

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

November 21, 2022

Great Valley School District,
Office of the School Board Secretary



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During the November 21, 2022, Business Meeting

The November 21, 2022, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Board members present:** Jennifer Armstrong, Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, and Andrea Rizzo. **Absent:** Neha Mehta and Rachel Gallegos. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentations

Recognition

Scoutmaster Steve D'Antonio spoke in recognition of GVHS sophomore Shreyas Sao, of Troop 78 of Willistown, who received the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Barratt reported that the board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

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 she has two meetings to report on, for October and November. She reported that during the October meeting they talked about the teacher population in Pennsylvania, that the IU has an abundance of COVID-19 tests, and implementing a mental health check-in with students. During the November meeting, they discussed the growth of the Brandywine Virtual Academy and that Great Valley was the only district that has seen significant growth in student population. Dr. Rizzo also shared that despite the wealth in Chester County there are still students who are in poverty and still need assistance.

Legislative Report

Ms. Litzke stated that during the October 26 meeting they reviewed all of the bills that are in progress, with an emphasis on a bill regarding the influx of Right-to-Know requests. The next meeting is scheduled for January.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Ms. Chasinoff stated that the main focus is the current equity audit that is happening. The final piece will take place in December and January to meet with parents with the results being available in January. The next meeting is scheduled for January with the hopes of expanding the Council at the same time.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Gallegos was absent, so no report.

Instructional Technology and Curriculum Committee Report

Dr. Rizzo shared that during the November 14 committee meeting, they discussed the current review of the Social Studies curriculum. The scheduled review is focusing on what is developmentally appropriate. The second topic was about World languages with an emphasis on how languages are being taught across the nation and what the implications will be with the 5/6 Center opening up soon. The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2023.



Superintendent’s Update

Dr. Goffredo presented a draft of the 2023-2024 School Calendar. A discussion ensued.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

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

Routine Approvals

- Minutes of October 17
- Treasurer’s Report and Tax Collectors’ Report
- Invoices

Financial Approvals

- 2023 Summer Learning Experiences from June 26 to August 3
- Student Overnight Trip Requests in accordance with Policy #121:
- Great Valley High School** - Boys & Girls Winter Track & Field Team; Kevin Dare Track and Field Invitational; PSU Multi-Sport Facility Penn State University, State College, PA; Friday, January 6 – Saturday, January 7, 2023; Approximately 15-20 students.
- Purchase of a John Deere 2032R Compact Utility Tractor for \$30,800.76, according to the terms and conditions of the Pennsylvania Agriculture Grounds Keeping Contract #4400020085
- Quote from Donald E. Reisinger for repairs to the Charlestown Elementary exterior canopy, at a cost of #13,100.
- Private Transportation Contract for the 2022-2023 school year
- Approval of new Krapf drivers
- Contract with Corsi Associates to provide consulting services for the purchase and upgrade of district-wide food service equipment, at a cost of \$9,200
- Renewal of Software license of e-hallpass for the 2022-2023 school year for Great Valley Middle School, at a cost of \$4,200
- Addendum to the CCRES contract for the period of October 31, 2022, through June 30, 2024.
- Renewal of the Employee Assistance Program with Health Advocate Solutions, Inc. beginning September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023, at a cost of \$8,100.
- Renewal of Renaissance subscription with a professional development component from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023, at a cost of 32,022.61. \$30,672.64 paid with ESSR funds and \$1,350 paid with Title II funds
- Eye of the Wild, wildlife assembly presentations for Sugartown Elementary School by Wallaby Tales, LLC, for \$750
- Contract with Lindsey Lynch Consulting for Professional Development and Coaching for Responsive Classroom from January 2023 through June 2023, at a cost of \$54,000, paid with Title II and ESSER Funds – attached
- Subscription for Frontline Location Analytics for the term of January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, at a cost of \$16,958.90
- Revised Agreement for Professional Services with Chester County authorizing GVSD to procure, and install various supplies and equipment to support and enhance school cleanliness, air filtration, and social distancing and be reimbursed by Chester County
- Correction from the September 2022 board meeting for the Hive & Thrive LLC contract for flex session options for professional staff (K-12) at a total cost of \$3,000. Funding will come from the Title II Grant

Financial Approvals

The four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and two associated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) documents with the Great Valley Education Association for the period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2026 was approved. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.



Personnel Approvals

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

Leaves of Absence

Professional Staff

Molly Heigh, Speech/Language Therapist, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests extension of Child Rearing leave to the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Scott Walter, Music teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, requests intermittent FMLA from approximately October 19, 2022 to October 19, 2023.

Leslie Beauregard, Gifted teacher, General Wayne Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School, requests a sabbatical for restoration of health from approximately October 20, 2022 through January 1, 2023.

Erin Trymbiski, Kindergarten teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately January 26, 2023 to April 28, 2023.

Krista Russell, Social Worker, all elementary schools, requests FMLA from approximately December 6, 2022 to March 3, 2023.

Michelle Hug, Speech/Language Therapist, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately January 6, 2023 to March 31, 2023.

Alyssa DeMitis, Grade 6 Science teacher, requests FMLA from approximately November 14, 2022 to January 2, 2023.

Support Staff

John Gant, part-time custodian, Great Valley Middle School, requests an unpaid leave of absence from January 3, 2023 to April 30, 2023.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Caitlyn Carminito, full-time professional employee Itinerant Autistic Support teacher, Elementary Schools, Great Valley School District, (Shewman), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Louisa Draper, long-term substitute Grade 1 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, (Krasna), effective November 18, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Molly McKinney, long-term substitute first semester Gifted teacher, General Wayne Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School, (Beauregard), effective November 14, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Grace Bucha, full-time one-year grant funded temporary professional employee K-6 Literacy and Math Support, General Wayne Elementary School (new), effective November 14, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Support Staff

Sheila Lasater, part-time cafeteria aide, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (effective date pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Justin Oakes, full-time 12-month Special Education Administrative Assistant, Great Valley District Office, effective November 28, 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

Ashlyn Marabella, Swimming, Head Coach, F.

Alex Venarchik, Swimming, Assistant Coach, F.

David Brown, Football, Assistant Coach, (.5), NF.

Carol Burgess, Winter Track, Assistant Coach, (.25), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Brian McDonough, Winter Track, Assistant Coach, (.25), NF.



Personnel Approvals

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

Great Valley High School Coaching

Jared Zupito, Wrestling, Assistant Coach, (.25), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Appointments - continued

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

David Ruczhak, Assistant Marching Band Director: Winds Instructor/Pep Band, (.6), NF.

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

Juana Herman, (.7), 10/12/22, 10/26/22, 11/8/22, 11/16/22 – 10 hours total

Special Education Document Writing, (not to exceed 52 hours collectively)

- Brian Acker**
- Karen Darlak**
- Adria Geesey-Peters**
- Brenda Roy**
- Karen Scholz**
- Jennifer Schultz**
- Laurie Swope**
- Julie Wagner**
- Keith Wyner**

Mentors

- Donna Gronwaldt**, Charlestown Elementary School, mentor to Louisa Draper, Charlestown Elementary School.
- Tina Akers**, Charlestown Elementary School, mentor to Caitlin Carminito, Elementary Schools.
- Amanda McClennen**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Grace Bucha, General Wayne Elementary School.
- Jamie Himmelberger**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Grace Bucha, General Wayne Elementary School.

ELA Curriculum, up to 30 hours

- Emily DiOttavio**
- Audrey Gormley**
- Sara Gorr**
- Eve Henwood**
- Jamie Himmelberger**
- Jim Nolan**
- Meghan Primerano**

Professional Development Workshops, 6 hours each

- Emily DiOttavio**
- Audrey Gormley**
- Sarah Gorr**
- Eve Henwood**
- Jamie Himmelberger**
- Jim Nolan**
- Meghan Primerano**



Personnel Approvals

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Summer Services

Summer Learning Experiences Half day one-week Camps

Anne Dale, 1 week

Kelly DiSerafino, 1 week

Rebekah Groh, 2 weeks

Michelle Leininger, 2 weeks (one week AM and one week PM)

Casey Rurode, 2 weeks (one week AM and one week PM)

Full day one-week camps

Brooke Abrahams, 2 weeks

Lara Cini, 1 week

Kimberly Fulmer, 1 week

James Nolan, 3 weeks

Half day two-week camps

Meredith Rosa

Change Of Status/Assignment

Professional Staff

Paige Calfapietra, half-year long-term substitute to full-year long-term substitute, General Wayne Elementary School, (Trymbiski/Wilk), effective January 26, 2022.

Support Staff

Tina D'Antonio, part-time cafeteria aide, K. D. Markley Elementary School to substitute cafeteria aide, Great Valley School District, (voluntary demotion), effective November 18, 2022.

Charlene Hassing, full-time 12-month Staff Accountant to full-time 12-month Budget Analyst, Great Valley District Office, (new), effective date November 22, 2022

STAFF CONFERENCE REQUESTS

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Conference, Baltimore, MD, Wednesday, November 30 - Friday, December 2, 2022

Sarah Eldredge, mathematics teacher, GV High School

Erin Jochym, mathematics teacher, GV High School

Emily O'Connor, mathematics teacher, GV High School

Catherine Tang, mathematics teacher, GV High School (only attending on December 2)

Policy Approvals

The following policies were accepted by a vote of 7 to 0.

1st Reading Repeal:

- 001 Name and Classification
- 002 Authority and Powers
- 003 Functions
- 004 Membership
- 005 Organization
- 006 Meetings
- 007 Distribution
- 009 Review of School Board Policies
- 105.5 Classroom and Program Site Visitations & AG



Policy Approvals

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- 1st Reading repeal – continued
- 115 Career and Technical Education
- 116.1 English Language Development & AG
- 124 Alternative Instruction Courses
- 125 Adult Education
- 126 Class Size & AG
- 127 Assessment System
- 130 Homework

2nd Reading and Adoption of the following policies:

- 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
- 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
- 814 Copyright Material & AG
- 818 Contracted Services & AG

Ms. Jouin excused herself at 8:20 p.m. and left the meeting.

Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

Informational Items

Dr. Goffredo shared an update about the construction of the 5/6 Center and the new playground that is being installed at K.D. Markley Elementary School. Mr. Peterson reported the recommended major construction projects for the summer of 2023. The construction projects are: the High School Auditorium Renovations, the General Wayne Playground, Library Renovations, and the High School Loading Dock Renovations. A discussion transpired.

Public Comments

The following residents made public comments:

- W. Holmes – The Charlestown Republican Committee Flyer
- J. Pyc – Election Results from the November 8 elections; Snow Days for the upcoming year

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.