

# School Board Special Business Meeting Highlights

August 21, 2023

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



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## During the August 21, 2023 Business Meeting

The August 21, 2023, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo. **Absent:** Jennifer Armstrong and Rachel Gallegos.

## 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 about opening day at the CCIU and the number of students attending for the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Rizzo showed appreciation to Dr. Goffredo for tracking the staffing needs within the district. She also reported that the preschool special education program will start with the highest number of students they have ever seen. The next meeting is scheduled for September 20.

### **Legislative Report**

Ms. Litzke reported that the Senate was in a holding pattern for the month of August. She also shared that the governor signed a \$45 billion bill for state spending; however, it was not passed. Ms. Litzke stated that she will keep the Board apprised of the upcoming events.

### **Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report**

Mrs. Chasinoff stated that the next meeting is September 27. The Equity audit has been completed, and the plan is to present the findings at the September work session.

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

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

### **Facilities Committee Report**

Mr. Peterson shared that there is a meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 24.



**Presentations**

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**Instructional Technology and Curriculum Committee Report**

Dr. Rizzo shared that there is a meeting scheduled for next month.

**Communications Committee Report**

Ms. Litzke shared that the new website has been launched and that feedback is welcomed to help enhance the website

**Superintendent’s Update**

Dr. Goffredo highlighted some of the summer camps over the past few months. These included sports, enrichment, ESY, and ESL camps. Academic program and curriculum work, maintenance and cleaning of the facilities, hiring new staff, and goal setting for the upcoming school year also took place over the summer. Dr. Goffredo gave brief updates about the construction projects and the estimated completion dates of each of the projects. He also shared the enrollment projections for the district and the possibility of changing the elementary school boundaries. A discussion transpired about the growth of the district and the possible ramifications of how it would affect the entire district. Dr. Goffredo also discussed the plans and topics he plans to share with the Board in the coming months. Some of those topics include school safety, the equity plan, world language goals, program changes for 5th through 8th grade, and district goals for the school year.

Mrs. Armstrong arrived at 7:37 p.m.

It was also stated that Opening Day for staff is scheduled for August 22, 2023. Mr. Peterson shared the list of the Support Staff who achieved perfect attendance during the 2022-2023 school year and will be awarded two additional vacation days as stated in the handbook.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

There were no public comments on agenda items.

**Consent Agenda Items**

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following Agenda Items.

**Routine Approvals**

- Minutes of July 17, 2023
- Treasurer and Tax Collectors Report
- Invoices
- Non-Resident Students 2023 – 2024

**Financial Approvals**

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

- The 2024 - 2025 budget development calendar.
- People’s Light & Theater Company contracts for 7th and 8th-grade student field trips.
- Educational Services Contracts with The Camphill School for various students
- Contract between Substitute Teacher Service (STS) and Great Valley School District for the period of 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2025
- Agreement with CAAB Services, LLC for professional development and coaching for the 2023-2024 school year for a total of 25 days at a cost of \$800 per day virtually and \$1,200 per day in-person. Paid through funding from Title II Grant funds
- Purchase of office furniture for the new District Office from Educational Furniture Solutions (EFS) at a cost not to exceed \$207,000
- Contract with Hometown Ticketing LLC and Stripe to provide an online ticket-purchasing program at no cost to the District



## Financial Approvals

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Service agreement with the CCIU to aid in updating the employee handbooks at a cost of \$75.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000  
Increase in wages for game workers.

A contract between Health Advocate Solutions and Great Valley School District for the period of 9/1/2023 – 8/31/2024. This agreement allows 528 employees to receive services through this Employee Assistance Program at a cost of \$9,504.

## Personnel Approvals

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

### **Resignations**

#### Professional Staff

**Erin Trymbiski**, full-time Kindergarten teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, effective approximately 60 days August 20, 2023.

#### Support Staff

**Sheila Lasater**, part-time 10-month cafeteria aide, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective August 15, 2023.

**Terri Vastardis**, full-time 10-month clerical aide, Guidance Office, for the purpose of retirement, Great Valley Middle School, effective September 15, 2023.

#### Substitutes

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

### **Leaves**

#### Professional Staff

**Jennifer Schultz**, Special Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests a Sabbatical for the Restoration of Health for the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

### **Appointments**

#### Professional Staff

**Erin Kelly**, half-year first semester long-term substitute Grade 3 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, (Gancarz), effective August 22, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Sarah Eckroth**, half-year first semester long-term substitute Special Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Schultz, J.), effective September 7, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Alyson Streeter**, half-year first semester long-term substitute Kindergarten teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (Colvin), effective August 22, 2023.

**Jason Shaw**, full-year long-term substitute teacher - first semester long-term substitute Emotional Support teacher, Great Valley High School, (DeMarcantonio, K.), second semester long-term substitute Emotional Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Marabella, L.), effective August 22, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Amanda Kender**, one-year grant funded temporary professional employee Literary and Math Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Dickson/Vandevander), effective August 22, 2023.

**Paige Calfapietra**, full-time temporary professional employee Grade 1 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (new), effective August 22, 2023.

**Jacquelyn Furia**, full-time temporary professional employee Grade 5 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (new), effective August 22, 2023.

**Lisa Larkin**, full-time temporary professional employee School Nurse, 5th/6th Grade Center, 2024-2025 school year, (Floater Nurse, Great Valley School District, 2023-2024 school year), (new), effective August 22, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).



## Personnel Approvals

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### **Appointments** – continued

#### Professional Staff

**Connor Tabak**, full-time temporary professional employee Autistic Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Smith, E.), effective August 22, 2023.

**Sarah Karwoski**, full-time temporary professional employee Grade 1 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (new), effective August 22, 2023.

**Kristen Bilotta**, full-time professional employee Autistic Support teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, (new), effective August 22, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Keith Fritz**, full-time professional employee English/Language Arts teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Leininger), effective August 22, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Stanley Walerski**, full-time professional employee Mathematics teacher, Great Valley High School, (Maxwell), effective when released from his current school district), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Alanna Cini**, full-time professional employee Grade 6 Mathematics teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Stewart, B.), effective when released from her current school district), (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 School District*

**Jean Spitofsky**, Nurse, Department Chair, F.

##### *Great Valley High School Coaching*

**Travis Turgeon**, Baseball, Head Coach, F.

**Andrew Le**, Cross Country, Assistant Coach, NF.

**Crystal Davis**, Field Hockey, Assistant Coach, NF.

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

**Dana Keith**, Football, Assistant Coach, (.5), NF.

**Patrick Ricci**, Football, Assistant Coach, (.25), NF.

**Alex Venarchik**, Golf, Assistant Coach, F.

##### *Great Valley High School Non-Coaching*

**Jason Moore**, Assistant Marching Band Director: Brass & Woodwind Instructor, (.4), NF.

**Jared Shetler**, Chamber Singers Director, (.5), NF.

**Katherine Niesen**, Drama Guild Director, NF.

**Rob Frankel**, Drama Guild Producer (Fall), (.5), NF.

**Katherine Niesen**, Drama Guild Producer (Fall), (.5), NF.

**Michael Molieri**, Marching Band: Drill/Movement/Dance/Color Guard Coach, NF.

**Bridgaline Liberati**, Marching Band: Flags/Color Guard Instructor, NF.

**Rob Frankel**, Student Musical Producer, (.5), NF.

**Katherine Niesen**, Student Musical Producer, (.5), NF.

**Jamie Mozzone**, Television Studio Director, F.



**Personnel Approvals**

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**Appointments** – continued

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2023-2024 school year – continued

*Great Valley Middle School Coaching*

- Gary Phillips**, Baseball, Head 8th Grade Coach, F.
- Mike Meluskey**, Basketball, Head 8th Grade Boys’ Coach, F.
- Kim Dietrick**, Cross Country, Head Coach, NF.
- Joshua Willey**, Football, Assistant Coach, NF.
- Sherri Kratzer**, Lacrosse, Head 8th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.
- Ann Search**, Lacrosse, Head 7th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.
- Crystal Davis**, Lacrosse, Head 7th Grade Boys’ Coach, NF.

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2023-2024 school year – continued

*Great Valley Middle School Coaching*

- Daniel Schemmer**, Soccer, Head 8th Grade Boys’ Coach, F.
- Owen Brown**, Softball, Head 8th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.
- Mike Meluskey**, Softball, Head 7th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.
- Paul Egleston**, Track, Assistant Coach, F.
- C. J. Savage**, Track, Assistant Coach, NF.
- Adam Search**, Track, Assistant Coach, F.
- Joe DelViscio**, Wrestling, Head Coach, NF.

Athletic Workers for GVHS and GVMS, 2023-2024 School Year

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Dan Alper</b>         | <b>Paul Gring</b>           | <b>Dave Moffett</b>   |
| <b>Mike Bagnarelli</b>   | <b>Jim Hanlon</b>           | <b>Jeff Moyer</b>     |
| <b>Meredith Bebee</b>    | <b>Dean Inforzato</b>       | <b>Lisa Nackers</b>   |
| <b>Joann Bedell</b>      | <b>Jacqueline Inforzato</b> | <b>Gary Phillips</b>  |
| <b>Mike Birenbaum</b>    | <b>Bob Johnson</b>          | <b>C. J. Savage</b>   |
| <b>Carole Chappelle</b>  | <b>Nicole Jones</b>         | <b>Jim Sellman</b>    |
| <b>Chuck Chiccino</b>    | <b>Sherri Kratzer</b>       | <b>Nicole Sellman</b> |
| <b>Larry Cinciripino</b> | <b>Robert Lavelle</b>       | <b>Jeannie Semar</b>  |
| <b>Lara Cini</b>         | <b>Laura Mack</b>           | <b>Kim Schusko</b>    |
| <b>Meghan Daney</b>      | <b>Jeff Martin</b>          | <b>Amber Stirling</b> |
| <b>James DiFerdinand</b> | <b>Bernard McCauley</b>     | <b>Mike Trahey</b>    |
| <b>Ann DiMedio</b>       | <b>Laura McDonald</b>       | <b>Travis Turgeon</b> |
| <b>Diamand Donovan</b>   | <b>Gerry McGrath</b>        | <b>Alex Venarchik</b> |
| <b>Matt Ellis</b>        | <b>Chris McKenna</b>        | <b>Trevor Viviani</b> |
| <b>Emily Gillard</b>     | <b>Bill McNamara</b>        | <b>Deb Woodcock</b>   |
| <b>Paul Girone</b>       | <b>Bev Meade</b>            | <b>Neil Young</b>     |

**Salary Adjustments**

Piano Accompanist for Elementary Orchestra, May 23, 2023

**Taylor Gavin**

**Change of Status/Assignment**

Professional Staff

- Kendall Coreno**, Kindergarten teacher to Grade 1 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, effective August 22, 2023.
- Taylor Gavin**, Music teacher (.5)/Librarian (.5) to Music teacher (1.0), Charlestown Elementary School, effective August 22, 2023.
- Bob Stewart**, Grade 6 Mathematics teacher to Grade 5 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, effective August 22, 2023.
- Shannon White**, Grade 2 teacher to Grade 1 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, effective August 22, 2023.
- Christopher Salerno**, Librarian, K. D. Markley Elementary School to Librarian, K. D. Markley Elementary School/Charlestown Elementary School, effective August 22, 2023.



## Personnel Approvals

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### Change of Status/Assignment – continued

Professional Staff – continued

**Carrie Schildknecht**, Librarian, Sugartown Elementary School to Librarian, Sugartown Elementary School/Charlestown Elementary School, effective August 22, 2023.

**Alexandra Walters**, one-year grant funded Literacy and Math Support teacher to Grade 4 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (new), effective August 22, 2023.

**Caroline Collins Wuetcher**, one-year grant funded Literacy and Math Support teacher, Sugartown Elementary School to Grade 3 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, (new), effective August 22, 2023.

**Marie Derby**, Grade 5 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School to Gifted teacher, Great Valley Middle School, effective August 22, 2023.

**Caitlin Vandevander**, one-year grant funded Literacy and Math Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School to Great Valley High School, effective August 22, 2023.

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

**Nicole Jones**, Winter Track, Head Coach, (.5) to full position (1.0), F.

### Summer Services

Social Studies Curriculum

**Matt Wise**, 20 hours

### Tenured Status

The following temporary professional employees have been rated as successful during the 3 years of employment as temporary professional employees. They are eligible for professional employee status as of August 2023. This change of status is to be recorded in the official minutes and requires no official action.

**Stephanie Cummings**, K. D. Markley Elementary School.

**Cara Dore**, Charlestown Elementary School.

**Lauren Marabella**, Great Valley Middle School.

**Helena McKendrick**, Great Valley Middle School

**Cassandra Quinney**, General Wayne Elementary School.

**Cuifang Catherine Tang**, Great Valley High School.

### Staff Conference Requests

Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials Emerging Leaders’ Summit, Gettysburg, PA, Tuesday, August 15 – Thursday, August 17, 2023.

**Jeffrey Stewart**, Facilities Coordinator, District-Wide

## Program Approvals

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

2023 – 2024 student/parent handbook for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

The graduation date of Thursday, June 6, 2024.

The new and revised curriculum for the 2023 – 2024 school year

## Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

Dr. Goffredo updated the Board on the progress of the 5/6 Center construction project. He shared the status of the change orders and the overall project status, which is still on schedule. Dr. Goffredo showed pictures of the windows and roof work, highlighted the central media center's open concept, and the overall project's drone shots.



Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

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

**Facilities Approvals**

Lead in Drinking Water Results

Facilities Use Report

Purchase of refrigeration and freezer equipment for the Administration Building at 100 Lindenwood Drive for \$13,688.35, to be paid with capital funds

Ratification of Change Orders #1, #2, & #3 to the contract with Donald E. Reisinger, Inc., the General Contractor for the High School Auditorium, as presented

Change order #4 for Donald Reisinger, Inc., the General Contractor for the High School Auditorium, Inc., to install 3 fire extinguishers, signs, and cabinets, at a cost of \$4,163.06, to be paid with bond funds

Change order #5 for Donald Reisinger, Inc., the General Contractor for the High School Auditorium, Inc., to install additional drywall and framing for the fabric panels and speakers that are being removed, at a cost of \$2,308.25, to be paid with bond funds

A three-year contract renewal with Tri-State Elevator Company in the annual amount of \$2,744, to be paid quarterly  
East Whiteland Township Final Land Development Plan Resolution

**Transportation Approvals**

Consulting service contract with Michael F. Detwiler Sr. School Consulting Services LLC to provide assistance with bus routing for the 2023 - 2024 school year at a cost of \$600 per day, not to exceed 10 days  
2023 – 2024 Krapf and Norcross drivers as presented

**Technology Approvals**

Renewal of World Book subscription for a cost of \$5,260.02

Purchase of 7 Clear Touch Panels and mounts, at a cost of \$36,171.25, under the terms and conditions of the PEPPM contract

Purchase of 16 Macbooks for use in the High School TV Studio at a cost of \$19,184

Annual renewal of Follett Hosted Service for the library check-in/check-out system at a cost of \$6,423.18

A three-year contract renewal of the SchoolMessenger Communication license at an annual cost of \$7,542.45

Purchase of 100 Multi-Port Charging stations for the elementary classrooms, at a cost of \$4,605

Public Comments

There were no public comments on other items.

Other Board Comments

Dr. Rizzo asked about the class schedules for the students and the busing information. Dr. Goffredo and Mr. Peterson shared that the class schedules have been released, and the busing information will be released tomorrow.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.