catalano, World Language teacher, GV High School

Lynne Dore, World Language teacher, GV High School

Roberto Hernandez-Sanchez, World Language teacher, GV Middle School

Nguessan Yobouet, World Language teacher, GV Middle School

Dr. Beth Zigmont, Teaching & Learning Secondary Supervisor, District Office

Integrated Learning Conference (ILC), State College, PA, Wednesday, November 2 – Friday, November 4, 2022.

Meridith Bebee, Counselor, GV High School

Dr. Heidi Capetola, Principal, GV High School

Teacher’s College Institute on Poetry, Teacher’s College, Columbia University, New York, NY, Monday, November 14 – Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Emily Beyer, 6th grade English/Language Arts and Social Studies teacher, GV Middle School

Eve Henwood, Reading Specialist, K. D. Markley Elementary School

Karen Scholz, 6th grade English Language Arts and Social Studies teacher, GV Middle School

Literacy Research Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ, Monday, November 28 – Friday, December 2, 2022.

Audrey Gormley, Reading Specialist, Charlestown Elementary School (*Note: Audrey is a presenter at the conference*)

Policy Approvals

The following policies were accepted for 1st Reading by a vote of 8 to 0.

- 100 Comprehensive Planning
- 101 Great Valley Mission Statement
- 105 Curriculum Development
- 105.1 Review of Instructional Material by Parents/Guardians and Students
- 105.2 Exemption from Specific Instruction and/or State Assessments
- 105.3 Academic Standards



Policy Approvals

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- 105.4 Alternative Credit for Physical Education & AG
- 106 Course Guides and Planned Instruction
- 110 Instructional Supplies
- 111 Planning and Preparation of Professional Staff
- 112 School Counseling
- 114 Gifted Education & AG
- 116 Tutorial Instruction
- 117 Homebound Instruction & AG
- 317 Conduct Disciplinary Procedures & AG
- 800 Contracted Services & AG
- 814 Copyright Material & AG

Public Comments

There were no public comments on other items.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.