

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

February 22, 2022

Great Valley School District
Office of the School Board Secretary



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During the February 22, 2022, Business Meeting

The February 22, 2022, business meeting was called to order by Vice President Rachel Gallegos. Board members **present** were Jennifer Armstrong, Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Wendy Litzke, and Andrea Rizzo. Board members **present virtually** were David Barratt, Samantha Jouin, and Neha Mehta.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Student Representative to the Board

Meher Sachar reported that the annual Mr. Great Valley Competition will be held on March 4, the Harlem Wizards will visit on March 12 and face off against Great Valley Staff, March 10-11 parent-teacher conferences will be held, and lastly, Student Council celebrated 02/02/2022 with a tutu and ties day.

Presentations

Executive Session

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

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Gallegos asked Mr. Peterson if there was any Secretary's Correspondence. **Mr. Peterson** shared that there is none.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Board Report

Dr. Rizzo shared that she attended her first meeting last month and the next meeting is on February 23, 2022. There was a discussion about the CCIU calendar, which does not include EID as a holiday. The CCIU Board was informed that their calendar is approved far before many others and that they will consider additional holidays on future calendars.

Legislative Report

Ms. Litzke shared that the Chester County School Boards Legislative Council last met on February 16, 2022. Topics of discussion included the Governor's budget, Charter School Reform, pending legislation, and redistricting.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Ms. Chasinoff reported the Council for Diversity and Inclusion last met on January 26, 2022. The administration shared an overview of the YouthTruth data. The data is scheduled to be presented in March. Each building principal will then create action steps specific to their building using the data. In addition, the Educational Equity policy that the Board is in the process of adopting was discussed, as was a Black History Month poster contest being held. The next meeting is on March 30, 2022.



The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Gallegos reported that the Harlem Wizards fundraising event is coming up, on March 12. Tickets are available on the Foundations website. The Foundation also supports a very robust Good Neighbor Program. This program provides funding for student needs, grocery gift cards to support families, and more. This is an ongoing need, and donations are encouraged. Another fundraising program is the Patriots Walk bricks. They're placed within the stadium complex at the High School.

Policy Committee Report

Mrs. Jouin reported that the policy committee met earlier last week. Policy 707 was discussed and the administration recommended merging classes C and D. The educational equity policy draft, policy 832, was discussed as well. Definitions were added, and other minor revisions were made.

Instructional Technology and Curriculum Committee Report

Dr. Rizzo reported that there was a committee meeting held on February 14. Updates on the Great Valley High School program of study were provided, and discussions surrounding AP courses took place. Additional topics included Summer Learning opportunities. Self-funded enrichment camps will be offered, as well as reinforcing grade level camps that will be funded by the District. Dr. Rizzo also reported that Hanover Research will begin and focus groups are scheduled to be held in March. The committee's next meeting is on April 18, 2022.

Communications Committee Report

Ms. Litzke reported that the first committee meeting was held recently. The purpose of the committee was reviewed, as well as the COVID-19 dashboard and communications, website redesign, and app development. The new website will be launched at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year. The quarterly InCommunity GV magazine was discussed which will no longer be offered because of cost. InCommunity has discontinued the publication. The next meeting will be held in March.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Goffredo provided updates on COVID-19 related conditions in Chester County, including updated incidence rates, positivity rates, and reported cases in GVSD. He then discussed recommended changes to the District's Health and Safety Plan. Changes include ceasing the testing of unvaccinated employees, ending quarantine and contact tracing, as well as discontinuance of the masking requirement for unvaccinated staff when masks become optional. Additionally, the administration is recommending the addition of language about metrics and community rates as considerations for masking and regarding reasonable accommodations for students. Lastly, Dr. Goffredo reported that should rates remain low and stabilized, and the Board approves these changes, masks will be optional on March 7.

Mr. Peterson, along with Dr. Goffredo, reported on the 2022-2023 Budget. Dr. Goffredo began with a review of the budget development calendar. He then took a look at DecisionInsite enrollment projections, both conservative and moderate projections, and 5/6 Center preliminary staffing needs and estimated operational costs. Mr. Peterson continued by reviewing financing for the building project.

Next, **Mr. Peterson** reviewed the budget timeline, budget components such as the Act 1 Index, proposed millage, real estate assessed values, and tax revenue. He then gave a first look at the 2022-2023 budget. Dr. Goffredo reviewed in detail a handful of recommended positions for the next school year and gave a review of grant funding. Lastly, Mr. Peterson discussed debt service, and the capital plan summary, and wrapped up with a 5-year financial forecast.



Public Comment on Agenda Items

The following residents made public comment on agenda items.

- Erin – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- B. Kaniuk – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- G. Sabo – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- M. Oberholtzer – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- J. Cowell – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- B. Sullivan – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- M. Hemle – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- K. Fixler – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- J. Ames – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- K. Gorman – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- J. Moore – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- B. Chambers – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- J. Ames- Masking
- C. Meters – Masking
- D. Stevens – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- C. Cantrowitz – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- Brian – Health and Safety Plan, Masking
- K. Puia – Health and Safety Plan, Masking

Consent Agenda Items

The following consent agenda items were approved at a vote of 9 to 0.

Routine Approvals

- Minutes of January 18, 2022
- Treasurer’s Report and Tax Collectors’ Report
- Invoices

Program Approvals

- 2022 GVSD Summer Learning Experiences for the weeks of June 27 - August 4, taught by GVSD staff
- Revisions to the 2022-2023 School Calendar
- 2022-2023 Program of Studies for Great Valley High School

Facilities Approvals

- Professional Service Agreement with Traffic Planning and Design, Inc to design roadway improvements required for the construction of the 5/6 Center at a cost of \$169,600
- Proposal with Environmental Controls Systems, Inc. for engineering, project management, and monitoring to remove vinyl asbestos tile and related work at District Office at a cost of \$37,800
- Quote for the installation of an HVAC system from Hirschberg Mechanical in the amount of \$26,325 at the Bus Garage in conjunction with the relocation of the transportation office
- Quote for the installation of a rooftop HVAC unit from Hirschberg Mechanical in the amount of \$19,750 at General Wayne Elementary in conjunction with the relocation of the copy center
- Quote from G.A. Vietri, Inc. for electrical and data wiring at General Wayne Elementary, totaling \$16,000, for the relocation of the copy center
- Quote from Johnson Controls for the installation of three rooftop HVAC units at Charlestown Elementary at a cost of \$380,500
- Service Agreement with Johnson Controls for preventative maintenance, testing, and winterization for all district-owned chillers for a three-year term, totaling \$72,888



Consent Agenda Items

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Transportation Approval

New drivers for Krapf and Norcross

Routine Approvals

Proposal with District Management Group to prepare and deliver services to the district for master schedule models for the 7th and 8th grade students in the middle school at a cost of \$12,000

Participation in the Chester County IU 2022-2023 bid for gasoline, heating oil, and diesel fuel at the low bid cost

Contracts with LearnWell for educational services while in a partial hospitalization program for students 240076, 240459, and 230593

Contract with The Meadows for educational services while in a partial hospitalization program for student 280299

Contract with KidsPeace for educational services while in a partial hospitalization program for student 280381

Contract with Comprehensive Learning Center for educational services for student 260501

Contract with HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy for educational services for student 340215

Annual renewal with Raptor Technologies for visitor management access at a cost of \$595 per building, totaling \$4,165

Annual renewal with ePlus for Barracuda backup, archivers, and Barracuda Impersonator protection services for email security at a cost of \$33,984

Annual renewal with Dell Technologies, Inc. for firewall protections at a cost of \$34,291.62

Quote from SecondLifeMac to recycle iPad Air 2 devices

Contract between Special Olympics PA and Great Valley High School

Addition of a paraprofessional position classification to Schedule A of the contract with SOS at a cost of \$26.98 per hour

Special Education Settlement Agreements for students 240566 and 270599

Financial Approvals

The following financial items were approved at a vote of 9 to 0.

Issuance of bonds to finance the construction of the 5/6 Center and other capital projects in the amount of \$75,000,000

Personnel Approvals

The following personnel items were approved at a vote of 9 to 0.

Resignations

Professional Staff

Amy Conrad, long-term substitute, Great Valley High School/Great Valley Middle School, effective February 10, 2022.

Abigail Holtman, long-term substitute, General Wayne Elementary School, effective March 9, 2022.

Kendahl Nester, long-term substitute, General Wayne Elementary School, effective February 23, 2022.

Peter Naylor, school counselor, Sugartown Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Support Staff

Mary Danbach, part-time instructional aide, General Wayne Elementary School, effective February 18, 2022.



Personnel Approvals

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Resignations – Continued

Support Staff - continued

Robert Jack Peoples, full-time custodian, Great Valley High School, effective February 22, 2022.

Kelsey Gartner, Nutrition/Garden Coordinator, Great Valley District Office, effective March 1, 2022.

Administrative Staff

Michael Detwiler, Supervisor of Transportation/Student Registration, Great Valley School District, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2022.

Leaves

Professional Staff

Meghan Primerano, kindergarten teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately April 22, 2022 to the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Melissa Raymond, physical education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests a Childrearing Leave from April 25, 2022 to the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Laura Mack, science teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately April 19, 2022 to the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Support Staff

Christine Medaglia, full-time Food Service Coordinator, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately February 9, 2022 to March 9, 2022.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Caitlin Cecco, full-time temporary professional employee school counselor, General Wayne Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School, (new), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks)

Daniel Glass, long-term substitute physical education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Raymond, Melissa), effective February 22, 2022, (retroactive to January 24, 2022), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements)

Erica McAnaney, long-term substitute teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (new), effective February 22, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks)

Support Staff

Shaneka Williams, full-time second shift custodian, Great Valley Middle School, (Myers), effective approximately March 1, 2022, (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)

Mary Fischer-Nassib, Volleyball, 8th Grade Girls' Coach, Great Valley Middle School, NF.

Pete Ruckelshaus, Spring Track, Assistant Coach, (.5), Great Valley High School, F.

Joseph Kinee, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.2), Great Valley High School, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Dennis Deitch, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.4), Great Valley High School, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Fred Mahoney, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.4), Great Valley High School, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Ben Walton, Lacrosse, Head Boys' Coach, Great Valley High School, NF.



Personnel Approvals

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Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Full Day In Service

Evan Geesey, (.8), Total 53.75 hours – 1/10/22-1/14/22, 1/17/22-1/21/22, 1/24/22-1/28/22, 1/31/22-2/4/22, 2/7/22-2/1/22

Alice McBrearty, (.8), Total 2.5 hours – 1/14/22, 1/19/22, 2/9/22

Brittany Wolfe, (.55), Total 7.25 hours – 1/18/22, 1/19/22, 1/20/22, 1/26/22, 1/31/22, 2/1/22, 2/2/22, 2/4/22

Anne Dale, (.4), Total 2.25 hours - 1/26/22

Dana Bredin, (.6), Total 3 hours – 1/26/22

Juana Herman, (.7), Total 5 hours - 1/14/22, 2/9/22

Acting Cafeteria Coordinator

Latasha Tucker, full-time cafeteria aide to FT Acting Cafeteria Coordinator, Great Valley High School, (Medaglia), February 9, 2022 to approximately March 9, 2022.

Kindergarten Math Curriculum, 30 hours

Kim Colvin

Amanda McClennen

Meghan Primerano

Amy Rauscher

Change of Status/Assignment

Extra Duty Responsibility (EDR), 2021-2022 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)

Joe Bradley, Envirothon, Great Valley High School, from 1.0 to .5, (voluntary demotion), F.

Summer Services

School Counselor Days for Summer, 5 days

Meredith Bebee

Carrie Kane

Robert Lavelle

Jeff Martin

Anna Saracino (LTS)

Summer Learning Experiences

Half day one-week camps

Anne Dale, 1 week

Michelle Leininger, 1 week (AM and PM)

Casey Rurode, 2 weeks

Angela Van Cott, 2 weeks

Full day one-week camps

Brooke Abrahams, 2 weeks

Sam Ellis (.33), 1 week

Jade Hayes (.5), 2 weeks

Jamie Keefer (.5), 2 weeks

Christopher Marley, 1 week

James Nolan, 2 weeks

Payal Sajeski (.33), 1 week

Carolyn Stewart, 2 weeks

Erika Yepremian (.33), 1 week



Personnel Approvals

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Summer Services— Continued

Half day two-week camps

Anne Dale, 2 weeks

Salary Advancement

Additional certificate/degree retroactive to the first workday of the second semester.

Emily Amodei, Great Valley Middle School, Bachelor’s plus 15 to Master’s

Amanda Kincade, Great Valley High School, Bachelor’s plus 15 to Master’s

Alison Morse, Great Valley High School, Bachelor’s plus 15 to Master’s

Sara Van Alstyne, General Wayne Elementary School, Bachelor’s plus 15 to Master’s

Amanda Caffey, Charlestown Elementary School, Bachelor’s plus 15 to Master’s

Staff Conference Requests

Dr. Joanna Wexler, Assistant Superintendent, District Office

PASPA (PA Association of School Personnel Administrators) Annual Conference, Lancaster, PA, Wednesday, February 23 – Thursday, February 24, 2022.

Dr. Joanna Wexler, Assistant Superintendent, District Office

Andrea Dinsmore, Student Services Director, District Office

Dr. Heidi Capetola, Principal, Great Valley High School

Dr. Sharon Cohen, Assistant Principal, Great Valley Middle School

PASA (PA Association of School Administrators) Women’s Caucus Annual Conference, Hershey, PA, Sunday, May 22 – Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Policy Approvals

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

707 School Facilities Use, AG, Appendix D

The 2nd Reading and Adoption of the following policies were approved by a vote of 9 to 0.

701 Facilities Planning

702 Gifts and Donations

703 Sanitary Management

704 Maintenance, AG

706 Property Records

706.1 Disposal of District-Owned Property

Program Approvals

The following program approval was approved by a vote of 9 to 0.

Revisions to the Great Valley School District Health & Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 school year and authorization to submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Education

Public Comments – Other Items

The following residents made public comment.

J. Ruddy – Request for speakers to announce names

K. Thomas – Thank you to Board Members, Staff, and Teachers



Public Comments – Other Items

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- A. Snyder – Thank you to Board, Mental Health
- J. Pyc – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- S. Maroney-Garrett – Thanks for Black History Month poster contest
- B. Chambers – Board Operations

Adjournment

The board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.