

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

December 5, 2022

Great Valley School District,
Office of the School Board Secretary



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During the December 5, 2022, Business Meeting

The December 5, 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.

Presentations

Student Representative to the Board

Suhani Mathur, alternate student representative to the board, reported on the activities at the High School. She shared that the Fall play, Puffs, was one of the most successful plays to date. The Spring musical will be Chicago Jr., and the Winter concert is scheduled for December 6 at 7 p.m. The Criminal Justice class took a trip to Eastern State Penitentiary, and the choir, orchestra, and band students will go to Walt Disney World from December 9 to 13. She also shared that the first two sessions of Lunch and Learn are scheduled. The first is on December 7, when a member of the FBI will be speaking, and on December 14, the Schrader Group will discuss the path to becoming an architect

Mr. Barratt reported that the board met in Executive Session to discuss building, land, and 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

Mr. Barratt asked **Dr. Rizzo** if there was a report. There was none; however, the next meeting is scheduled for January.

Legislative Report

Mr. Barratt asked **Ms. Litzke** if there was a report. There was none; however, the next meeting is scheduled for January.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Ms. Chasinoff stated that they have not met but shared that the equity review is ongoing, and the council will be sending out an email to district families with the hope of expanding its membership. The next meeting is scheduled for January.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Gallegos shared that the annual campaign is still running, and she highlighted the Good Neighbor Program. She shared that if anyone is interested in contributing, they can go to the Foundation's website.



Superintendent's Update

Mr. Barratt asked Dr. Goffredo if there was a report. There is no report, but he shared that in January, he will be sharing the progress that the district has made toward the annual goals.

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 November 21
Invoices

Financial Approvals

Act 1 Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution, limiting any increase to the 2023-2024 real estate millage to the Act 1 Index of 4.1%.
Requests to Establish Student Activity Clubs.
Renewal of the Foreign Trip Package Policy with AIG for the period of 1/1/2023 – 1/1/2024.
Renewal of the Doodle Polling License for the period of 10/28/2022 to 10/28/2023 at a cost of \$537.
Agreement with Abington Speech Pathology Services, Inc. for \$73 per hour – attached.
Educational Services Contracts with Woods Services, Inc. for student 220474 and LearnWell for students 230127 and 230114.
Special Education Settlement Agreement for students 230344 and 230306.
Facility Usage Agreement with Immaculata University for pool use for the GV Swim team from November 18, 2022, through February 19, 2023, at a total cost of \$14,937.50.
Subscription for Atomic Jolt from 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023, at a cost of \$2,142.

Personnel Approvals

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

Resignations

Professional Staff

Melissa Raymond, full-time professional employee Physical Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, effective January 23, 2023.

Support Staff

Kristin Joyce, part-time clerical aide, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective November 28, 2022.

Latasha Tucker, full-time cafeteria aide, Great Valley High School, effective December 22, 2022.

Extra Duty Responsibilities

Robert Montgomery, Softball, Head Coach, Great Valley High School, effective December 2, 2022.

Leaves of Absence

Support Staff

Rachel Dewey, full-time administrative assistant, Great Valley District Office, requests FMLA from approximately November 28, 2022 to December 12, 2022.

Diamond Donovan, full-time administrative assistant, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately April 24, 2023 to July 14, 2023.



Personnel Approvals

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Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

Juana Herman, (.7), 11/21/22, 11/22/22, 11/23/22 – 8 hours total

Mentors

Andrea Russell, General Wayne Elementary School, mentor to Molly McKinney, General Wayne Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School.

Great Valley Middle School Winter Accompanist

Susan Descano

Rehearsals – 12/5/22, 12/7/22, 12/9/22, 12/12/22, 12/13/22, 12/15/22

Concert – 12/15/22

Post Season Play

Girls' tennis, GVHS

Gerry McGrath, 5 days

Meridith Bebee, 5 days

Boys' Soccer, GVHS

Dave Moffett, 4 days,

Bernard McCauley, 4 days

Cross Country, GVHS

Paul Gring, 5 days,

Nicole Jones, 5 days

Football, GVHS

Jeff Martin, 11 days

Glen Hughes, 11 days

Brett Capobianco, 11 days

Tom Calvario, 11 days

David Brown, 11 days

Abdul Madyun, 11 days

Chuck Chiccino, 11 days

Field Hockey, GVHS

Brenda Haley, 20 days

Salary Advancements

Additional coursework and/or additional degree, retroactive to first workday of first semester.

Caroline Biondolillo, Sugartown Elementary School

Meredith Borys, General Wayne Elementary School

Nikki Caffey, General Wayne Elementary School

Mark Cellini, Great Valley Middle School

Kendall Coreno, Charlestown Elementary School

Anne Dale, Great Valley High School

Karen Darlak, Great Valley Middle School

Nicole Davis, K. D. Markley Elementary School



Personnel Approvals

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Salary Advancements – continued

- Amy Delaney**, Great Valley High School
- Andy Dippell**, Great Valley Middle School
- Lynne Dore**, Great Valley High School
- Mark Fischer**, Great Valley High School
- Ray Fulmer**, General Wayne Elementary School
- Taylor Geiser**, K. D. Markley Elementary School
- Corinne Gerber**, K. D. Markley Elementary School
- Jade Hayes**, K. D. Markley Elementary School
- Molly Heigh**, K. D. Markley Elementary School
- Dustin Kasper**, Great Valley High School
- Jamie Keefer**, K. D. Markley Elementary School
- Layne Kennedy**, General Wayne Elementary School
- Marisa Marchese**, Charlestown Elementary School
- Amanda McClennen**, Sugartown Elementary School
- Helena McKendrick**, Great Valley Middle School
- Angela Michaels**, Great Valley High School
- Lisa Miller**, Great Valley Middle School
- Angelina Oh**, Great Valley Middle School
- Jennifer O'Mara**, Great Valley High School
- Meghan Primerano**, Sugartown Elementary School
- Meghan Raymond**, General Wayne Elementary School
- Craig Riley**, Great Valley Middle School
- Eric Schmidt**, General Wayne Elementary School
- Carolyn Smyth**, Great Valley High School
- Jessica Stanhagen**, Great Valley High School
- Sean Steinmetz**, K. D. Markley Elementary School
- Catherine Tang**, Great Valley High School
- Travis Turgeon**, Great Valley High School
- Nguessan Yobouet**, Great Valley Middle School
- Brian Yohannan**, Sugartown Elementary School

Staff Conference Requests

Pennsylvania School Counselor Association 67th Annual Conference, Lancaster, PA, Thursday, December 8 – Friday, December 9, 2022.

Kathryn Uhrich, Guidance Counselor, Charlestown Elementary School

Coaching Institute on the Teaching of Writing, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY, Saturday, January 28 – Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

Allison Blickle, Intervention Teacher, Charlestown Elementary School

Audrey Gormley, Reading Specialist, Charlestown Elementary School

Sarah Gorr, Reading Specialist, K. D. Markley Elementary School

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

James Simpkins, Intervention Teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School



Personnel Approvals

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Food Service Net Share

Great Valley District Employees

- Catherine Bernardi**
- Melanie Capoferri**
- Kimberly Caven**
- Sandy Crooks**
- Maria Decker**
- Robert Ervin**
- Stephanie Gracia**
- Kathryn Liberato**
- Stephanie Pallas**
- Latasha Tucker**

SOS Contracted Employees

- Lisa Bernhardt**
- Bonnie Dean**
- Ariel Husted**
- Carolyn Kozero**
- Cory Lapinski**
- Sharon Moran-Sallam**
- Janiele Pemberton**
- Michelle Rapp**

Policy Approvals

The following policies were accepted by a vote of 8 to 0 for the 2nd Reading and Adoption:

- 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
- 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 & AG

Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

Dr. Goffredo gave an update on the 5/6 Center. He shared that the framing and the walls are to be erected. The walls are being removed from the original 1939 structure.

Mr. Dittmann made a motion, with a second by **Ms. Litzke**, to approve the fee Proposal #1 from Schrader Group to provide architecture, acoustical, and engineering design services for renovations to the high school auditorium, at a cost not-to-exceed \$136,983 to be funded by Capital Reserve. The motion was approved by a vote of 8 to 0.



Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

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Mrs. Armstrong arrived at 8:10 pm.

Dr. Mehta made a motion, with a second by **Ms. Litzke**, to approve the fee proposal from the Schrader Group to provide architecture and engineering design services for renovations to two district libraries at a cost not-to-exceed \$156,544 to be funded by Capital Reserve. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 aye (Armstrong, Barratt, Chasinoff, Gallegos, Litzke, Mehta, Rizzo) to 2 nay (Dittmann and Jouin).

Mrs. Armstrong made a motion, with a second by **Ms. Litzke**, to approve the Schrader Group fee proposal for design, bidding, and construction management for the replacement of the high school loading dock at a cost of \$15,010. The motion was approved by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mrs. Armstrong made a motion, with a second by **Ms. Gallegos**, to approve the fee proposal from T&M Associates to provide design, bidding, and construction management services for the replacement of the General Wayne playgrounds at a cost of \$70,900 plus reimbursable expenses estimated at \$2,500. The motion was approved by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mrs. Armstrong made a motion, with a second by **Dr. Mehta**, to approve the cooling tower replacement at K.D. Markley Elementary with Johnson Controls in the amount of \$158,898.00 under the terms and conditions of the Sourcwell Procurement Contract #030817-JHN. The motion was approved by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mrs. Armstrong made a motion, with a second by **Mrs. Jouin**, to approve the Energy Audit by the McClure Company of the Great Valley School District at no cost or obligation to the District. The motion was approved by a vote of 9 to 0.

Public Comments

The following residents made public comments:

J. Pyc – Diversity Equity and Equality; transportation for afterschool activities

Adjournment

The board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.