

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

January 17, 2023

Great Valley School District,
Office of the School Board Secretary



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During the January 17, 2023, Business Meeting

The January 17, 2023, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. Tricia Chasinoff, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo. **Joining via Zoom:** Jennifer Armstrong. **Absent:** Stephen Dittmann.

Presentations

Recognition

Scoutmaster Brian Leinhauser and Andrew Cooke spoke in recognition of the four seniors who received the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. They are Andrew James (AJ) Cooke, Thomas Defina, Shreeniket Bendre, and Shivika Vershney, of Troop 76.

Mr. Dittmann arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Various High School Best Buddies Club members spoke in recognition and appreciation of the Board of School Directors. They also presented each Board Member with a gift in honor of School Director Recognition Month in January.

Student Council Reports

Members of the student council from K. D. Markley Elementary and Great Valley Middle School thanked the Board of School Directors for their service for School Director Recognition Month. The students from both schools also reported on the events in each building. The Middle School Student Council also shared that they have received the Pennsylvania Association of Student Council Distinguished Keystone Student Council Award for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Student Representative to the Board

Suhani Mathur, alternate student representative to the board, expressed appreciation of the Board of School Directors for School Director Recognition Month. She then reported on the activities at the High School. She reported that there were 5 students that were PMEA District 6 Qualifiers and that there are three Winter Sports Senior Nights scheduled for this week. Additionally, Desmond Interviews for the Leadership Banquet happening this week as well.

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. She shared that the meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night.

Legislative Report

Mr. Barratt asked **Ms. Litzke** if there was a report. She shared that the meeting is scheduled for January 25.



Presentations

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Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Ms. Chasinoff shared that the equity review is ongoing and close to completion. The full report is scheduled to be shared with the School Board at the end of February or early March, and the goal is that the results will be available to the public in April. In addition, the CDI is reviewing the received applications, and the new members will be invited to the next meeting, scheduled for February 8.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Gallegos shared that the spring event, the Harlem Wizards, will take place on March 10 and reminded everyone of the Good Neighbor Program. The Foundation is currently looking for an executive director as well.

Superintendent's Update

Mr. Barratt asked **Dr. Goffredo** if there was a report. There is no report, but he shared that the administration plans to present the 7/8 Program in March. Dr. Goffredo also shared that he noticed the diversification of elementary classroom libraries. The administrative team is also reviewing the amount of money families are asked to pay for various school activities across the schools and training opportunities for multiple community members regarding diversity and equity across the district.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

The board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following Agenda Items.

Routine Approvals

- Minutes of December 5, 2022
- Invoices
- Treasurer's Report and Tax Collectors' Report

Financial Approvals

- Lobar Inc. Change Order #5 to pump out and remove the existing septic system during the demolition of the structure located at 348 Swedesford Road, at a cost of \$4,851.42, to be paid with bond funds.
- Fee proposal from SCHRADERGROUP Architecture LLC for professional services, on behalf of T&M, associates, for improvements of sections of the K. D. Markley bus loop sidewalk at a cost of \$9,300.00.
- Agreement with Rally for a Bus Status Software for a duration of three years at a cost of \$5,300, annually.
- Consulting services with Michael F. Detwiler Sr. School Consulting Services LLC, to provide routing consulting services at a cost of \$600 per day not-to-exceed ten days.
- Fluxspace Innovations, LLC to install PC and Document cameras to the Clear Touch Boards in the Kindergarten classrooms at a cost of \$22,772.70, under the terms and conditions of the PEPPM contract.
- Annual Renewal of the Barracuda Essentials package, at a cost of \$51,885.12.
- Kajeet semi-annual renewal request for 144 hot spots for 6 months on a custom 2GB Data plan, at a cost of \$14,789.74.
- Annual renewal of the Skyward Digicert SSL Certificates, at a cost of \$480.50
- Annual renewal of Kiwi Syslog software at a cost of \$241.00 from February 15, 2023, to February 15, 2024.
- Five-year contract with FinalSite to host www.gvsd.org from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2028, at a cost of \$17,000.
- Extension of the contract with Trapani Communications to provide communication services as needed during the 2022-23 fiscal year at \$140 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000.
- Extension of the contract with Cadorette Communications through September 1, 2023, with the total contract price not exceeding the original limit of \$22,300.



Consent Agenda Items

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Contract with MG Tactical Advantage, LLC for Risk and Vulnerability Assessment of the District facilities from February 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023 at a total cost of \$35, 955.

Contract with Text Breakers for Leadership Team Workshop on January 20, 2023 at a cost of \$750.

Agreement with The Desmond for the Leadership Team Workshop on January 20 and 21, 2023, not to exceed \$6,500.

Corporate gift from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. in the amount of \$100.00 to Charlestown Elementary School

Contract renewal invoice for Global Compliance Network, Inc. (GCN) for \$900 for the period of 2/1/2023 - 1/31/2024.

Instructure Canvas Studio quote for the period of 12/20/22 through 6/30/23 at a cost of \$3,100 – attached.

Contract with Mark C. Perna, TFS Results for a Webinar Speaker Series for Teachers and Parents on February 7, 2023, at a cost of \$4,500 to be paid from Title IV funds.

Contract with Kevin Flanigan for six half-day professional development sessions (4 sessions focused on Intervention for Middle Grade Readers with Reading Challenges and 2 sessions focused on Upper-Level Word Study/ Vocabulary). Cost of \$3,000. Paid from Title II funds.

Financial Approvals

The board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following Financial Items

The June 30, 2022, Audited Financial Report and fund balance designations according to board policy #620.

Agreement with Conrad Siegel Actuaries to provide Affordable Care Act (ACA) IRS 1094/1095 reporting, including printing, postage, and mailing of 1095 forms to participants and electronic filing of returns with the IRS, at a cost of \$7,100

Personnel Approvals

The following Personnel items were approved by a vote of 9 to 0.

Resignations

Professional Staff

Anne Wirt, one-year grant funded differentiated Literacy and Math Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, effective January 24, 2022.

Meredith Rosa, French teacher, Great Valley High School, effective when a replacement is found.

Support Staff

Kay Rineer, Clerical Aide, Superintendent’s Office, Great Valley District Office, for the purpose of retirement, effective February 10, 2023.

Craig Erikson, part-time Food Service Driver, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective December 22, 2022.

W. Herbert Stauffer, full-time Custodian, Charlestown Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 5, 2023.

Pat Scott, Facilities Coordinator, Great Valley School District, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2023.

Leaves of Absence

Professional Staff

Sara Gancarz, Grade 3 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately May 1, 2023 to the end of the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

Susan Bullard, full-time professional employee School Nurse, requests FMLA from approximately December 13, 2022 to March 10, 2023.

Matthew Wise, Social Studies teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately January 3, 2023 to February 1, 2023.



Personnel Approvals

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Support Staff

Kevin Valentino, part-time custodian, Charlestown Elementary School, requests leave without pay from approximately January 11, 2023 through eight weeks.

Theresa Vastardis, clerical aide, Guidance, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately January 9, 2023 to March 31, 2023.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Jona Lieberman, full-time temporary professional employee Spanish teacher (.6), Great Valley Middle School, (new) and Gifted teacher (.4), Great Valley High School, (new), effective December 12, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Support Staff

Yvonne Wolters, part-time Health Room Nurse, Great Valley Middle School, (Warren), effective January 3, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.) c

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

High School Coaching

Tom Esterly, Wrestling, Assistant Coach, (.5), F.

Jon Knowles, Lacrosse, Head Boys’ Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Middle School Non-Coaching

Bridget Fedor, Webmaster, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Danielle Bevan, Student Musical, Director, F.

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

Juana Herman, (.7) – 12/9/22, 12/22/22, 1/4/23, 1/13/23 (9 hours total)

Mentors

Matthew Schultz, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Daniel Alper, Great Valley Middle School, 2nd semester stipend.

Renee Kilpatrick, Great Valley High School, mentor to Carly DeMarcantonio, Great Valley High School, 2nd semester stipend.

PLTW Training (Introduction to Engineering Course, 11 days, January – March 2023)

Jessica Protesto

Great Valley High School/Middle School Athletic Workers, 2022-2023

Daniel Alper

Mike Bagnarelli

Meredith Bebee

Joann Bedell

Mike Birenbaum

Carole Chappelle

Chuck Chiccino

Larry Cinciripino

Lara Cini

Meghan Daney



Personnel Approvals

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Great Valley High School/Middle School Athletic Workers, 2022-2023 – continued

- James DiFerdinand
- Ann DiMedio
- Diamand Donovan
- Matt Ellis
- Emily Gillard
- Paul Girone
- Paul Gring
- Jim Hanlon
- Dean Inforzato
- Jacqueline Inforzato
- Nicole Inforzato
- Bob Johnson
- Nicole Jones
- Sherri Kratzer
- Robert Lavelle
- Laura Mack
- Jeff Martin
- Bernard McCauley
- Laura McDonald
- Gerry McGrath
- Chris McKenna
- Bill McNamara
- Bev Meade
- Dave Moffett
- Mary Morelli
- Jeff Moyer
- Lisa Nackers
- Marg Orlowski
- Gary Phillips
- C J Savage
- Matt Schultz
- Jim Sellman
- Nicole Sellman
- Kim Schusko
- Mike Trahey
- Travis Turgeon
- Alex Venarchik
- Deb Woodcock
- Neil Young

Change of Status/Assignment

Jennifer Fuentes, first semester long-term substitute teacher to one-year grant funded Intervention Specialist temporary professional employee, (building placement to be determined), (new), effective January 24, 2023.

Carly DeMarcantonio, first semester long-term substitute teacher to one-year grant funded Executive Functioning and Mentoring Support teacher, Great Valley High School, (new), effective January 24, 2023.

Daniel Alper, first semester long-term substitute teacher to full year long-term substitute physical education/health teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Raymond, M.), effective January 25, 2023.

Salary Advancements

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

Rachel Macey, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Bachelor’s to Bachelor’s plus 15



Personnel Approvals

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Tenure Contracts

The following temporary professional employees have been rated as successful during the three years of employment as temporary professional employees. They are eligible for professional employee status as of January 17, 2023. This change of status is to be recorded in the official minutes and requires no official action.

Robert Lavelle, Great Valley High School

Staff Conference Requests

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

Marshall Hoffritz, Principal, K. D. Markley Elementary School

Kevin Bray, Assistant Principal, K. D. Markley Elementary School/General Wayne Elementary School

PA Association of School Personnel Administrators (PASPA) Annual Conference, Lancaster, PA, Wednesday, February 22 – Friday, February 24, 2023.

Joanna Wexler, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services

Learning and the Brain: Teaching Behaved Brains, San Francisco, CA, Thursday, February 16 – Saturday, February 18, 2023.

Tricia Beck, Director of Teaching and Learning.

Policy Approvals

The following policies were accepted by a vote of 9 to 0 for the 1st Reading:

- 108 Adoption of Textbooks & AG
- 118 Independent Study and Work Study Program & AG
- 119 Current Events
- 123.3 Concussion Management
- 131 Religion in the Schools
- 140 Charter Schools & AG
- 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
- 205 Postgraduate Students
- 208 Withdrawal from School & AG
- 211 Student Accident Insurance
- 212 Assessment and Reporting of Student Progress & AG

Program Approvals

Ms. Blake gave an updated timeline on the progress of the website redesign. The estimated launch of the new website will be in August 2023, despite significant delays with the hosting company.

The board voted 9 to 0 to approve the 2024-2024 School Calendar

Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

Dr. Goffredo gave an update on the 5/6 Center. He shared that the project is still on schedule and the administration receives regular detailed updates. **Mr. Peterson** shared how the monies have been spent on the project. **Dr. Goffredo** shared pictures of the updates that are currently happening at the construction site.



Public Comments

The following residents made public comments:

K. Kingan – Thanking the School Board; read an article from the Philadelphia Inquirer regarding tolerance

Public Comments – Other Items

Mrs. Jouin asked about the status update on finding the Middle School Spring Play Director, and **Dr. Souders** shared that someone has been found, and there will be a Spring Play this year.

Adjournment

The board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.