

# School Board Work Session Highlights

September 11, 2023

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



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## During the September 11, 2023, Work Session

The September 11, 2023, work session was called to order by President David Barratt. **Present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Samantha Jouin, Neha Mehta and Andrea Rizzo. **Absent:** Jennifer Armstrong, Rachel Gallegos, and Wendy Litzke.

## Student Representative to the Board

Candence Mort and Anika Sapra, both Great Valley High School Seniors, shared the events of the first two weeks of school. They shared that the Digital Media Communications Class raised over \$1,000 through donations to support their newspaper, *The Surveyor*, new website, and the morning show, *Great Morning, Great Valley*. Candence and Anika also shared that the National Honor Society (NHS) students directed parents during Back to School Night, the Danish Exchange Students will arrive on September 26, and the Student Council is planning a club fair so the freshman students have an awareness of the diverse clubs within the High School.

## Program

**Dr. Goffredo** introduced Tomea Sippio-Smith from the Delaware Valley Consortium for Equity and Excellence (DVCEE) to share their general findings from the equity review during the 2022 – 2023 school year. Ms. Sippio-Smith shared the equity review process, which included over 145 interviews with various stakeholders. Strengths and Assets were shared; some highlights were the community's diversity, the educational rigor, and the promotion of inclusion within the district. Ms. Sippio-Smith also shared the generalized responses to the three-question interview.

**Mrs. Armstrong** arrived at 7:42 p.m.

The Student Overnight Trip Request for the 2023 – 2024 School Year is on the September 18 agenda for approval.

## Superintendent's Update

**Dr. Goffredo** depicted how the district has been primarily focused on the students and classroom communities in the first two weeks of school, the new staffing impact, the enrollment numbers, the various construction projects, and the preparations for the 5/6 Center and the 7/8 Middle School. He also highlighted some of the upcoming year's central planning, engagement, and communication areas. He lastly shared the staffing needs for the 5 – 8 program and the general topics of his presentation for next week.



### Facilities

**Mr. Peterson** reviewed the facilities items on the September 18 agenda for approval:

- Schipsi Electrical, LLC., Change Order #1
- Philips Brothers Electrical Change Order #4
- Donald E. Reisinger, Inc., Change Order #6
- Lobar, Inc., Change Order #17

### **Information**

Facilities Use Report – August 2023

### Transportation

**Mr. Peterson** reviewed the transportation items on the September 18 agenda for approval:

- Krapf Contract Addendum
- Norcross Contract Addendum
- First Student Contract
- Private Transportation Contract

### Technology

**Mr. Peterson** reviewed the technology items on the September 18 agenda for approval:

- Qualtrics Addendum
- Delta Math Renewal
- Discovery Education Agreement
- ePlus Bulk Service Agreement (BSA)
- Fluxspace – Purchase of Cleartouch Boards

### Finance

**Mr. Peterson** reviewed the finance items on the September 18 agenda for approval:

- Wallaby Tales Presentation
- Educational Service Agreements
- Agreement with Lakeside Youth Services
- Chester County Consortium for Mental Health & Optimal Development
- Kevin Flanigan Contact
- Contract with Tessa Jenkins
- Hollins–Sims Consultation, LLC. Proposal
- Field Trips Approvals
- GVMS Presentation – Gordon Korman

### Other

**Mr. Barratt** shared that the vote for the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) Officers will take place at the September 18 Business Meeting. Information on all candidates is available to board members in BoardDocs, and any questions should be directed to Dr. Mehta.



### Public Comments

The following residents presented public comments:

- Y. Zhang – Social Studies Curriculum
- E. Strieb – Social Studies Curriculum; Jewish Heritage
- M. Parakala – Music Curriculum
- A. Mieloch – Special Area Curriculum; 8<sup>th</sup> Period Option
- V. Kartick – 5/6 Center, Busing, increased population, and the Equiy work; Social Studies Curriculum

### Executive Session

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

### Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.