

Great Valley School District

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

December 4, 2023

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During the December 4, 2023 Business Meeting

The December 4, 2023, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Stephen Dittmann, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, and Andrea Rizzo. **Absent:** Jennifer Armstrong.

Presentations

Recognition

Mr. Barratt announced that Mr. Dittmann and Mrs. Armstrong have served the School Board for 4 years and 12 years respectively and their terms are ending. Mr. Dittmann shared a brief overview of some of the events that occurred during his tenure. An award was presented to Mr. Dittmann for his service to the Great Valley Board of School Directors.

Student Council Reports

The General Wayne Elementary School students reported the recent events that took place within their school to the School Board. Those events were Soup Night, participating in Spirit Week during the week of Homecoming, and participating in Kindness Month for November.

Student Representatives to the Board

Cadence Mort, the Student Representative to the School Board, shared that the National Honor Society induction took place, and there are now 116 new members. The fall play wrapped up, and there were a high number of ticket sales. "Hack the Valley" was hosted by the Great Valley Computer Science Club, and 100 students from Chester County participated in the competition.

Executive Session

Mr. Barratt reported that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss legal and informational 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 to be held on Wednesday, November 15.

Legislative Report

Ms. Litzke shared that the state budget was passed, the House and Senate are negotiating amendments to the budget, and the various bills were reviewed.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Mrs. Chasinoff stated that the next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 15.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Dr. Goffredo shared that the consultant is working diligently with the consultant, fundraising was discussed, and the search for an Executive Director continues.



Presentations

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Instructional Technology and Curriculum Committee Report

Dr. Rizzo shared that during the meeting the World Language curriculum was discussed and how to incorporate important events earlier within the curriculum, and the next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2024.

Superintendent’s Update

Mr. Barratt asked Dr. Goffredo if there was a Superintendent’s Report. There was none.

Dr. Beck reviewed the administration’s recommendations for the World Language curriculum. She shared that the district will be offering high school students the opportunity to earn the PA Seal of Biliteracy which would allow students to gain college credits. She communicated the academic routes that students can choose from, the various language offerings, and the different options that a student can take, beginning in 6th grade. A discussion transpired between the Board about the possibilities that are available to the students. Lastly, she shared the implementation plan for the Winter and into the 2024 – 2025 school year.

Mrs. Armstrong arrived at 8:55 p.m.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

The board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following Agenda Items.

Routine Approvals

- Minutes of October 16, 2023
- Treasurer and Tax Collectors Report
- Invoices

Facilities Approval

- American Red Cross Agreement

Transportation Approval

- Transfinder Corporation Contract

Technology Approvals

- Ricoh Printer Proposal
- Typing Agent Renewal
- DocuSign Subscription Renewal 2023 – 2024
- Visual Sound, Inc. Quote

Financial Approvals

- Educational Services Contracts with LearnWell Education
- Independent Contractor Agreement with Tessa Morgan
- Delaware Valley Consortium for Excellence & Equity (DVCEE) Membership Renewal
- MOU with Delaware County Community College
- Structured Literacy Grant Agreement
- Renaissance Subscription Renewal



Consent Agenda Items

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Program Approval

Social Studies Curriculum

Financial Approvals

An Agreement with Immaculata University Facilities Rental for pool use for the 2023 Winter Season was approved by a vote of 9 to 0.

Personnel Approvals

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

Resignations

Support Staff

Danielle Bevan, full-time Administrative Assistant, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective November 21, 2023.

Leaves

Professional Staff

Kathleen Crisi, Biology teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately October 16, 2023 to November 22, 2023.

Kaitlyn Anderson, Kindergarten teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately February 20, 2024 to May 17, 2024.

Lauren Marabella, Emotional Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately January 31, 2024 to April 30, 2024.

Meghan Primerano, Literacy Specialist teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately January 31, 2024 to April 30, 2024.

Lisa Freeman, Language Arts teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests a Professional Compensated Leave for the 2024-2025 school year.

Caitlyn Conroy, Grade 4 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately February 29, 2024 to May 31, 2024.

Support Staff

Darren Clark, HVAC Technician, Great Valley Warehouse, requests FMLA from approximately October 19, 2023 to December 1, 2023.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Dana Jensen, long-term substitute Biology teacher, Great Valley High School, (Crisi), effective November 27, 2023, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Administrative Staff

Dustin Zappone, Supervisor of Facilities, Great Valley District Office, (Morris, K.), effective November 27, 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

Andrew Le, Winter Track, Assistant Coach, NF.

Rasheed Lawson, Basketball, Assistant Girls’ Coach, NF.

Great Valley Middle School Non-Coaching

Linda Morgan, Television Studio Sponsor, NF.



Personnel Approvals

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Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

Juana Herman, (.7), Total Hours – 5.5 (9/20/23, 9/26/23, 10/6/23)

Mentors

Stephanie Bricker, Great Valley High School, mentor to Lauryn Moddrel, Great Valley High School.
Meg Schachter, Great Valley High School, mentor to Michael Shannon, Great Valley High School.

ESL Math Curriculum

Christina Ensling, 24 hours

Change of Status/Assignment

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

Great Valley High School Coaching

Jason Shaw, Winter Track, Assistant Coach, (1.0) to Winter Track, Assistant Coach, (.5), F.

Julian Strunk, Winter Track, Assistant Coach, (.25) to Winter Track, Assistant Coach, (.5), NF.

Food Service Net Share

Great Valley District Employees

Catherine Bernardi

Aleida Bocanegra

Melanie Capoferri

Kimberly Caven

Maria Decker,

Robert Ervin

Skylar Flint

Stephanie Gracia

Kathryn Liberato,

Stephanie Pallas

Yvonne Westlake

SOS Contracted Employees

Heba Abdalla

Lisa Bernhardt

Shaairah Muhammad

Janiele Pemberton

Martha Urbina Gaitan

Policy Approvals

The following policies were approved by a vote of 9 to 0.

1ST Reading Repeal

830 Breach of Computerized Personal Information

1ST Reading

138 Daycare

209 Health and Dental Examinations/Screening, AG



Policy Approvals
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1ST Reading – continued

- 215 Promotion and Retention, AG
- 224 Care of School Property, AG
- 225 Relationship with Law Enforcement, AG
- 226 Student Searches, AG
- 229 Student Searches, AG
- 230 Public Performances by Students, AG
- 830 Security of Computerized Personal Info/Breach Notification, AG
- 830.1 Data Governance/Storage Security, AG

2ND 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
- 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

Program Approvals

The board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following Program Items.

Program Approval

District Equity Plan

Informational Item

4 draft calendars for the 2024 – 2025 school year

Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

The board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following Facilities Items.

Mr. Peterson read an email that was sent from a contractor regarding the cooperation between the multiple companies to ensure that everyone was working collaboratively to complete the 5/6 Center Project.

Facilities Approvals

- Lobar, Inc. Change Order #18
- Lobar, Inc. Change Order #19
- Lobar, Inc. Change Order #20
- Lobar, Inc. Change Order #21



Public Comments

The following community members made public comments on other items:

- B. Tickner – acknowledgment of Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. Dittmann for their service to the School Board
- N. Salvatico – changes for the upcoming school year, next year’s calendar, and an invitation to the subsequent contract negotiations with the Great Valley Education Association.

Other Board Comments

Ms. Gallegos shared that the production of Sense and Sensibility was phenomenal.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.