

School Board Work Session Highlights

May 9, 2022



Great Valley School District

Office of the School Board Secretary

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During the May 9, 2022, Work Session

The May 9, 2022, work session was called to order by President David Barratt. Board members **present:** Jennifer Armstrong, Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo.

Recognition

Mr. McCloskey introduced **Joseph Richter (10)** who earned first place in the “Fast Pitch” competition and won the grand prize, best “Business Idea Pitch,” with his app Split. The app solves the lack of communication that divorced parents have and the effect it has on children.

Jessica Stanhagen and Anne Dale recognized five Great Valley students who received awards at the Annual Chester County Art Association High School Show:

- Kayla Dembrak (12)** - 1st place for painting
- Elena Reyes Plazola (12)** - 1st place for photography
- Will Turner (10)** - 1st place for mixed media
- Victoria Robinson (11)** - 1st place for sculpture
- Ava Donato (12)** - 3rd place for mixed media

Dr. Hoffritz spoke in recognition of K.D. Markley Elementary School teacher, **Sam Ellis**, who earned the Southeast District (SED) Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award. The Physical Education Teacher of the Year award honors physical education teachers who are deemed to be outstanding with regard to their knowledge, application of pedagogy, and contributions to the profession.

Kyle Hess, GVHS Social Studies teacher, was named the Great Valley finalist for the Citadel Heart of Learning Award and was recognized by Dr. Goffredo.

Student Representative to the Board

Meher Sachar reported on the following activities:

- Election of Student body officers for 2022-2023 and upcoming elections for class officers
- Junior and Senior proms to be held this weekend at the Franklin Commons, followed by an after prom at the High School.
- Athletic competition in the Penn Relays

Program

Information

Monthly enrollment report – April 29, 2022

Policy

Mrs. Jouin gave a report about discussions from the May 3 Policy Committee meeting.

The following policies are being recommended for 1st Reading:

- 236.1 Threat Assessment, AG
- 800 Records Management, AG, AG1, AG2, Attachment A
- 806 Child Abuse, AG
- 810 Transportation, AG
- 810.1 School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers
- 810.3 School Vehicle Drivers
- 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response, AG
- 824 Maintaining Appropriate Boundaries with Students, AG
- 828 Reporting of Waster and Wrongdoing in District Operations, AG

The following policies are being recommended for 1st Repeal Reading

- 810.1a Drug/Alcohol Testing - Covered Drivers
- 810.3 OLD VERSION Eligibility to Operate District-Owned Motor Vehicle

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

- 251 Homeless Students, AG
- 808 Food Services, AG
- 808.1 Free/Reduced-Price Meals, AG
- 817 Energy Management, AG
- 822 Automated External Defibrillator (AED) / CPR
- 827 Conflict of Interest
- 830 Breach of Computerized Personal Information
- 831 Bus Routes, Stops and Schedule, AG
- 833 District-Wide Safety Program, AG

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Goffredo spoke about two administrative positions that are being recommended for approval. One is a new position of assistant principal for the high school due to increasing enrollments. Second is a replacement for Student Services Coordinator due to the retirement of Ms. Trimble. He stated that these are both permanent positions and not funded by ESSER funds.

Transportation

Mr. Barratt stated that there is a new Krapf driver listed for approval.

Finance

Mrs. Litzke provided a report from the Finance Committee of the Whole meeting that was held on May 2. She stated that Dr. Goffredo, Mr. Peterson, and Mrs. McGibboney provided a review of the 2022-2023 Preliminary General Fund budget and the Capital budget. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2022.

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

- Election of School Board Treasurer
- STS Contract Addendum
- Depositories
- Reappointment of Solicitors, Wisler Pearlstine, LLC
- PSBA Membership Renewal
- Postage Meter Renewal
- Help Systems Renewal
- CCIU Marketplace Agreement
- Student Athletic Insurance for 2022-2023
- Educational Interpreter Services
- Before and After School Child Care Contract
- Educational Services Contracts with LearnWell
- Educational Service Contracts with Valley Forge Educational Services and Comprehensive Learning Center

Draft Agenda

Mr. Barratt stated that the draft agenda of the May 16, 2022 business meeting is available to the board for review.

Public Comments

The following residents presented public comments:

- J. Pyc – Cash for student Lunches
- K. Kenion – Conduct at school board meetings
- B. Holmes – Enforcement of school board policies on board meeting conduct

Executive Session

Mr. Barratt announced that the board met in Executive Session before the meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.