

# School Board Business Meeting Highlights

March 21, 2022

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



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## **During the March 21, 2022, Business Meeting**

The March 21, 2022, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. Board members **present** were Jennifer Armstrong, Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo. Board members **absent** included Rachel Gallegos.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

## **Recognition**

**Dr. Souders** acknowledged Great Valley Middle School students that competed in the International Academic Competition Regional Bees on February 27. All of the following students qualified to move onto the National Competition in June.

### 8th Grade Division

**Andrew Colvin** won first place in the Science Bee and third place in the Geography Bee.

**Varun Kartick** won second place in the History Bee and third place in the Science Bee.

**Graham Kokas** won second place in the Science Bee, second place in the Geography Bee, and third place in the History Bee.

**Rajvir Purohit** won first place in the History Bee and Geography Bee.

### 7th Grade Division

**Rohan Kundra** won second place in the Science Bee.

**Atharva Singh** won first place in the History Bee, first place in the Geography Bee, and first place in the Science Bee.

**Vivaan Tolani** won third place in the History Bee.

**Anirudh Venkatesh** won second place in the Geography Bee.

### 6th Grade Division

**Neel Rege** won first place in the Science Bee. (State College)

**Henry Scott** won first place in the History Bee.

**Smeet Thaker** won first place in the Science Bee and second place in the History Bee. (Princeton)

**Dr. Goffredo** shared that the Valley Forge Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority hosted the Patriots Challenge. The theme for the 2022 Patriots Challenge was, 'The Contributions of African Descent During the American Revolutionary War.' Dr. Souders presented 7th graders **Rohan Kundra** and **Shruthi Shankder** with certificates acknowledging their winning video and poem, respectively.

**Dr. Capetola** congratulated GVHS students that were selected to perform with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 12 Band and District 12 Orchestra. **David Rucciis** was selected to participate in the District 12 Band, and **Owen Li** and **Justin Titus** were selected to participate in District 12 Orchestra. In addition, Owen Li was invited to participate in Region VI Orchestra.



## **Recognition**

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**Dr. Goffredo** then highlighted the achievements of **Mrs. Sharee McGibboney** and **Mr. Charles Peterson** in financial reporting. The Great Valley School District received the Association of School Business Officials Certificate of Excellence award based on the preparation and issuance of their Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending in 2021. This report was prepared by Mrs. McGibboney and overseen by Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson** then celebrated recent achievements of **Mr. Ken Morris**, Supervisor of Facilities, with the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials. Mr. Morris received a regional leadership award.

## **Student Council Reports**

K.D. Markley Elementary School’s Student Council reported on events taking place in their school. **Cecilia Chain**, President, shared that early in the school year the Student Council hosted a contest to name the new school mascot, Cody the Coyote. **Ishaan Vereddigari**, Vice President, shared that this year K.D. Markley has been participating in Rubicon’s recycling effort called ‘Trick or Trash,’ which focuses on keeping candy wrappers out of landfills. **Sadie Tengwall**, Secretary, then reported on the school’s participation in spirit days, which include pajama days, dress as your favorite character day, and more. Lastly, **William Raab**, treasurer, highlighted the making of cards for the VA Hospital on various holidays.

General Wayne Elementary School’s Student Council reported next. **Omar Mettwally**, President, introduced himself and the others presenting, which included **Juliette Fox**, Vice President, **Chloe Gehret**, Secretary, and **Witten Wool**, Treasurer. They shared about pajama days to fundraise for Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and kindness clouds sharing gratitude. They also collected items for the SPCA, made cards for Meals on Wheels, and spent time sharing thanks with a variety of staff members. General Wayne Student Council also launched a spring-themed leadership campaign, where they encourage leadership amongst the student body. Lastly, students and staff will wear blue for a week in April, and students have prepared a special surprise in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

## **Student Representative to the Board**

**Meher Sachar** shared that the 3rd marking period ends on March 31 and spring break for students is April 9-17. In addition, spring sports have begun, with track and field, boys’ tennis, softball, baseball, and girls’ and boys’ lacrosse participating in practices and games. Lastly, world language students recently took the national exam for Spanish, French, Latin, and German. Meher also congratulated all of the middle and high school students that received recognition this evening.

## **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 there is none.

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

**Dr. Rizzo** reported that this month’s meeting was held at TCHS Pickering. Students prepared a video sharing information about the programs offered to them, and the CCIU Board had surrounding Intermediate Units visit to share about how they operate.



**Presentations**

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**Legislative Report**

**Ms. Litzke** informed the Board that the Chester County School Boards Legislative Council meets next on Wednesday, March 23.

**Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report**

**Ms. Chasinoff** shared that there is nothing new to report. The Council for Diversity and Inclusion's next meeting is on March 30.

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

**Ms. Gallegos** was absent, there was no report.

**Communications Committee Report**

**Ms. Litzke** reported that the Communications Committee met on March 7. They discussed COVID-19 communications, the upcoming website redesign, upcoming YouthTruth presentations, and the 5/6 Center communications plan.

**Superintendent’s Report**

**Dr. Goffredo** introduced **Mr. Dan D’Amico**, SCHRADERGROUP, who provided an update on Conditional Use for the 7-acre property adjacent to K.D. Markley and the property to be used for the new 5/6 Center. Mr. D’Amico shared that the design team met with the planning commission last week to discuss the planned use for this property. It will provide green space, a playing field, and additional space for the Chester Valley Trail.

**Dr. Goffredo** then shared that the administrative team is continuing to monitor COVID-19 cases since masks have come off.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

There were no public comments on agenda items.

**Consent Agenda Items**

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

**Routine Approvals**

- Minutes of February 22, 2022
- Treasurer’s Report and Tax Collectors’ Report
- Invoices

**Program Approvals**

- Additional 2022 GVSD Summer Learning Experiences
- Revisions to the 2022-2023 School Calendar
- Student Overnight Trip Request for the GVMS Robotics Team to go to the VEX Middle School World Robotics Championships in Dallas, TX from May 2 to May 6, 2022.

**Facilities Approvals**

- Contracts with TruGreen Commercial for the treatment of High School and Middle School fields at an annual cost of \$8,660.01 per school
- Acceptance of a bid from Plymouth Environment Company, Inc. for the removal of asbestos-containing materials from the District Administration Building at the base bid sum of \$42,000



## **Presentations**

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### **Facilities Approvals** – continued

Agreement with WTI for roofing consultation services for the purpose of infrared surveying and inspections of all flat roofs (excluding K.D. Markley and District Office) at a total cost of \$5,000  
Change Order from Hirschberg Mechanical in the amount of \$3,051.95, bringing the new total to \$22,801.95

### **Financial Approvals**

Agreement with Pennsylvania Trust to provide GASB 75 Valuation Services for the period of 7/1/2022 to 12/31/2024 at an estimated cost of \$7,525  
Use of the CM Regent Insurance Company Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) for the 5/6 Center Construction Project at a cost of \$21.2787 per \$1,000 of construction value  
Closure of a WSFS checking account with a balance of \$10,024.52 and authorization to allow the Director of Business Affairs, Charles Peterson, to close the account  
Donation of an upright Kawai piano to K.D. Markley Elementary School  
Renewal of Forecast5 licenses including 5Sight, 5Cast, and 5Cast Plus, for the period of 4/1/2022-3/31/2023 at a cost of \$17,525.66  
Renewal of an E-Rate agreement with ChescoNet for continued internet services at an annual cost of \$36,000  
Educational Service Contracts with LearnWell for students 270178, 220402, 270172, 220065, 240141, and 250337  
Educational Service Contract with CHOP for student 220248

## **Financial Approvals**

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

Lease with BOF II PA Lindenwood LLC, for a 16,308 square foot office space, located at 301 Lindenwood Drive, for use as a temporary district administration office, at a cost of \$17 per square foot

## **Personnel Approvals**

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

### **Resignations**

#### Professional Staff

**Tamara Rogan**, School Nurse, Charlestown Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

**Krista Jorgenson**, Family and Consumer Science teacher, Great Valley High School, effective March 4, 2022.

**Katherine Crabb**, Mathematics teacher, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

**Kurt Balderson**, Business Education teacher, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective August 22, 2022.

#### Support Staff

**Karen Bailey**, full-time, 12-month administrative assistant, K. D. Markley Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2022.

#### Administrative Staff

**Jane Trimble**, Student Services, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2022.



## Personnel Approvals

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### Resignations – continued

#### Extra Duty Responsibilities

**Zachary Fifer**, Winter and Spring Track Coach, effective September 24, 2021.

### Leaves

#### Professional Staff

**Eileen Ent**, Reading Specialist, General Wayne Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately March 14, 2022 to May 30, 2022.

**James Simpkins**, Grade 4 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately April 19, 2022 to May 2, 2022.

**Jessica Kheradi**, Learning Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA and Child Rearing Leave from approximately May 7, 2022 to the end of the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

**Jessica Stanhagen**, requests FMLA from approximately March 14, 2022 to April 8, 2022.

**Sheila Startup**, Art teacher, Great Valley High School, requests a professional compensated leave for the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

**Jaclyn Wesley**, English teacher, Great Valley High School, requests a professional compensated leave for the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

**Christopher McKenna**, Science teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately March 14, 2022 to April 22, 2022.

**Nicole Davis**, Art teacher, Charlestown Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests a professional compensated leave for the 2022-2023 school year.

### Appointments

#### Professional Staff

**Trevor Viviani**, full-time professional employee technology education teacher, Great Valley High School, (Stauffer), effective when released from current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

**Kimmie Di Nhong**, long-term substitute teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, (new), effective March 21, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

**Kristina Dixon**, long-term substitute teacher, General Wayne Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School, (new), effective March 21, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

**Agnes “Trudy” Orthey**, long-term substitute Family and Consumer Science teacher, Great Valley High School, (Jorgenson), effective March 7, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

#### Support Staff

**Douglas McQueen**, full-time, 12-month fields/custodian, Great Valley High School, (Peoples), effective March 28, 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)

**Paul Egleston**, Lacrosse, Head 7th Grade Coach, Great Valley Middle School, F.

**Mary Beth Ackerman**, Cheerleading Coach, Great Valley Middle School, NF.

### Salary Adjustments

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

**Evan Geesey**, (.8), Total 43 hours – 2/14/22-2/18/22, 2/21/22-2/25/22, 2/28/22-3/4/22, 3/7/22-3/11/22

**Juana Herman**, (.7), Total 5 hours – 2/18/22, 3/11/22

**Brittany Wolfe**, (.55), Total 6 hours – 3/10/22, 3/11/22



**Personnel Approvals**

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**Salary Adjustments** – continued

Mentors, 2021-2022 School Year

**Amanda McClennen**, mentor to Erica McAneney, Kimmie Di Nhung, and Kristina Dixon

Homebound Teachers

**Jim Nolan**

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

*Basketball, Boys’, GVHS*

**C. J. Savage**, 7 days, NF.

**Paul Girone**, 7 days, NF.

*Basketball, Girls’, GVHS*

**Meghan Daney**, 23 days, F.

**Alex Venarchik**, 23 days, F.

*Wrestling, GVHS*

**Bobby Lavelle**, 6 days, F.

**Kevin Kinyua**, 6 days, NF.

**Ethan Seeley**, 6 days, NF.

*Winter Track, GVHS*

**Nicole Jones**, 12 days, F.

**Andrew Le**, 12 days, NF.

*Swimming, GVHS*

**Kyle Turner**, 8 days, NF.

**Bevin Sullivan**, 8 days, NF.

**Memorandum of Understanding**

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Great Valley School District and the Great Valley Education Association (GVEA) regarding a health insurance premium holiday.

**Policy Approvals**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of the following policies were approved by a vote of 8 to 0.

707 School Facilities Use

The 1st Reading of the following policies were accepted by a vote of 8 to 0.

- 707 AG, A & D
- 708 Lending of District-Owned Equipment
- 710 Use of Equipment and Facilities by Staff
- 711 Integrated Pest and Vegetation Management
- 714 Commercial Advertising, AG
- 715 Naming Rights
- 718 Service Animals in Schools, AG
- 610 (AG only) Procurement
- 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance, AG, A, B, C, D, E
- 801 Public Records



**Policy Approvals**

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading - continued

- 802 School Organization
- 803 School Calendar
- 804 School Day
- 807 Opening Exercises/Flag Display
- 832 Educational Equity

The 1<sup>st</sup> Repeal Reading of the following policy was accepted by a vote of 8 to 0.

- 103.1 Diversity

**Public Comments – Other Items**

The following residents made public comment.

- F. Redman – Literature
- S. Kahan – Policy 103.3
- S. Campbell – Policy 103.3
- A. McLellan – Policy 103.3
- H. Schmid – Policy 103.3
- W. Dunlop – Policies
- J. Moore – Policy 103.3
- C. Sexton – Policies
- S. Maroney Garrett – Black History Month Poster Contest
- J. Pyc – Support for Public Education

**Other Board Comments**

**Mrs. Armstrong** shared that there is a facilities committee meeting on Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.