

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

May 16, 2022

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



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During the May 16, 2022, Business Meeting...

The May 16, 2022, 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. **Absent:** Jennifer Armstrong,

Mr. Barratt led in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then announced that, due to school early dismissal, recognition items will be addressed at the June 6 work session. He stated that there are also no Student Council reports.

Student Representative to the Board

Meher Sachar spoke about the prom and thanked volunteers for making it a successful event. She reported that Keystone exams will be held on May 17 and 18 and Biology Keystone exams on May 24 and 25. The following other events were announced: Instrumental concert - May 17, Choral concert - May 19, Spring Arts Fest - May 26. Art projects will be on display from May 23 to May 31. Meher also reported that the NHS Scholarship Committee will be hosting a book drive allowing students to donate gently used AP, SAT, and ACT books. The books will be donated to a Philadelphia charter school.

Presentations

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

Mr. Barratt asked **Mr. Peterson** if there was any Secretary's Correspondence. Mr. Peterson stated that PSBA correspondence has been provided to the board for input on nomination of PSBA officers.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Report

Dr. Rizzo stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18.

Legislative Report

Ms. Litzke reported that the Legislative Council will meet on Wednesday, May 25.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Ms. Chasinoff stated that the next meeting will be held on May 25. She reported that the Diversity Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 18. She also stated that internal stakeholders met with the Delaware Valley Consortium for Equity and Excellence to discuss the upcoming Equity Audit.

Presentations

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The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Gallegos reported that the Foundation recently hosted its first business breakfast to introduce the business community to the Foundation. She stated that the Good Neighbor Program has been revamped. Mrs. Gallegos also announced that the SOAR recognition has been postponed and a future date for the event is yet to be determined. Mr. Barratt announced that the artwork will be on display on June 6.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peterson spoke about a change in the Homestead/Farmstead distribution. He reported that there has been no change since 2008-2009 but this year the District received an increase of \$266,000. The result is that residents will experience a reduction of \$151 on tax bills. Mr. Peterson stated that a copy of the budget resolutions for June approval are currently available to the board for review.

Dr. Goffredo gave an update about planning for the next school year. He reported that there has been an uptick in Covid cases, but we are still in the low designation.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

L. Zinzer – before and after school child care

Consent Agenda Items

The board approved the following Consent Agenda items by a vote of 8 to 0.

Routine Approvals

Minutes of April 25, 2022
Treasurer's Report and Tax Collectors' Report
Invoices

Program Approvals

Student Overnight Trips for the 2022 - 2023 school year as per Policy #121

Great Valley Middle School

7th Grade Class Trip; Cape Henlopen Outdoor Education Program; Cape Henlopen State Park, Lewes, DE; Tentatively the week of Monday, May 15 through Friday, May 19, 2023; Half of the 7th grade class will leave on May 15 and return May 17, while the other half will leave May 17 and return May 19, 2023; Approximately 370 students; Approximately 117 miles (Trip funded by students/parents.)

Great Valley High School

Great Valley Model United Nations Club; Princeton University, Princeton, NJ; Friday, November 4 – Sunday, November 6, 2022; Approximate number of students' TBD; Approximately 50 miles; (Cost to district - two substitute, teacher days) (Buses ordered through the Transportation Dept.) (Trip funded by fundraising opportunities.)

Great Valley Model United Nations Club; RUMUN(Rutgers) IDIA (Institute for Domestic & International Affairs); New Brunswick, NJ; Thursday, December 1 – Sunday, December 4, 2022; Approximate number of students' TBD; Approximately 66 miles; (Cost to district - two substitute, teacher days) (Buses ordered through the Transportation Dept.) (Trip funded by fundraising opportunities.)

Consent Agenda Items

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Program Approvals

Student Overnight Trips for the 2022 - 2023 school year as per Policy #121 - continued

Great Valley High School - continued

Great Valley Model United Nations Club; ILMUNC (Ivy League Model United Nations Conference); Philadelphia, PA; Thursday, January 26 – Sunday, January 29, 2023; Approximate number of students' TBD; Approximately 30 miles; (Cost to district - two substitute, teacher days) (Buses ordered through the Transportation Dept.) (Trip funded by fundraising opportunities.)

Great Valley Model United Nations Club; AmeriMUN (American University) Washington, DC; Friday, February 3 – Sunday, February 5, 2023; Approximate number of students' TBD; Approximately 131 miles; (Cost to district - two substitute, teacher days); (Buses ordered through the Transportation Dept.) (Trip funded by fundraising opportunities.)

Great Valley Model United Nations Club; PhilMUN IDIA (Institute for Domestic & International Affairs); Philadelphia, PA; Thursday, March 2 – Sunday, March 5, 2023; Approximate number of students' TBD; Approximately 30 miles; (Cost to district – two substitute, teacher days); (Buses ordered through the Transportation Dept.) (Trip funded by fundraising opportunities.)

Fall Athletics – State Championships; Locations Hershey/State College TBD; Dates Approximate, November – December 2022; Number of students/varsity members based upon individual or team qualifiers and varsity coaches.

Winter Athletics – State Championships; Locations Hershey/State College TBD; Dates Approximate, February – March 2023; Number of students/varsity members based upon individual or team qualifiers and varsity coaches.

Boys & Girls Winter Track & Field Team; The Yale Track Classic; Coxe Cage, Yale University, New Haven, CT; Friday, January 13 – Saturday, January 14, 2023; Approximately 15-20 students; Approximately 194 miles; (Cost to district is one substitute teacher, and rental vans by district or booster club.) Trip entry portion, transportation, gas and tolls funded by Winter Track and Field budget or by Booster Club.

Spring Athletics – State Championships; Locations Hershey/State College TBD; Dates Approximate, May – June 2023; Number of students/varsity members based upon individual or team qualifiers and varsity coaches.

Music Department, Disney World, Orlando, FL; Dates TBD Wednesday – Sunday; Approximately 100 students; 10 chaperones; Approximately 980 miles; (Costs to district – number of substitute teachers TBD, and district approved RN will attend and serve as a trip nurse) Trip funded by students/parents.

Music Department, PMEA District 12 Choir Festival; Location TBD; Thursday, January 12 – Saturday, January 14, 2023; Approximately 5-15 students; Approximate mileage TBD; (Costs to district aside from student registration will be covered on the teacher overnight conference request. The cost for student registration will come from the Music Dept budget.)

Music Department, PMEA D12 Band Festival; Location TBD; Thursday, January 26, - Saturday, January 28, 2023; Approximately 1 – 10 students; Approximately 15 miles; (Costs to the district aside from student registration will be covered on the teacher overnight conference request. The cost for student registration will come from the Music Dept budget.)

Consent Agenda Items

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Program Approvals

Student Overnight Trips for the 2022 - 2023 school year as per Policy #121 - continued

Great Valley High School - continued

Music Department, PMEA D12 Orchestra Festival; Location TBD; Thursday, February 9 – Saturday, February 11, 2023; Approximately 1 – 10 students; Approximately 15 miles; (Costs to district aside from student registration will be covered on the teacher overnight conference request. The cost for student registration will come from the Music Dept budget.)

Music Department, PMEA Region VI Choir Festival; Location TBD; Thursday, February 23 – Saturday, February 25, 2023; Approximately 5 – 10 students; Approximate mileage TBD; (Costs to district aside from student registration will be covered on the teacher overnight conference request. The cost for student registration will come from the Music Dept budget.)

Music Department, PMEA Region VI Orchestra Festival; Location TBD; Thursday, March 9 – Saturday, March 11, 2023; Approximately 1 – 10 students; Approximately 30 miles; (Costs to district aside from student registration will be covered on the teacher overnight conference request. The cost for student registration will come from the Music Dept budget.)

Music Department, PMEA Region VI Band Festival; Location TBD; Thursday, March 23 – Saturday, March 25, 2023; Approximately 1 – 10 students; Approximately 30 miles; (Costs to district aside from student registration will be covered on the teacher overnight conference request. The cost for student registration will come from the Music Dept budget.)

Music Department, PMEA All-State Ensemble Festival; Kalahari Resorts, Pocono Manor, PA; Wednesday, April 19 – Saturday, April 22, 2023; Approximately 5 – 15 students; Approximately 100 miles; (Costs to district aside from student registration will be covered on the teacher overnight conference request. The cost for student registration will come from the Music Dept budget.)

Quiz Bowl/Academic Challenge, National History Bee & Bowl; Location TBD; Date TBD 2023; Distance TBD; Approximate number of students' TBD; (Team must qualify for event); Trip will be funded by students/parents; Transportation funded by – TBD

Quiz Bowl/KSI (Keystone State Invitational); Location TBD; Date TBD 2023; Distance TBD; Approximate number of students' TBD; (Team must qualify for event); Trip will be funded by students/parents; Transportation funded by – TBD

Quiz Bowl/Academic Challenge, HSNCT (NAQT National Championships); Location TBD; Date TBD 2023; Distance TBD; Approximate number of students' TBD; (Team must qualify for event); Trip will be funded by students/parents; Transportation funded by – TBD

Quiz Bowl/Academic Challenge, (PACE)National Scholastic Championships; Location TBD; Date TBD 2023; Distance TBD; Approximate number of students' TBD; (Team must qualify for event); Trip will be funded by students/parents; Transportation funded by – TBD

International Classroom, Denmark Exchange, Helsingor, Denmark, Wednesday, March 22 – Friday, March 31, 2023; Approximately 31 students; Approximately 4,000 miles; (Cost to district is 15 days of a daily substitute teacher); Trip will be funded by students/parents.

Consent Agenda Items

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Program Approvals

Student Overnight Trips for the 2022 - 2023 school year as per Policy #121 - continued

Great Valley High School - continued

German Class – Study Abroad (Spring Break); Location – Germany, Austria and Switzerland; Thursday, March 30 – Friday, April 7, or Friday, March 31 - Saturday, April 8, 2023; Approximately 20 students; Approximate mileage TBD; (Cost to district 2 - 4 substitute teachers for one day.) Trip will be funded by students/parents.

Latin Department – Tour of Rome and Greece – Location Rome, Pompeii, Olympia, Mycenae, Epidaurus and Athens; Friday, June 23 – Saturday, July 1, 2023; Approximately 15-25 students; Approximately 4,500 miles; (Cost to district – none) Trip will be funded by students/parents.

Students of Spanish 3, 4, 5/AP (current 9th, 10th and 11th Grades) – Study Abroad (Spring Break); Location - Trip to Spain; Madrid, Cordoba, Seville, Malaga; Friday, March 31 – Saturday, April 8, 2023; Approximately 30 students; Approximate mileage-overseas; (Cost to district 2 – 4 substitute teachers for one day) Trip will be funded by students/parents.

French Class – Study Abroad – French Immersion, Location – Thursday, March 30 – Thursday, April 6, 2023; Approximate number of students 30 – 40; Approximate 1,961 miles; (Cost to district – possible need for a substitute teacher 1 or 2 days, dependent on if trip begins before Spring Break.) Trip funded by students/parents.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) 2022 PA State Leadership Workshop; Kalahari Resort & Conference Center, 250 Kalahari Blvd, Pocono Manor, PA; Saturday, October 29 – Monday, October 31, 2022; Approximately 5-7 students; Approximately 73 miles; Trip funded by students/parents; Transportation funded by FBLA Club account.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); PA State Leadership Academic Competition and Conference, Hershey Lodge & Conference Center, Hershey, PA; Sunday, April 16 – Wednesday, April 19, 2023; Approximately 30 – 40 students; Approximately 60 miles; Trip funded by students/parents; Transportation funded by FBLA Club account.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); National Leadership Academic Competition and Conference; Atlanta, GA; Sunday, June 25 – Saturday, July 1, 2023. Approximately 5 – 10 students; Approximately 654 miles; Trip funded by students/parents; Transportation funded by FBLA Club account.

Transportation Approval

New Drivers and one new Aide with Krapf

Financial Approvals

STS Contract Addendum

Depositories

Reappointment of Solicitors, Wisler Pearlstine, LLC

PSBA Membership Renewal

Postage Meter Renewal

Help Systems Renewal

CCIU Marketplace Agreement

Consent Agenda Items

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Financial Approvals - continued

Student Athletic Insurance for 2022-2023
Voluntary Student Accident Insurance for 2022-2023
Educational Interpreter Services Contract
Educational Services Contracts with LearnWell for Students 220558, 260147, 230598
Educational Services Contracts with Vanguard for Student 280069, and Comprehensive Learning Center for Student 260510

Financial Approvals

Mrs. Litzke was elected to serve as Treasurer for a 1-year term from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 (PA School Code Section 404), by a motion of 8 to 0.

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve a contract with the YMCA of Greater Brandywine to provide before and after-school childcare services. A request for proposals was issued, responses were received, interviews were conducted and the YMCA is the recommended provider.

Representatives from the YMCA, **Brian Raich**-Executive Director, **Ed Keys**-CFO, and **Claudia Aust**-Director of Before and After Enrichment, were in the audience and answered questions from the board about the before and after school program.

Personnel Approvals

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

Resignations

Professional Staff

Margaret “Meg” Gregory, Intervention teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Support Staff

Diane Ferko, part-time clerical aide, Great Valley District Office, effective April 29, 2022.

Jessica Leitch, full-time administrative assistant to the Director of Business Affairs, Great Valley District Office, effective May 27, 2022.

Diane Weltman, part-time aide, General Wayne Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 10, 2022.

Lynne Murray, full-time administrative assistant to the Supervisor of Facilities, for the purpose of retirement, effective September 9, 2022.

Leaves

Professional Staff

Kayla Prince, Grade 1 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately August 23, 2022 to November 11, 2022.

Molly Heigh, Speech Therapist, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA and Child Rearing leave from August 23, 2022 to the end of the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

Chelsea Kaufman, Kindergarten teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, requests FMLA and Child Rearing Leave from approximately August 23, 2022 to the end of the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

Personnel Approvals

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Appointments

Professional Staff

Paige Calfapietra, Summer Literacy and Math Camp teacher, Great Valley High School, (new), effective approximately June 20, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Concetta Gilligan, Summer Literacy and Math Camp teacher, Great Valley High School, (new), effective approximately June 20, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Erin Trasborg, Summer Literacy and Math Camp teacher, Great Valley High School, (new), effective approximately June 20, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Melissa Hansen, ESY emotional/learning support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (new), effective approximately June 20, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Administrative Staff

Carrie Fell, full-time Supervisor of Student Transportation, Great Valley District Office, (Detwiler), effective when released from current employer, (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)

Meridith Bebee, Tennis, Assistant Boys' Coach, Great Valley High School, F.

Courtney Cortese, Lacrosse, Assistant Coach, (.4), Great Valley High School, NF.

Lisa Schweiger, Lacrosse, Assistant Coach, (.6), Great Valley High School, NF.

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2022-2023 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)

Paul Girone, Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Great Valley High School, NF.

Meghan Daney, Basketball, Assistant Girls' Coach, (.9), Great Valley High School, F.

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Full Day In Service

Evan Geesey, (.8), Total 32.25 hours – 4/4/22 – 4/8/22, 4/18/22 – 4/22/22, 4/25/22 – 4/29/22

Alice McBrearty, (.8), Total .75 hours - 4/25/22

Juana Herman, (.7), Total 12.5 hours – 4/26/22, 4/27/22, 4/28/22, 5/2/22, 5/3/22

Dana Bredin, (.6), Total 3 hours – 5/6/22

Roberto Hernandez-Sanchez, (.8), Total 7.25 hours – 4/21/22, 4/27/22, 4/28/22, 4/29/22, 5/5/22, 5/6/22, 5/9/22

Homebound teachers

Sierra Lambeth Hart

Christina Reichert, Homebound teacher, Great Valley School District, (new), effective approximately May 16, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Sean Hickey, Homebound teacher, Great Valley School District, (new), effective approximately May 16, 2022, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks.)

Mentor

Matthew Schultz, mentor to Daniel Glass

Personnel Approvals

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Salary Adjustments - continued

High School Spring Musical, Pit Musicians

Miku Shiota, Violin/Viola, 1 sitz probe, 2 dress rehearsals, 4 performances

Jordan Colucci, Percussion, 1 student rehearsal, 2 dress rehearsals, 4 performances

Michael Langston, C & B flat Flute/Oboe/English Horn, 1 sitz probe, 2 dress rehearsals, 4 performances

Vaccine Clinic

Lynelle Fitzmier, Total 12 hours – 1/20/22, 1/21/22, 1/27/22, 1/28/22, 2/10/22, 2/17/22

Change of Status/Assignment

Sarah Eldredge, long-term substitute mathematics teacher to full-time temporary professional employee mathematics teacher, Great Valley High School, (Crabb), effective August 23, 2022.

Michael Bagnarelli, full-time social studies teacher to Dean of Students (Teacher on Assignment), Great Valley Middle School, (new), effective August 23, 2022 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Summer Services

Summer Literacy and Math Staff – ESSER III (no individual will work more than 175 hours each)

K-8 Summer Staff

Alyssa DeMitis

Marie Derby

Sarah Gorr

Juana Herman

Christina Ensling

Gabrielle Kane

Sherri Kratzer

Rachel Macey

Laura Mack

Shannon McFarland

Helena McKendrick

Vasiliki Papadopoulos

Johnna Rice

Nikki Salvatico

Eric Schmidt

Ann Search

Sean Steinmetz

Tara Tracchio

Kimmie Di Nhung

Kristina Dixon

Emily Gillard

Erica McAneney

Summer Library – ESSER III (no individual will work more than 175 hours each)

Up to 3 hours per week for 10 weeks

Taylor Gavin

Eric Schmidt

Chris Salerno

Carrie Schildknecht

Andrew Dippell

Kelsey Bogan

Credit Recovery Staff, ESSER III (up to 10 hours per week/6 weeks)

Anne Dale

Renee Kilpatrick

Christopher Marley

Alice McBrearty

Meredith Rosa

ESL Summer Camp – Title III (800 hours shared)

Brooke Abrahams

Maria Berryman

Ryan DiFonzo

Juana Herman

Chelsea Kaufman

Christina Ensling

Lynne Lighthill

Lisa Miller

Bettina Scibilia

Brianne Wilson

Personnel Approvals

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Summer Services – continued

ESY Instructional Aides

Jane Buxton
Shawn Talvacchia
Darrah Sessoms
Cathy Bertanzetti

K-8 Nurse, ESSER III, (not to exceed 140 hours)

Margaret “Peggy” Parker

Social Studies Curriculum Writing, 30 hours each

Cara Dore	Amy Hober	Alison Dammeyer
Ashlyn D’Andrea	Jenelle Neal	Michelle Leininger
Caroline Biondolillo	Neil Young	Jeremy Bergman
Larry Cinciripino	Amy Delaney	Don Morabito
Kyle Hess	Margaret Schachter	

AP Calculus BC, 12 hours

Alex Maxwell

Elementary Counseling Summer Work, 21 hours per counselor

Nanette Schrecengost
Laura McGrath
Katy Uhrich
Jackie Gualtieri
Caitlin Cecco (KDM/GW)

Middle School Counseling Summer Work, 14 hours per counselor

Jennifer Illig
Eli Dietz
Craig Riley

Social Work Summer Work, 7 hours per social worker

Krista Russell
Molly Harris

Student Custodial Employees

Effective 5/10/21

Casey Capetola

Effective 6/13/22

Markel Alexander
Norah Buxton
Brennan DelRossi
Shelby Fanning
James Garrison
Joshua Hernandez
Julia Hoffritz
Madison Jones
Dillion Lantz

Daniel Li
Michael Luzi
Ryan Miller
Sharlene Molina
Andrew Muck
Daniel Muck
Nadia Narayanan
Luke Nemeth
Corbyn Nguyen
Victoria Procida

Antonio Ramirez
Michael Search
Ibrahim Albazaz
Connor DelRossi
Jasmin Garcia
Michael Garrison
Alana Gracia
Savion LaRue
Sonia Narayanan

Policy Approvals

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

- 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 board voted 8 to 0 to approve the 1st Repeal Reading of the following policies.

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

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the 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 Interestw
- 830 Breach of Computerized Personal Information
- 831 Bus Routes, Stops and Schedule, AG
- 833 District-Wide Safety Program, AG

Public Comments – Other Items

Prior to the start of public comments, Mr. Barratt announced that no posters or banners are permitted for display at the meeting without prior approval.

The following residents made public comment.

- K. Kenyon – Board meeting conduct
- F. Redman – Library materials

At this point in the meeting, the public speaker defied Policy 903 by having an audience member display a poster. Mr. Barratt's request to have the poster removed was ignored. Mr. Barratt called a 10 minute recess to have order restored.

- S. Rhoades – Great Valley School Distict state ranking
- C. Largent – Library materials
- B. Graff - Masking
- J. Pyc – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- F. Toner – Appreciation to the Board

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. by a vote of 7 to 0.