

School Board Work Session Highlights

February 14, 2022

Great Valley School District
Office of the School Board Secretary



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During the February 14, 2022, Work Session

The February 14, 2022, work session was called to order by Vice President Rachel Gallegos. **Board members present:** Jennifer Armstrong, Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Rachel Gallegos, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo. **Joining by Zoom:** David Barratt, Wendy Litzke **Absent:** Samantha Jouin

Student Representative to the Board

Meher Sachar spoke about boys' and girls' basketball, course selection, tutoring being conducted by the NHS Scholarship Committee, and first round college signing day.

Program

Discussion

Mrs. Beck spoke about Summer Learning Enrichment camps. She said that parents pay tuition for the summer these camps which covers the teacher salary and material and supply costs. She added that scholarships are available. She reported that there are also reinforced camps that are federally funded. The reinforced programs are still in the planning stage but will be advertised and open at the same time as the enrichment camps. There was a brief discussion concerning transportation for the programs.

Dr. Goffredo addressed a revision to the 2022-2023 school calendar. He stated that one extra day was calculated in November which initially counted as a student and teacher workday. That workday was corrected and will be added to June.

Dr. Capetola spoke about the draft of the GVHS Program of Studies. She highlighted some specific program changes that were made.

Dr. Goffredo reported that revisions were made to the Health and Safety Plan. He stated that more information will be provided during his Monthly Update later on in the meeting.

Information

Monthly Enrollment Report – January 31, 2022



Policy

Discussion

Mrs. Gallegos provided an overview of discussions that took place at the January 11, 2022 Policy Committee meeting. Policies discussed are listed below for 1st Reading.

The following policies are being recommended for 1st Reading:

- 707 School Facilities Use, AG, Appendix D
- 832 Educational Equity

The following policies are being recommended for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

- 701 Facilities Planning
- 702 Gifts and Donations
- 703 Sanitary Management
- 704 Maintenance, AG
- 706 Property Records
- 706.1 Disposal of District-Owned Property

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Goffredo began his presentation with an update on pandemic conditions and metrics. He then spoke about some changes that are being recommended to the Health and Safety Plan. Dr. Goffredo stated that social distancing arrangements are being maintained in class rooms and dining areas. He added that Federal requirements for student masking on buses will still apply. There was a lengthy discussion on the issue of making considerations. Dr. Goffredo then addressed next steps which include the continuation of monitoring incidence and positivity rates, continued consultation with the CCHD and CHOP, and continued communication regarding masking changes or other mitigating circumstances. He stated that expectations for behavior relating to individuals' masking choices need to be set so that the choices are respected.

Facilities

Discussion

Mrs. Armstrong gave a report about the February 10, 2022 Facilities Committee meeting. She stated that David Schrader provided an update to the Grade 5/6 Center. Other discussion items included relocation of the District Office, handicap accessible playgrounds, and improvements to the high school auditorium.

Mr. Schrader spoke about the purchase of a 7 acre tract of land adjacent to K.D. Markley Elementary School. He reported that an Application for Conditional Use Approval was submitted to East Whiteland Township on February 9 to identify potential uses of the property. A meeting with the East Whiteland Planning Committee is scheduled for February 16 for an overall goals discussion. There will then be a meeting on March 9 with the Board of Supervisors for a decision on whether the conditional uses are acceptable.

Mr. Scradar also spoke about the proposed Professional Services Agreement with Traffic Planning and Design. The scope of services will include Initial Evaluation, Highway Plans, Drainage Design, Pavement Design, Signing and Pavement Marking Plan, Maintenance and Protection of Traffic Narrative, Utility Coordination, Traffic Signal Design, Opinion of Probable Construction Cost, Curb Ramp Design, HOP Application Submissions, and Transportation Impact Study Revisions and Meetings. The company conducts a massive interface with PennDot and the township on the roadway work.

Facilities

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Mr. Peterson stated the following other Facilities items will be listed for approval at the February 22 business meeting:

- Environmental Controls Susters Proposal
- Bus Garage HVAC
- Copy Center HVAC
- Copy Center Electrical
- Charlestown Elementary School HVAC
- Johnson Controls Service Agreement

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Facilities Use Report – February 2022

Transportation

Discussion

Mr. Peterson stated that there is a list of Krapf and Norcross drivers that is listed for approval.

Finance

Mr. Peterson introduced Allie Macchi of Raymond James Public Finance. Ms. Macchi gave a presentation on the pending Bond Issue. In light of the current indications of increasing interest rates, a recommendation was presented to move forward with borrowing now when interest rates are known. Mr. Peterson stated that the board will be asked at the business meeting to approve a specific amount of money. More information will be provided prior to the vote.

Mr. Peterson stated that the following other finance items will be listed for approval on the business meeting agenda:

- DMG Proposal for 7th/8th Grade Schedule
- CCIU Fuel Bid
- Educational Services Contracts with LearnWell, The Meadows, and KidsPeace
- Educational Services Contract Contract with Comprehensive Learning Center and HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy
- Raptor Visitor Management Renewal
- ePlus Barracuda Renewal
- Dell Firewall Renewal
- iPad Device Recycling
- Partnership between Special Olympics Pennsylvania and Great Valley High School
- SOS Contract Amendment

Draft Agenda

Mrs. Gallegos stated that the draft agenda of the February 22, 2022 business meeting is available to the board for review.



Public Comments

Public comments related to student masking were submitted by the following residents:

C. Sexton, S. Lawrence, H. Schmid, W. Hunt, S. Mazzone, M. Helmle, C. Arena, B. Kaniuk

Executive Session

Mrs. Gallegos announced that the board met in Executive Session before the meeting to discuss legal issues.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.