

School Board Work Session Highlights

June 6, 2022

Great Valley School District

Office of the School Board Secretary



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During the June 6, 2022, Work Session

The June 6, 2022 work session was called to order by President David Barratt. Board members **present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo. Jennifer Armstrong joined via Zoom. **Absent:** Stephen Dittmann, Wendy Litzke

Recognition

Sarah O'Neill spoke in recognition of fourteen elementary Great Valley Students who earned awards at the Chester County Science Research Competition (Dr. Jonas Salk Science Fair).

2022 Chester County Science Research Competition					
The Dr. Jonas Salk Fair					
SCHOOL	GRADE	NAME	PLACE	AWARD CATEGORY	SPECIAL AWARDS
KDM	5	Suhani Kothana	2nd	Environmental Science	
KDM	4	Anurag Ghatti	3rd	Engineering	
KDM	5	Aarush Ranjan	2nd	Engineering	
KDM	4	Rishabh Anandh	1st	Earth & Space Science	
KDM	5	Aaryan Dwivedi	3rd	Chemistry	
ST	5	Riya Shetty	1st	Environmental Science	2nd Place in Best of Fair
ST	4	Jack Simmington	2nd	Team Projects	
ST	4	Shashwath Aravindan	2nd	Team Projects	
ST	5	Bennett Riddle	2nd	Physics	
ST	4	Emma Hui	2nd	Consumer Science	
CT	4	Austin Wimmer	1st	Computer Science	Innovation in Computer Science
CT	5	Dean Johnson	2nd	Medicine & Health	
CT	4	Norah Johnson	2nd	Chemistry	
CT	5	Emma Tidwell	2nd	Botany	

Tom Kester stated that The GVSD Education Foundation in partnership with the GVSD art teachers created the SOAR Program (Students' Opportunity for Artist Recognition) to shine a light on the talents of the District's art students and encourage and award students' innovative ideas through art that integrates with the educational experience. He introduced Paige O'Keefe and Jessica Stanhagen who recognized the following students were chosen for their artwork in the 2021-2022 SOAR Program with the theme of "What I Wish for the World."

Lyza Valitskas, Grade 5, General Wayne Elementary School
Riya Shetty, Grade 5, Sugartown Elementary School
Daisy Li, Grade 5, KD Markley Elementary School
Stacey Jiang, Grade 5, Charlestown Elementary School

Aridai Mendoza Rojas, Grade 8, Great Valley Middle School
Esme Luong McFee, Grade 8, Great Valley Middle School

Marley McDonough, Grade 12, Great Valley High School
Jazmin Ramirez, Grade 12, Great Valley High School
Reuben Thota, Grade 12, Great Valley High School (Honorable Mention)



Recognition

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Students in grades K-12 participated in a Black History Month Poster contest sponsored by Neighbors in Black and White Inc. Three students from each level (elementary, middle, high) were named first through third place winners, and were recognized by Shannon Mahoney Garrett.

- Sugartown Elementary School student **Jane K. Barrows (4th)**
- General Wayne Elementary School student **Lyza Valitskas (5th)**
- K.D. Markley Elementary School student **Jay McFadden (1st)**

- Middle School student **Faridah Ismaila (6th)**
- Middle School student **Atharva Singh (7th)**
- Middle School student **Guler Camyar (6th)**

- High School student **Jamira Glynn (12th)**
- High School student **Jinx R. Davis (10th)**
- High School student **Evan Wagenmann (9th)**

Robin Tridico introduced Great Valley Middle School student **Jingxuan Wang (8)** who competed virtually in the Chester County MATHCOUNTS competition and placed 2nd out of the 125 students. As a result, she qualified to compete in the state MATHCOUNTS competition in Harrisburg on March 19, where she finished 15th overall and as the 2nd ranked female in the state.

Dr. Souders and Dr. Capetola spoke in recognition of seven secondary Great Valley School District Students who earned awards at the Chester County Science Research Competition (Dr. Lucy Balian Rorke-Adams Science Fair).

2022 Chester County Science Research Competition					
The Dr. Lucy Balian Rorke- Adams Fair					
SCHOOL	GRADE	NAME	PLACE	AWARD CATEGORY	SPECIAL AWARDS
HS	9	Danica Bergen	3rd	Team Projects	
HS	9	Nishtha Gupta	3rd	Team Projects	
MS	6	Ksenya Wong	2nd	Chemistry	Substantial Interactions in Chemistry
MS	7	Vivaan Tolani	3rd	Team Projects	
MS	7	Gautham Chandar	3rd	Team Projects	
MS	6	Anya Jani	2nd	Medicine & Health	
MS	7	Atharva Singh	3rd	Engineering	

Dr. Souders and Dr. Capetola also spoke about the following Great Valley School District students who placed in the Delaware Valley Science Fair.

- Middle School student **Ksenya Wong (6)** earned Second Place in Chemistry.
- Middle School student **Anya Jani (6)** and High School student **Nishtha Gupta (9)** earned Third Place in the Teams category.



Recognition

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Great Valley High School students auditioned this past fall with students from Chester, Delaware, and Philadelphia counties for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 12 Chorus Ensembles. Eighteen Great Valley High School students were selected for PMEA District 12 Ensemble. eight students advanced on to the PMEA Regional Ensemble and three students advanced to All-State Ensemble.

PMEA Great Valley High School Student's				
GRADE	STUDENT'S NAME	AWARD	AWARD	AWARD
12	Sean Lock	PMEA District Chorus	PMEA Regional Chorus	All-State
12	Mollie Goldman	PMEA District Chorus	PMEA Regional Chorus	All-State
12	Cameron DeTulio	PMEA District Chorus	PMEA Regional Chorus	All-State
12	Zoe Chasinoff	PMEA District Chorus	PMEA Regional Chorus	
11	Sophia Nikas	PMEA District Chorus	PMEA Regional Chorus	
12	Mikaela Tiaraputri	PMEA District Chorus	PMEA Regional Chorus	
12	Aislinn Warlick	PMEA District Chorus	PMEA Regional Chorus	
12	Matthew Paozell	PMEA District Chorus	PMEA Regional Chorus	
11	Damilola Babalola	PMEA District Chorus	PMEA Regional Chorus	
11	Krishna Doraisamy	PMEA District Chorus		
10	Nikhil Gokhale	PMEA District Chorus		
11	Sadie Jackson	PMEA District Chorus		
12	Alex Jacob	PMEA District Chorus		
12	Diya Kumar	PMEA District Chorus		
10	Peter Largent	PMEA District Chorus		
12	Joshua Milani	PMEA District Chorus		
12	Matthew Paoella	PMEA District Chorus		
11	David Ruccius	PMEA District Chorus		

Mr. Barratt spoke in recognition and thanks to the GV High School juniors who served as student representative and alternate representative during the 2021-2022 School Year:

Meher Sachar, Student Representative to the Board

Varunavi Raghuraman, Alternate Student Representative to the Board

Student Representative to the Board

Mehar reported that seniors finish classes on June 7. Graduation will be held on Friday, June 10. Students wore orange on Friday, June 3rd to show support for those affected by Uvalde, Texas or anyone who has been affected by gun violence. She stated that the 60th yearbook has arrived. Lastly, Mehar reported that Best Buddies field day was on Friday June 3rd.

Student representatives for the 2022-2023 school year were introduced. They are:

Ryan Brady - Student Rep (Senior next year)

Suhani Mathur - Alternate Student Rep (Senior next year)

Student Council Reports

Charlestown Elementary School Student Council officers reported on the Battle of the Coins event, field day, 5th Grade activities, Fun Days, Spring Fair, and the last day of school activities.

Sugartown Elementary School Student Council officers spoke about activities that included the following: Door Decorating, Spirit Week, Technology Club, posters for PSSA, Field Day, and the school musical “The Emperor’s New Clothes”.

Program

Discussion

Mrs. Dinsmore gave a presentation on the Special Education Plan which is required by the state. She stated that the District will continue implementation of the Special Education Satisfaction Parent survey via Qualtrics at each annual Individualized Education (IEP) meeting. She also stated that due to the response rate for the 2021-2022 academic year, the District will be issuing the survey to all families of children who receive special education services to close the school year.

Dr. Goffredo spoke about the Emergency Instructional Time Plan. The Plan basically states that in the event that a global pandemic be issued, virtual instruction would count toward our 180 day Commonwealth requirement.

Information

Monthly enrollment report – May 27, 2022

Policy

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

- 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 Waste and Wrongdoing in District Operations, AG

The following policies are recommended for repeal.

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

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Goffredo gave a safety update, stating that there are a variety of plans in place. He stated that drills are practiced routinely. He reported that a safety audit is underway.

Dr. Wexler spoke about the Equity Policy Review process. She reported about the partnership with DVCEE (Delaware Valley Consortium for Equity and Excellence) which provides consultation and training. Dr. Wexler spoke about the formation of an internal stakeholder team to review GVSD data (e.g., Youth Truth climate data, academic achievement data, discipline data, course representation) and to formulate 3 to 5 key research questions.

Dr. Goffredo provided information regarding the need for autistic support staffing, due to increased enrollments. He also stated that there is a need in World Language classes for additional staff due to enrollments and language choices students are making. Enrollments continue to be monitored.

Facilities

Mr. Peterson reviewed the facilities items that will be on the June 13 agenda for approval.

3B Services, Inc. Contract
Change Order Authorization for the 5/6 Center project
Schrader proposal for District Office design
David Maines Roofing Contract
Playground Equipment Contract
Costruction Testing Services

Information

Facilities Use Report – June 2022

Transportation

Mr. Peterson spoke about the private parent transportation contract.

Food Service

Food Service items that will be listed for approval are extension of the Food Service Staffing Agreement with SOS (School Operations Services Group, Inc.) through June 30, 2023, and the 2022-2023 student breakfast and lunch prices.

Finance

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

Forecast5
Lab License Renewal
Qualtrics Renewal
Frontline License Renewal
Adobe License Renewal
VSPHERE License Renewal
Horizon Software Renewal
Dell Technology Workspace One Cloud Service and License Renewal
Swank License Renewal
Technology Hardware, Software, and License Renewals
Microsoft EES License
PaySchools Service Renewal
Northwest Evaluation Association Renewal
Educational Service Contracts
Kelly Education Contract
Contract with Montgomery County Intermediate Unit
Lifetouch Agreement
Insurance Policy Renewals
Contract for Speech and Language Services
Agreement for Equity Review
Stop-Loss Insurance



Draft Agenda

Mr. Barratt stated that the draft agenda of the June 13, 2022 business meeting is available to the board for review.

Public Comments

The following residents presented public comments:

S. Lawrence – Special Education Plan

H. Schmid – Mental Health and Safety

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 10:30 p.m.