

School Board Special Business Meeting Highlights

July 17, 2023

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



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During the July 17, 2023 Business Meeting

The July 17, 2023, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Present:** Jennifer Armstrong, Tricia Chasinoff, Rachel Gallegos, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo. **Absent:** Stephen Dittmann, Samantha Jouin and Wendy Litzke.

Mr. Barratt reported that the board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel items.

Presentations

Recognition

Mr. Barratt reported that the recognition schedule will resume during the school year.

Student Representatives to the Board

The students are not in school, so there was no report.

Mr. Barratt reported that the board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal items.

Secretary's Correspondence

Mr. Barratt asked Mr. Peterson if there was any Secretary's Correspondence. There was none.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Report

Dr. Rizzo shared that the next meeting is scheduled for August.

Legislative Report

Ms. Litzke was absent, so there was no report.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Mrs. Chasinoff stated there was no report and the meetings will resume in the Fall.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Gallegos shared that the new website is going to be live soon.

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Goffredo and Dr. Souders shared the Middle School Targeted Support and Intervention Plan (TSI). The intervention plan is applicable to a subset of Middle School students, which has to do with economically disadvantaged students regarding the PSSA test results from the 2022 exams. They shared the engagement and growth goals they will implement and how they plan to execute them.



Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

The board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following Agenda Items.

Routine Approvals

Minutes of June 5 and June 12, 2023
Invoices

Financial Approvals

The following financial items were approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance for 2023-2024

Agreement with MG Tactical of Carlisle, PA, to provide school safety services for the period of 7/1/23 - 6/30/24 at a total cost of \$54,000

Contract with Advanced Protection Company to provide security services for schools and athletics during the 2023 - 2024 school year at a cost of \$29.00 per hour

Authorization for the Director of Business Affairs, in conjunction with legal counsel, to file district-initiated real estate tax appeals according to board policy #627

Renewal of the life insurance program with Sun Life through CM Regent Solutions for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025, at the rate of .07 per thousand

Agreement with KenCrest Services for Transition Educational Services through its Project SEARCH program

Two Agreements with Royer-Greaves School for Blind to provide 2023 Extended School Year services for students 300839 and 190018 at a total cost of \$16,675 per student

A one-year extension for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, to the Agreements with the SOS Group for providing contracted employees

Agreement with Woods Services, Inc. to provide educational services for student #220474, at a total cost of \$101,109.20, including Extended School Year services

Special education settlement agreement for student #270263

Agreement with the Chester County Intermediate Unit for Medical Authorizations required for School-Based ACCESS billing for the 23-24 School Year

Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services to participate in the Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program for the 23-24 School Year

Personnel Approvals

The following personnel items were approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

Resignations

Professional Staff

Alexandra Maxwell, full-time Mathematics teacher, Great Valley High School, effective Monday, August 21, 2023.

Support Staff

Elizabeth Powers, substitute aide, Great Valley School District, effective June 30, 2023.

Substitutes

Kelly Eisenhardt, substitute nurse, Great Valley School District, effective July 12, 2023.



Personnel Approvals

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Leaves

Support Staff

Edward Brown, full-time Head Custodian, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately June 21, 2023 to August 11, 2023.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Jared Shetler, half-year 1st semester long-term substitute Music teacher, Great Valley High School, (Domizio), effective approximately August 22, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Support Staff

Adriana Sofia Pennock, full-time 12-month Multilingual Family Liaison, Great Valley District Office, (new), effective July 31, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Keith Reider, full-time 10-month (210 days), Athletic Trainer, Great Valley High School, (new), effective July 31, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Amber Stirling, full-time 10-month Athletic Office Clerical Aide, Great Valley High School, (Schusko), effective approximately July 31, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2023-2024 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)

Great Valley High School Coaching

Mark Fischer, Baseball, Head 9th Grade Coach, F.

Paul Gring, Cross Country Head Coach, NF.

Raheem Bey, Football, Assistant Coach, (.75), NF.

John McAllister, Football, Assistant Coach, (.75), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

Bernard McCauley, Academic Challenge Sponsor, F.

Paul Egleston, Freshman, Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Erin Wolf, Freshman Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Jennifer Michewicz, Junior Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Erin Catalano, Senior Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Christina Nikodemski, Senior Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

James Carminito, Sophomore Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Brenda Haley, Sophomore Class Sponsor, (.5), F.

Don Morabito, Denmark Exchange Sponsor, F.

Paige Morabito, Denmark Exchange Sponsor, F.

Joe Bradley, Envirothon Sponsor, F.

Alex Venarchik, FBLA Sponsor, F.

Jamie Mozzone, Literary Magazine Sponsor, F.

Alex Siwa, Marching/Concert/Jazz Band Director, F.

David Ruczhak, Assistant Marching Band Director: Winds Instructor/Pep Band, (.6), NF.

Peter Garcia, Marching Band Special Area: Pit Percussion Coach, NF.

Morgan Walker, Marching Band: Percussion Instructor, NF.

Karin Hufnagl, Multi-Cultural/Diversity Club Sponsor, (.5), F.

Krista Russell, Multi-Cultural/Diversity Club Sponsor, (.5), F.

Paige Morabito, National Honor Society, F.

Colby Weist, Robotics Sponsor, F.

Barry Ziober, Science Fair Sponsor, NF.

Bob Johnson, Stage Crew Director, F.

Meghan Daney, Student Council Sponsor, (.5), F.



Personnel Approvals

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Appointments – continued

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching – continued

- Tess Lutz**, Student Council Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Alex Venarchik**, Student Activities Sponsor, F.
- Rachel Beiswenger**, Student Musical, Choreographer, NF.
- Bob Johnson**, Webmaster, (.75), F.

Great Valley Middle School Coaching

- Mathieu Weiner**, Basketball, Head 8th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.
- Paul Gring**, Basketball, Head 7th Grade Boys’ Coach, NF.
- Ann Search**, Field Hockey, Head 7th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.
- Daniel Alper**, Soccer, Head 7th Grade Boys’ Coach, NF.
- Paul Gring**, Track, Head Coach, NF.
- Mary Fischer-Nassib**, Volleyball, Head 8th Grade Girls’ Coach, NF.
- Paul Egleston**, Wrestling, Assistant Coach, F.

Great Valley Middle School Non-Coaching

- Aura Lester**, Envirothon Sponsor, F.

Elementary School Non-Coaching

- Charlestown Elementary School
- Donna Gronwaldt**, Student Council Sponsor, (.5), F.

General Wayne Elementary School

- Kelly DiSerafino**, Video Director, F.

K. D. Markley Elementary School

- Emily Chorney-Manno**, Envirothon Sponsor, F.

Sugartown Elementary School

- Jim Nolan**, Intramurals Director, F.

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

- Juana Herman**, (.7), Total Hours –9.5 (6/8/23, 6/9/23, 6/15/23, 6/16/23)

Post Season Play

- Tennis, Boys’, GVHS
- Gerry McGrath**, 10 days
- Meridith Bebee**, 10 days

Sixth Period Course Stipend, daily courses

- Joseph Bradley**, Environmental Science
- Amanda Kincade**, Biology
- Gerry McGrath**, Government/Economics
- Jeremy Rudolph**, Spanish II

Social Studies Curriculum Writing

- Kendall Coreno**



Personnel Approvals

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Change of Status/Assignment

Professional Staff

Sean Steinmetz, Kindergarten teacher to Grade 4 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective August 22, 2023.

Tara Tracchio, Grade 1 teacher to Grade 4 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, effective August 22, 2023.

Todd Riddle, Grade 5 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School to Grade 6 Science teacher, Great Valley Middle School, effective August 22, 2023.

Ashlyn D'Andrea, Grade 4 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School to ESL teacher, Sugartown Elementary School/General Wayne Elementary School, effective August 22, 2023.

Brittany Wolfe, ESL teacher, Charlestown Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School to ESL teacher, Charlestown Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School.

Summer Services

Grade 12 English Curriculum, 12 hours per person

Jamie Himmelberger

Scott Gee

Kelly Neary

ESL Curriculum, 30 hours each

Abby Kennedy

ESL Math, 24 hours each

Kim Colvin

Christina Jaffe

ESY Coordinator

Brenda Roy

ESY Aides

Darrah Sessoms

Shawn Talvacchia

Credit Recovery, ESSER Funded, August 1 - 17, 2023, (up to 10 hours per week)

Anne Dale

Amanda Kincade

Chris Marley

Bettina Scibilia

Credit Recovery supports students participating in credit recovery courses offered through a third-party. Mentors work with students who have failed or are behind in credits at the high school level to support students with earning credit, primarily in the area of English, although other subject areas may be addressed on an as-needed basis in conjunction with special education services. Mentors provide office hour support to check-in with students one on one and in a small group setting to review assignments, monitor course completion, and assist students with time-management strategies and pacing to support successful course completion.

An LEA must reserve no less than 20% of its total ARP ESSER allocations to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions such as summer learning or enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic social and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups.

Policy Approvals

The following policy items were approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

2ND Reading Repeal

816 District Sponsored Website and Social Media (old)



Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

Dr. Goffredo updated the Board on the progress of the 5/6 Center with photos of the construction project of the roofing, flooring, the installation of interior and exterior studs, and the installation of the wood beams and windows.

The following agenda items were approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

Facilities Approvals

- Change Order #1 to the contract with Tri-County Mechanical, Inc, the Mechanical Contractor for District Office, for \$5,253.34, to be paid with Bond Funds
- Repairs to Charlestown Elementary School roof with David M. Maines Associates for the amount of \$19,943
- T&M Engineering services for land development of the seven-acre parcel located by the K.D. Markley Elementary School at a cost of \$149,700 to be paid with bond funds
- for electrical work for the High School library classroom with Schipssi Electric for the amount of \$3,981
- Contract with Proasys to provide water treatment services at a cost of \$11,740
- Contract with 3B Services, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year, for the annual boiler and water cleaning services, in the amount of \$27,331
- Contract with Arbortech Tree Care Services in the amount of \$21,250
- Purchase of security cameras from Triangle Communications for the High School Auditorium renovation for the amount of \$8,641.13
- Purchase of security Cameras for the exterior of the 5/6 Center from Triangle Communication for \$35,931.10, to be paid with Bond Funds
- Purchase of security cameras for the High School Stadium from Triangle Communication in the amount of \$26,192.93 using PCCD grant funds
- Change Order #3 to the contract with Balton Construction, the General Contractor for District Office, for \$13,130.55, to be paid with Bond Funds
- Change Order #3 to the contract with Philips Brothers Electrical, the Electrical Contractor for District Office, for \$7,216.77, to be paid with Bond Funds

Food Service Approvals

- Authorization of the 2023 - 2024 student breakfast and lunch prices
- Annual renewal of the Primero Edge Software subscription for the 2023 - 2024 school year at \$8,525 to be paid by the Food Service Fund for software for the registers, digital menus, and School Café App.
- Approval of the Disposable Bid for the 2023 - 2024 school year, awarded to Imperial Bag & Paper Co, LLC
- Purchase of equipment for the Food Service Department paid from the Food Services Fund at a total cost of \$77,522.29

Technology Approvals

- Purchase of Cisco Switches for the Administrative offices, at a cost of \$59,282.82 per the PEPPM 2023 Contract #533902
- Purchase of 2,475 power bricks and lightning cables for the classroom iPad carts in all four elementary schools at the cost of \$32,051.23 This agenda item was not acted on.

The following agenda items were approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

- Purchase of Phone America's service agreement at a cost of \$10,235.06 from July 2023 – July 2024
- Purchase of four Ricoh IMC3500 color copiers to be provided to Charlestown, General Wayne, KD Markley, and the Middle school at a total cost of \$23,556.
- Purchase of Preventative Maintenance Services from ePlus for the District's Data Center at a cost of \$13,546.00 through PEPPM Contract #533902
- Purchase of Meraki Wireless Access Points for 100 Lindenwood Drive for the 2023 - 2024 school year under the terms and conditions of the PEPPM Contract #533902, at a cost of \$31,431.92
- Renewal of Seesaw for the period of 9/1/23 through 8/31/24 at a cost of \$10,711.25.
- Purchase from PowerSchool for Special Programs Digital Signature from July 19, 2023 - August 31, 2026, for a total of \$6,813 from July 19, 2023, to August 31, 2024, and \$1/student for each subsequent year



Public Comments

There were no public comments on other items.

Other Board Comments

Dr. Rizzo asked about the release of the new website, and Dr. Goffredo shared that the new website is scheduled to be released before the start of school. Dr. Rizzo also asked about the class sizes and considerations of hiring new staff. Dr. Goffredo stated that the communication about class sizes begins in the Spring, and the administration watches the enrollment numbers closely.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.