

# School Board Business Meeting Highlights

December 6, 2021

*Great Valley School District  
Office of the School Board Secretary*



## **During the December 6, 2021, Business Meeting**

The December 6, 2021, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. Board members **present** were Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo. Board members **absent** included Jennifer Armstrong.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

## **Student Representative to the Board**

**Meher Sachar** prepared a report for the board. Mr. Barratt shared it on her behalf. The student council holiday spirit week and a door decorating contest are planned for the week of December 20, Great Valley High School Chapter of National Honors Society inducted their newest members on December 2, winter sports including wrestling, winter track, and boys' and girls' basketball have begun practices for the season, and GV Caring Hands is holding a fundraiser to collect cleaning supplies for underprivileged women and children.

**Mr. Dittmann** and **Ms. Gallegos** both shared praises of the Great Valley High School production of *The Tempest*.

## **Presentations**

### **Executive Session**

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

### **Secretary's Correspondence**

Mr. Barratt asked Mr. Peterson if there was any Secretary's Correspondence. **Mr. Peterson** shared that the PSBA Daily Edition email sent to board members on December 3 included an events calendar. There is a list of webinars and in-person sessions available for members throughout December and January.

### **Chester County Intermediate Unit Board Report**

**Mr. Dittmann** reported that he had the pleasure of attending a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the horticultural center on November 19.

### **Legislative Report**

**Ms. Litzke** shared that the last meeting was held on November 29, 2021. Topics discussed were school masking orders with the PA Supreme Court, a legislative update tracking all of the bills going through the house and senate, and dates that the house and senate will be in session in both January and February. The next meeting is on December 22, 2021.



**Presentations**

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**Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report**

Mrs. Jouin shared that the Council for Diversity and Inclusion has not met since the last report. The next meeting will be held in January. Mrs. Jouin expressed that she will miss serving on this committee and that she is looking forward to hearing Ms. Chasinoff’s reports.

**The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report**

There was no report this month.

**Instructional Technology and Curriculum Report**

There was no report this month.

**Superintendents Report**

Dr. Goffredo began his report by congratulating new and re-elected members of the board. He provided an update on COVID-19, stating that there is a significant increase in cases in Chester County. Then, he addressed masking and confirmed that masking remains in effect until further notice and stated that the test to stay program is being evaluated.

Next, Dr. Goffredo updated the board on the 5/6 Center. He shared some upcoming dates, including discussions scheduled with neighbors and K.D. Markley families, and the Act 34 Hearing which is scheduled for February 23. He also shared staffing recommendations for the 2022-2023 school year. The recommendations are the hiring of an Elementary Assistant Principal to support K.D. Markley and General Wayne, and a Dean of Students and/or a Teacher on Assignment to support Middle School Administration for one year.

In addition, he reviewed recommendations for temporary support positions for the current school year. Those positions include two secondary Mental Health Specialists, two Executive Functioning Specialists at the high school, and two long-term substitutes for literacy and math per elementary school. These proposed positions would be paid for with ESSER funds.

Mr. Peterson reported on Enrollment Projections. He provided a comparison of district projections, Forecast5 projections, and both moderate and conservative Decision Insite projections. He provided a detailed breakdown by building, highlighting the increase in enrollment expected over the next few years, showing the importance of the 5/6 Center.

**Public Presentations on Agenda Items**

The following residents made public comment on agenda items.

- J. Pyne – Thank you to Board Members and District, DEI Work
- A. McLellan – Masking, COVID-19

**Consent Agenda**

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

**Routine Approvals**

- Minutes of November 15, 2021
- Invoices



### Financial Approvals

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

- REAP Technology Services renewal for one year in the amount of \$1,099
- Donation to the GVHS Digital Media Club in the amount of \$500
- Requests to Establish Student Activity Clubs
- Agreement with Carrie Kingsbury, Promiseland Murals, LLC, for a mural at Sugartown Elementary School in the amount of \$5,000

### Personnel Approvals

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

#### Leaves

##### Professional Staff

**Krista Jorgenson**, FACS teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately December 6, 2021 to January 21, 2022.

#### Appointments

##### Support Staff

**Kathrine Jacobs**, part-time floater school nurse, Great Valley School District, (new), effective December 6, 2021, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

##### Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2021-2022 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)

- Bevin Sullivan**, Swimming, Assistant Coach, Great Valley High School, NF.
- Paul Egleston**, Wrestling, Assistant Coach, Great Valley Middle School, F.
- Joe DelViscio**, Wrestling Head Coach, Great Valley Middle School, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

#### Salary Adjustments

##### Part-time Staff for Full Day In-Service

- Brittany Wolfe**, (.55), Total 6.75 hours – 11/1/21, 11/2/21, 11/15/21
- Juana Herman**, (.7), Total 3.5 hours – 11/11/21, 11/17/21
- Alice McBrearty**, (.8), Total 2 hours – 11/11/21, 11/18/21, 11/19/21
- Anne Dale**, (.4), Total 9 hours – 11/1/21, 11/2/21

##### Mentors, 2021-2022 School Year

- Theresa Famous**, mentor to Amy Conrad (shared with Meridith Bebee)
- Meridith Bebee**, mentor to Amy Conrad (shared with Theresa Famous)

##### Post Season Play (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)

- Field Hockey, Girls', GVHS
- Brenda Haley**, 15 days, NF.
- Sarah Wagner**, 15 days, NF.

- Tennis, Girls', GVHS
- Gerry McGrath**, 3 days, F.
- Meridith Bebee**, 3 days, F.



**Presentations**

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**Salary Adjustments** - continued

Post Season Play (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty) - continued

Cross Country, GVHS

**Paul Gring**, 6 days, NF.

**Nicole Jones**, 6 days, F.

Golf, GVHS

**Owen Brown**, 3 days, F.

**Paul Girone**, 3 days, NF.

**Facilities/Transportation Approvals**

The following facilities and transportation items were approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

Two new route drivers with Krapf

Proposal with Chester Valley Engineers to provide survey services at a cost of \$13,400

**Other Board Comments**

**Mr. Barratt** made a statement regarding a legal proceeding read aloud by a community member at the last board meeting. Dr. Goffredo was one of several parties, including another public school district where he previously worked. The Board carefully reviewed this matter with Dr. Goffredo and their solicitor. The case was officially closed in 2014 with no adverse outcome for Dr. Goffredo. Given this, Dr. Goffredo’s professional and educational integrity is not in question. Dr. Goffredo has worked in the District for more than a decade, and the Board has every confidence in his ability to lead the District.

**Public Comments – Other Items**

The following residents made public comment.

J. Moore – Literature

A. McLellan – Literature

K. Puia – Literature

R. Garrett – Disappointment in public comment, staffing and diversity, discipline, school security

B. Holmes – Congratulations to newly and re-elected board members, thank you to board

S. Maroney-Garrett – Divisiveness in community

F. Redman – Civil Action – Boyertown Area School District

J. Pyc – Thank you to board

**Adjournment**

The board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.