

# Great Valley School District

## School Board Business Meeting Highlights

### October 16, 2023

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#### During the October 16, 2023 Business Meeting

The October 16, 2023, business meeting was called to order by Vice-President Rachel Gallegos. **Present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo. Joining via Zoom: Jennifer Armstrong. **Absent:** David Barratt, Stephen Dittmann, and Samantha Jouin.

#### Presentations

##### Recognition

Mr. Whitelock, the Great Valley Middle School's Student Council Advisor, shared that the Student Council was awarded the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils (PASC) Distinguished Keystone Council Award. The student officers that accepted the award on behalf of the entire council were **Om Gagrani (7th), Samuel MacFarland (7th), Shaurya Mathur (8th), Liam Moore (7th), Chathura Ramprasad (8th), Shakineha Senthilkumar (7th), John Sullivan (8th), Charan Vijay (8th).**

##### Student Council Reports

The Middle School Student Council Officers reported to the School Board that the Council had their first meeting. The students also shared the Spirit Days, the upcoming student council events, the various clubs that have begun, and the sports teams whose seasons are underway.

Charlestown Student Council Members discussed upcoming events, the spirit days at the school, community service projects, and the events that have already taken place during the school year.

##### Student Representatives to the Board

Anika Sapra and Cadence Mort, the Student Representatives to the School Board, shared a review of the High School Homecoming events from the weekend. The Great Valley Mock Trial team will begin auditions for the upcoming case, and the PSATs will be digitally administered to all 10 and 11 grade students on October 18.

##### Secretary's Correspondence

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

##### Chester County Intermediate Unit Report

Dr. Rizzo shared that the CCIU received a Loan Star Award, a college fair occurred, and they are participating in a para-educator grant. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on October 18.

##### Legislative Report

Ms. Litzke shared that during the September 27 meeting, the major topic was the budget passed in August, the many pending legislation documents, and the next meeting scheduled for October 25.

##### Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Mrs. Chasinoff stated that during the September 27 meeting, the committee reviewed the findings of the equity audit. During the November 6 work session, the equity review and the first draft plan will be presented to the Board and the public. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15.



**Presentations**

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

Dr. Goffredo shared that the work for the Foundation has continued, with the main focus being to find a new executive director while simultaneously looking for corporate partners to grow the program and capabilities of the Foundation.

**Superintendent’s Update**

Ms. Gallegos asked Dr. Goffredo if there was a Superintendent’s Report. There was none.

**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 September 18, 2023  
Treasurer and Tax Collectors Report  
Invoices

**Facilities Approvals**

Lobar, Inc., Change Order #14  
Lobar, Inc., Change Order #15  
Lobar, Inc., Change Order #16  
Iron Eagle Change Order #1  
Philips Brothers Electrical Change Order #4  
Gordian General Construction Contract  
Keystone Sports Construction Proposal  
Mechanical Commissioning

**Facilities Information Item**

Facilities Use Report – September 2023

**Transportation Approvals**

New Krapf Driver Approvals  
Krapf Contract Addendum

**Financial Approvals**

Be a Part of the Conversation Agreement for the 2023 – 2024 Speaker Series  
Per Pupil Budget for 2024 – 2025  
Educational Service Contract with The Camphill School  
Host District Educational Services Agreement  
Educational Services Contract with LearnWell Education  
Requests to Establish Great Valley High School Student Activity Clubs  
Resource Development Company, Inc. Proposal  
Reisman Educational Consulting, LLC Proposal



Financial Approvals

A Proposal for Reisman Educational Consulting, LLC. For professional development for the Social Studies department, at a total cost of \$ 3,000, to be paid with Title II funds was approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

Personnel Approvals

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

**Appointments**

Professional Staff

**Michael Shannon**, long-term substitute Social Studies teacher, Great Valley High School, (Delaney), effective November 27, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

**Lauryn Moddrel**, long-term substitute Mathematics teacher, Great Valley High School, (Eldredge), effective November 1, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Support Staff

**Ethan Emiliani**, Payroll Specialist, Great Valley District Office, (Oskowitz), effective October 30, 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*

**Jason Shaw**, Track, Spring Assistant Coach, F.

**Jason Shaw**, Track, Winter Assistant Coach, F.

*Great Valley High School Non-Coaching*

**Joseph Gregorio**, Student Musical, Choral Director, NF.

*Great Valley Middle School Coaching*

**Courtney Grady**, Student Musical, Producer, 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

**Jason Shaw**

**Paul Egleston**

**Salary Adjustments**

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

**Juana Herman**, (.7), Total Hours – 4 (9/8/23, 9/13/23)

**Change of Status/Assignment**

Professional Staff

**Kimmie Di Nhong**, one-year grant funded temporary professional employee to full-time temporary professional employee Kindergarten teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective October 2, 2023.

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

**Nguessan Yobouet**, Great Valley High School.



**Personnel Approvals**

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**Salary Advancements**

Additional coursework and/or additional degree, retroactive to first workday of first semester.

- Kaitlyn Anderson**, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Gillian Arganetto**, K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Meredith Borys**, General Wayne Elementary School.
- Lara Cini**, Great Valley Middle School.
- Maureen Clark**, K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Caitlyn Conroy**, Charlestown Elementary School.
- Ashlyn D’Andrea**, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Paul Egleston**, Great Valley High School.
- Corinne Gerber**, K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Colleen Gould**, K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Shannon Hallinan**, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Molly Harris**, Great Valley Middle School.
- Roberto Hernandez-Sanchez**, Great Valley Middle School.
- Gabrielle Kane**, K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Chelsea Kaufman**, General Wayne Elementary School.
- Jessica Kheradi**, Great Valley Middle School.
- Sherri Kratzer**, Great Valley Middle School.
- Alexandra LaRosa**, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Lynne Lighthill**, Great Valley High School.
- Teresa Lynch**, Great Valley District Office.
- Lauren Marabella**, Great Valley Middle School.
- Bernard McCauley**, Great Valley High School.
- Nicole Mercadante**, Great Valley High School.
- Lisa Miller**, Great Valley Middle School.
- Kelly Neary**, Great Valley High School.
- Jennifer O’Mara**, Great Valley High School.
- Angelina Oh**, Great Valley Middle School.
- Vasiliki Papadopoulos**, General Wayne Elementary School.
- Jessica Paraschak**, Charlestown Elementary School.
- Jessica Protesto**, Great Valley High School.
- Cassie Quinney**, General Wayne Elementary School.
- Johnna Rice**, K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Jeremy Rudolph**, Great Valley High School.
- Rachel Sortino**, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Tara Tracchio**, Sugartown Elementary School.
- Travis Turgeon**, Great Valley High School.
- Caitlin Vandevander**, Great Valley High School.
- Kim Wickham**, General Wayne Elementary School.
- Shannon White**, General Wayne Elementary School.
- Anne Winter**, K. D. Markley Elementary School.
- Dana Zachar**, Great Valley Middle School.

**Staff Conference Requests**

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Conference, Baltimore, MD, Thursday, September 21 – Friday, September 22, 2023.

**Anna Saracino**, Guidance Counselor, Great Valley High School

CollegeBoard Forum, New York NY, Wednesday, November 1 -Friday, November 3, 2023.

**Meredith Bebec**, Guidance Counselor, Great Valley High School,



**Personnel Approvals**

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**Staff Conference Requests** – continued

National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE) Conference, Columbus, OH, Thursday, November 16 – Saturday, November 18, 2023.

**Kelly Neary**, English teacher, Great Valley High School.

**Christina Nikodemski**, English teacher, Great Valley High School

**Memorandum of Understanding between Great Valley School Board of Directors and Great Valley Education Association (GVEA).**

**Policy Approvals**

Dr. Mehta made a motion, with a second by Ms. Litzke, to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the following policies. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Reading**

- 901 Communications, AG
- 904 Public Attendance at School Events
- 905 Community Advisory Committees
- 906 Formal Complaints, AG
- 907 School Visitors
- 908 Relations with Parents/Guardians
- 912.1 Research Involving District Students and Staff, AG
- 914 Relations with Intermediate Unit, AG
- 916 School Volunteers, AG
- 918 Parent and Family Engagement (Title 1 Parental Involvement)
- 919 Campaigning and Other Political Activity on District Property
- 920 Civility, AG

**Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals**

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

**Facilities Information Item**

- FST Technical Services Commissioning Services
- Balton Construction, Inc., Change Order #4
- Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc., Change Order #5

**Transportation Approvals**

- Private Transportation Contract
- Atlas Transportation

Dr. Goffredo gave an update 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 installation of the windows, the stone veneer, the steel studs, and the frames.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments on other items.



Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.