

School Board Special Business Meeting Highlights

September 18, 2023

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



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During the September 18, 2023 Business Meeting

The September 18, 2023, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Samantha Jouin, Rachel Gallegos, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo. **Absent:** Jennifer Armstrong and Wendy Litzke.

Presentations

Recognition

Mr. Pickell, the Principal of Charlestown Elementary School, recognized Katy Uhrich, Charlestown Elementary Counselor, for being nominated and awarded A Haven's 2023 School Partner of the Year.

Student Council Reports

Mr. Barratt shared that the Student Council Reports will begin next month.

Student Representatives to the Board

Anika Sapra, Student Representative to the School Board, shared the events of the first few weeks at the high school. She shared that the Drama Guild will perform Sense and Sensibility for the fall play, the High School and Middle School debate teams will work together this year, and the Computer Science Club raised over \$300 at their 'Dine and Donate' event last week.

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 Wednesday, September 20.

Legislative Report

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

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Mrs. Chasinoff stated that the next meeting is September 27.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Dr. Goffredo shared that the foundation's executive director resigned, and the Foundation Board is actively looking for someone to fill the role. In the interim, a consultant has been hired.



Presentations

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Instructional Technology and Curriculum Committee Report

Dr. Rizzo shared that at the September 11 meeting, the committee discussed the implementation of the new social studies curriculum from kindergarten to twelfth grade. Dr. Rizzo also communicated that the curriculum is available on the district website. World Languages were also discussed, with more information about the curriculum to be presented during the Fall Board Meetings. Lastly, she shared that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 9, and the agendas for each meeting are posted the Fridays before the meetings.

Superintendent’s Update

Dr. Goffredo reviewed the programming plans for the 5/6 Center and the Middle School. He also reviewed the overall district goals. The categories the goals are broken into are academics, engagement and communication, culture and well-being, engagement and communication, and finance and operations. After receiving a directive from the Board, Dr. Goffredo intends to return in October with revised goals. Dr. Goffredo shared the timeline for the 5/6 Center and the Middle School Programs and what work will be happening throughout the 2023 – 2024 school year. Mr. Peterson shared the current enrollment for each of the schools as well as the projections for the district over the next five years.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

The board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following Agenda Items.

Routine Approvals

- Minutes of August 21, 2023
- Treasurer and Tax Collectors Report
- Invoices

Program Approvals

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

Great Valley Middle School

GVMS 7th Grade, Cape Henlopen Outdoor Education Program, Cape Henlopen State Park, Lewes, DE, Monday, May 13 - Friday, May 17, 2024 (half of the 7th grade attends from 5/13 to 5/15 / the other half of the 7th grade attends from 5/15 to 5/17), approximately 370 students.

Facilities Approvals

Change Order #1 to the contract with Schipsi Electrical, LLC., the Electrical Contractor for the High School Auditorium, to reroute two conduits, at a cost of \$1,701, to be paid with bond funds.

Change Order #4 to the contract with Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc., the Electrical Contractor for the 5/6 Center, to update multiple electrical items, at a cost of \$28,060.16, to be paid with bond funds.

Change Order #6 to the contract with Donald E. Reisinger, Inc., the General Contractor for the High School Auditorium, to install new CMU blocks on the stage side wall to increase stability at a cost of \$874.13, to be paid with bond funds.

Change Order #17 to the contract with Lobar, Inc., the General Contractor for the 5/6 Center, to reroute storm drain piping, at a cost of \$17,300.51, to be paid with bond funds.

Contract with Ames Janitorial Services from September 18, 2023, to June 30, 2024, to provide contracted custodial staffing as needed.



Consent Agenda Items

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Transportation Approvals

Contract addendum with Norcross Transportation to increase the daily transportation rates to provide increased driver wages.
Contract with First Student to provide student transportation as needed.
Private transportation contract for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Technology Approvals

Qualtrics Addendum - Video Response Question Type for a cost of \$2,500.
Renewal of Delta Math for a cost of \$2,800 to provide formative practice of math skills and topics.
Subscription to Discovery Education at a cost of \$18,165 for Social Studies TechBook for grades 5 – 9.
ePlus Statement of Work (SOW) Bulk Services Agreement (BSA)-131905 for \$10,000 for technical consulting support, on an as needed basis.
Purchase of five Clear Touch Panels for District Office and four mobile stands for the elementary school libraries for \$28,964.85, under the terms and conditions of the PEPPM contract.

Financial Approvals

Authorization for two assembly presentations to the Sugartown Elementary School by Wallaby Tales, LLC, for \$750.
Agreement with Overbrook School for the Blind for 2023-2024 tuition for student 220017. This is for one-to-one aide service for the student for a total amount of \$44,460.
Agreement with The Pathway School for 2023-2024 tuition and one-to-one aide services for student 290604. The tuition is \$64,500 and the aide cost is \$42,000 for a total cost of \$106,500.
Agreement with Cottage Seven Education for 2023-2024 tuition for student 240286. The tuition cost is a per diem rate of \$215.00 for a total yearly cost of \$38,700.
Agreement with CADES for 2023-2024 tuition for student 300260 for the 2023-2024 Regular School Year Diagnostic Placement Agreement for the first 90 days at a per diem rate of \$376.17 and a flat fee of \$1,700 for the Evaluation Report.
Agreement with CADES for 2023-2024 tuition for student 300260 for the 2023-2024 Regular School Year One-to-One Staffing Supplement for a total of \$40,244.00/year.
Agreement with CADES for 2023-2024 tuition for student 300260 for the 2023-2024 Regular School Year Intensive Support Supplement for a total of \$10,179.00/year.
Agreement with Lakeside Youth Services to hold two potential special education slots for Great Valley students and one counselor for support at the elementary level at a total cost for contracted services during the 2023-2024 academic year of \$165,450.
Participation with the Chester County Consortium for Mental Health & Optimal Development for \$18,000.
Contract with Kevin Flanigan to lead a literacy professional development for K-12 teachers, at a cost of \$15,000, to be paid with Title 2 Funds.
Contract with Tessa Jenkins to provide wellness sessions for professional and support staff from October 2023 to May 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.
A proposal from Hollins-Sims Consulting, LLC., to assist with professional development on equity inclusion and belonging within the district at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.
Approval of four separate field trips to the American Helicopter Museum and Education Center for K.D. Markley's second-grade students, iFly for the sixth-grade students, and two trips to Paradise Farm Camps for the fifth-grade students in Sugartown and General Wayne Elementary Schools.
Contract with author Gordon Korman for up to three presentations at Great Valley Middle School, at a cost of \$5,500.
Approval of the Special Education Settlement Agreements for students 270011, 310018, and 270172.

Financial Approvals

The following financial items were approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

The donation of a corporate gift from Veris.AI in the amount of \$350.00 to the Great Valley High School Computer Science Club.



Personnel Approvals

The following personnel items were approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

Resignations

Support Staff

Edward Brown, full-time Head Custodian, K.D. Markley Elementary School, effective December 31, 2023.

Natalie Oskowitz, Payroll Accountant, Great Valley School District, effective September 29, 2023.

Rebekah Harris, Substitute Aide, Great Valley School District, effective September 12, 2023.

Leaves

Professional Staff

Sarah Eldredge, Mathematics teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA and Child Rearing leave from approximately November 15, 2023 to the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Amy Delaney, Social Studies teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately November 27, 2023 to the end of the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

Jeffrey Moyer, Physics teacher, Great Valley High School, requests intermittent FMLA from approximately November 8, 2023 to January 2, 2024.

Brianne Wilson, Grade 6 Mathematics teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests a Sabbatical for the Restoration of Health from August 22, 2023 through the end of the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

Laura Rostick, School Psychologist, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately November 10, 2023 to February 9, 2024.

Ray Fulmer, Physical Education teacher, General Wayne Elementary teacher, requests FMLA from approximately November 15, 2023 to December 22, 2023.

Amy Delaney, Social Studies teacher, Great Valley High School, requests a Professional Compensated Leave for the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

Barbara Goodale, Latin teacher, Great Valley High School, requests a Professional Compensated Leave for the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

Support Staff

Dino Raso, full-time Maintenance, Great Valley School District, requests FMLA from approximately September 25, 2023 to December 15, 2023.

Administrative Staff

Candace Evans, Supervisor of Information Technology, District Office, requests FMLA from July 11, 2023 to July 21, 2023.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Cassandra Tiburcio, half-year first semester long-term substitute Mathematics teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Wilson, B), effective August 22, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Daniel Alper, part-time temporary professional employee Health/Physical Education teacher (.5), Great Valley Middle School, (new), effective August 28, 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).

Support Staff

Mary Waclawsky Ruppe, 10-month Guidance Office Clerical Aide, Great Valley Middle School, (Vastardis), effective September 18, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).



Personnel Approvals

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Appointments – continued

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

Great Valley High School Coaching

Alyson Mento, Soccer, Assistant Girls’ Coach, (.5), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Eric Wentzel, Soccer, Assistant Girls’ Coach, (.5), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

Anne Dale, Class Sponsor, Junior, (.5), F.

Adam Search, Student Musical Orchestra/Pit Director, F.

Megan Druckenmiller, Yearbook Sponsor, F.

Great Valley Middle School Coaching

Danny Alper, Baseball, Head 7th Grade Coach, F.

Karin Hufnagl, Basketball, Head 7th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.

Christopher Medaglia, Lacrosse, Head 8th Grade Boys’ Coach, NF.

General Wayne Elementary School

Eric Schmidt, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.

Sugartown Elementary Non-Coaching

Jennifer Youngblood, Musical Director, NF. (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

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

Mark Fischer

Nicole Inforzato

Lynn Lighthill

Matt Schultz

Andy Schneider

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

Juana Herman, (.7), Total Hours – 15.5 (8/22/23, 8/23/23, 8/24/23, 8/28/23, 8/29/23, 8/30/23)

Sixth Period Course Stipend

Joseph Bradley, Environmental Science, for lab associated with the course.

Teaching Learning Community Volunteers – Tax Rebate for Senior Citizens

Ruthanne Carpi, 16 hours

Deborah Childers, 49.75 hours

Teresa Flanagan, 88 hours

Carol Krisch, 77.75 hours

Robert Matje, 44 hours

Deborah Orlov, 63.75 hours

Stephen Skoufalos, 101.25 hours

Elvira Spaltro, 84 hours

Alice Young, 29 hours

Mentors

Christine Izard, Charlestown Elementary School, mentor to Anuja Mukherjee, Charlestown Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School.

Jean Spitofsky, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Diana Dur, General Wayne Elementary School.



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Mentors – continued

Sara Van Alstyne, General Wayne Elementary School, mentor to Erin Kelly, General Wayne Elementary School.

Meghan Raymond, General Wayne Elementary School, shared mentor (Stephanie Cummings) to Kristen Bilotta, General Wayne Elementary School.

Stephanie Cummings, K. D. Markley Elementary School, shared mentor (Meghan Raymond) to Kristen Bilotta, General Wayne Elementary School.

Jean Spitofsky, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Kristine Birkmire, K. D. Markley Elementary School.

Jamie Himmelberger, Sugartown Elementary School, shared mentor (Amanda McClennen), to Molly McKinney, Sugartown Elementary School.

Amanda McClennen, Sugartown Elementary School, shared mentor (Jamie Himmelberger), to Molly McKinney, Sugartown Elementary School.

Taylor Gavin, Charlestown Elementary School, shared mentor (Carrie Schildknecht), to Katelyn Reichle, Sugartown Elementary School.

Carrie Schildknecht, Sugartown Elementary School, shared mentor (Taylor Gavin), to Katelyn Reichle, Sugartown Elementary School.

Amy Rauscher, Sugartown Elementary School, 1st semester mentor to Alyson Streeter.

Jamie Himmelberger, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Sarah Karwoski, Sugartown Elementary School.

Alison Morse, Great Valley High School, mentor to Amanda McLoughlin, Great Valley Middle School.

Matt Schultz, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Daniel Schemmer, Great Valley Middle School.

Marj Orłowski, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Keith Fritz, Great Valley Middle School.

Theresa Famous, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Chris Sullivan, Great Valley Middle School/Great Valley High School.

Angelina Oh, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Katy Oh, Great Valley Middle School/Great Valley High School.

Roseanne Fabii, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Connor Tabak, Great Valley Middle School.

Heather Cain, Great Valley High School, mentor to Jason Shaw, Great Valley Middle School/Great Valley High School.

Julie Wagner, Great Valley Middle School, 1st semester mentor to Sarah Eckroth, Great Valley Middle School.

Julie Mest, Great Valley Middle School/Great Valley High School, 1st semester mentor to Cassie Tiburcio, Great Valley Middle School.

Julie Mest, Great Valley Middle School/Great Valley High School, mentor to Alanna Cini, Great Valley Middle School.

Teresa Lynch, Great Valley Middle School/Great Valley High School, mentor to Amanda Kender, Great Valley Middle School.

Lynne Lighthill, Great Valley High School, mentor to Abigail Kennedy, Great Valley High School.

Alex Siwa, Great Valley High School, 1st semester mentor to Jared Shetler, Great Valley High School.

Carrie Kane, Great Valley High School, mentor to Linda Chuong, Great Valley High School.

Erin Jochym, Great Valley High School, mentor to Stas' Walerski, Great Valley High School.

Alison Morse, Great Valley High School, mentor to Lisa Larkin, Great Valley High School.

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 September 2023. This change of status is to be recorded in the official minutes and requires no official action.

Nicole Caffey, General Wayne Elementary School

Kendall Coreno, Charlestown Elementary School

Anne Dale, Great Valley High School

Taylor Gavin, Charlestown Elementary School

Barbara Hanes, Great Valley High School

Alison Morse, Great Valley High School

Stephanie Robinson, General Wayne Elementary School



Personnel Approvals

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Staff Conference Requests

American Association of School Librarians Conference (AASL), Tampa, FL, Thursday, October 19 – Sunday, October 22, 2023.

Kelsey Bogan, Librarian, Great Valley High School

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.

PSBA Officer Elections

The Board of School Directors accepted the PSBA Officers and PSBA Insurance Trust Trustee positions and authorized the Board Secretary, Mr. Peterson, to register the vote with PSBA.

Public Comments

There were no public comments on other items.

Other Board Comments

Ms. Jouin reminded the public that the Social Studies Curriculum is available on the community's website. Ms. Chasinoff shared that to be included in the PTO Directory, there is a \$20 fee and that she is concerned about the marginalization of families who are not able to pay \$20 to be included.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.