

Great Valley School District
School Board Business Meeting Highlights
March 18, 2024

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During the March 18, 2024 Business Meeting

The March 18, 2024, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Board members present:** Tricia Bliven-Chasinoff, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, Thomas Richards, Andrea Rizzo, and Rebecca Spiess.

Presentations

Recognition

Michael Semar, Athletic Director for the High School, recognized Eva Nemeth (12) for being named the National Play of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA).

Student Council Reports

General Wayne Elementary School's Student Council shared some of the events that took place at the school over the past few months. Some of the fundraising efforts benefited CHOP, People's Pantry, and Meals on Wheels.

Executive Session

Mr. Barratt reported that the Board met in the Executive Session to discuss personnel and information.

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 a brief report regarding the events and projects in the Intermediate Unit.

Legislative Report

Mrs. Jouin shared that they discussed the upcoming Legislative Breakfast during the February meeting.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Mrs. Chasinoff shared that the next meeting is scheduled for April 3.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Speiss reported that the Harlem Wizards Night, which took place on March 8, was a great success.

Instructional Technology and Curriculum Committee Report

Dr. Rizzo shared that the February 20 meeting discussions were around the Program of Studies for High School students and the new Social Studies Curriculum. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8.

Communications Committee

Ms. Litzke reported that during the March 5 meeting, they discussed the website's feedback and the communication plan for the proposed redistricting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 30.



Superintendent’s Update

Dr. Goffredo reiterated the options previously presented for the elementary redistricting, which is scheduled for the 2024—2025 school year. The board discussed these options.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

The following community members comments on the redistricting plans:

H. Rashal
T. Herman
N. Groch
M. Birtel
S. Singh
A. Sonlin
C. Croyle

V. Malhotra
K. Kingan
J. Harpold
E. Rodriguez
C. Jacobs
G. Flores
T. Hermans

M. Aquino
J. Marrow
K. Buzzi
S. Harpold
M. Narwane
R. Singh

Consent Agenda Items

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

Routine Approvals

Minutes of February 20, 2024
Invoices
Treasurers and Tax Collectors’ Report

Program Approvals

Social studies curriculum for 6th grade unit 2 for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
Anatomy & Physiology unit 5 for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
Social studies curriculum for Kindergarten Unit 4 for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
Social studies curriculum for 4th grade Unit 3 for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
Social studies curriculum for 5th grade Unit 2 for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
Social studies curriculum for 6th grade unit 2 for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
Social studies curriculum for 7th grade Unit 5 for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Facilities Approval

Change order #6 to the contract with Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc., the Electrical Contractor for the 5/6 Center, for \$159,418.29 to be paid with construction funds.
Change order #7 to the contract with Donald E. Reisinger, Inc., the General Contractor for the High School Auditorium, for \$7,916.22, to be paid with Bond Funds.
Change order #8 to the contract with Donald E. Reisinger, Inc., the General Contractor for the High School Auditorium, \$5,263.08, to be paid with Bond Funds.
Change order #9 to the contract with Donald E. Reisinger, Inc., the General Contractor for the High School Auditorium, \$5,229.74, to be paid with Bond Funds.
Change order #10 to the contract with Donald E. Reisinger, Inc., the General Contractor for the High School Auditorium, \$554.22, to be paid with Bond Funds.
Change order #11 to the contract with Donald E. Reisinger, Inc., the General Contractor for the High School Auditorium, for \$8,352.11 to be paid with Bond Funds.
Change order #12, to the contract with Donald E. Reisinger, Inc., the General Contractor for the High School Auditorium, for \$1,667.73, to be paid with Bond Funds.
Change order #2 to the contract with Schipsi Electrical, LLC., the Electrical Contractor for the High School Auditorium, for \$4,311.35, to be paid with construction funds.
Change order #3 to the contract with Schipsi Electrical, LLC., the Electrical Contractor for the High School Auditorium, for \$3,313.77, to be paid with construction funds.



Consent Agenda Items

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Facilities Approval – continued

Purchase of security cameras from Triangle Communications for the 5/6 Center for the amount of \$101,695 under the terms and conditions of the CO-STARS contract, to be paid with construction funds.

A three-year contract with Charlestown Landscaping to provide lawn and landscape services from March 2024 to June 2027.

A one-year contract with Charlestown Landscaping to provide Snow Removal and Anti-Skid Application for the 2024-2025 school year to be used on an as-needed basis.

Agreement with TruGreen for turf maintenance for the 2024 calendar year, totaling \$20,812.99, under the terms and conditions of the co-stars contract.

Scope of Work submitted by Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (WTI) for roof restoration of the Great Valley Middle School for \$2,764,076.54 under the terms and conditions of AEPA/KPN Contract #KPN-A-202012.04 paid by Capital Reserve Funds.

Scope of Work submitted by Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (WTI) for roof restoration of the Charlestown Elementary School for \$1,250,812.44 under the terms and conditions of AEPA/KPN Contract #KPN-A-202012.04 paid by Capital Reserve Funds.

Purchase and installation of a batting cage at the High School Softball Field for \$23,137.08.

Purchase of a Scoreboard for the 5/6 Center gym at the cost of \$18,812, under the terms and conditions of the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN).

Transportation Approval

Krapf drivers for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Private transportation contract for the 2023-2024 school year

Technology Approvals

Purchase of 1:1 iPads and accessories for students in kindergarten, 3, 5, 9, and staff for the 2024-2025 school year at a total combined cost of \$687,772, under the terms and conditions of the PEPPM Contract.

Three-year contract with Chesconet at an annual cost of \$44,000 for our Dark Fiber Internet connection.

Purchase of Cisco Switches, Meraki Wireless Access Points, and Uninterruptable Power Supplies for the 5/6 Center for \$456,510.86 under the terms and conditions of the PEPPM Contract to be paid with construction funds.

Purchase of Cisco Duo software for the technology department at a cost of \$960.

Renewal of the Hardware License for FortiAnalyzer at a cost of \$801.72.

Renewal of the Bulk Services Agreement (BSA)-144273 with ePlus for \$10,000.

Purchase and installation of telephones from PhoneAmerica Corp. for all offices and classrooms in the 5/6 center for \$24,628.20, under the terms and conditions of the PEPPM contract.

Purchase of three large venue projectors from Visual Sound for the 5-6 Center at the cost of \$57,727.35, under the terms and conditions of COSTARS contract 034E22-123.

Purchase of 8 Epson LightScene LCD projectors as digital signage from CDW-G for each House in the new 5/6 Center for \$12,392, under the terms and conditions of the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) Contract 022-G.

Purchase of 78 ClearTouch Panels at \$378,251.08 for the new 5/6 Center, under the terms and conditions of the PEPPM contract.

Three-year agreement with Crown Castle to provide Dark Fiber connection to all of the buildings within the district, at a monthly cost of \$11,200.

Financial Approvals

Field Trip for Charlestown 4th-grade students are scheduled to visit Paradise Farm Camps on May 13, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$ 1,250.

Field Trip for Sugartown 4th-grade students are scheduled to visit Paradise Farm Camps on May 28, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$ 2,000.

Field Trip for K.D. Markley 4th-grade students are scheduled to visit Paradise Farm Camps on April 19, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.

Field Trip for General Wayne 4th-grade students are scheduled to visit the YMCA on April 18, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$1,250.

Contract with DJ VO Entertainment, LLC. for DJ services at Henlopen for \$2,500.

Reddix Transportation, Inc. Estimate to shuttle students at Cape Henlopen State Park at an estimated cost of \$900.



Consent Agenda Items

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Financial Approval – continued

Purchase of Wonder Workshop for Elementary Schools from March 7, 2024 to March 7, 2025, for \$1,595.
 Two assembly presentations at Sugartown Elementary School by Benergy1 Presentations, for \$1,500.
 Structured Literacy Grant audit by Schools Cubed as required by the grant. To be funded by the Structured Literacy Grant.
 Contract with KidsPeace for student 260062. The date of admission was 1/31/2024 at the Orefield Campus. The tutorial rate for 2023-2024 is \$40/hour. They provide 5 hours of tutorial education per week.
 Contract with KidsPeace for student 300607. The date of admission was 1/30/2024 at the Orefield Campus. The tutorial rate for 2023-2024 is \$40/hours. They provide 5 hours of tutorial education per week.
 Contract with LearnWell for student 300607. The date of admission was 2/19/2024 at High Focus Centers

Financial Approvals

SOS Contract Extension agreement for the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Personnel Approvals

Resignations

Support Staff

Yvonne Wolters, part-time Health Room Nurse, Great Valley Middle School, effective February 26, 2024.
Sandy Crooks, part-time Cafeteria Aide, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
Colleen Conlow, part-time aide, Charlestown Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective March 11, 2024.

Leaves

Professional Staff

Nicole Walton, Special Education teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, requests intermittent FMLA from approximately March 4, 2024 to the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
Donna Gimbel, Grade 6 teacher, Great Valley Middle School requests FMLA from approximately February 1, 2024 to March 4, 2024.
Trevor Viviani, Technology Education teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately April 22, 2024 to May 9, 2024.
Larry Cinciripino, Social Studies teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately March 6, 2024 to June 4, 2024.

Administrative Staff

Christa Keister, Assistant Principal, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately April 29, 2024 to July 19, 2024.

Appointments

Support Staff

Kellianne Miley, full-time 12-month Administrative Assistant to the Principal, Sugartown Elementary School, (Myers), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective April 1, 2024.
Rodney Bethea, full-time 12-month Second Shift Custodian, Charlestown Elementary School, (Valentino), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective April 1, 2024.

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

Great Valley High School Coaching

Kim Wenger, Lacrosse, Head Girls’ Coach, NF.



Personnel Approvals

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Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

Juana Herman, (.7), Total Hours – 5 hours total, (2/14/24, 3/8/24)

Change of Status/Assignment

Professional Staff

Tara Tracchio, Grade 4 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School to Literary Specialist, Charlestown Elementary School, (Gormley), the effective date is to be determined.

Support Staff

Teche Myers, full-time 12-month Administrative Assistant to the Principal, Sugartown Elementary School to the 5th/6th Grade Center, (new), effective April 1, 2024.

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

Great Valley High School Coaching

Crystal Davis, Lacrosse, Head Boys’ 7th Grade Coach to Lacrosse, Head Boys’ 8th Grade Coach, Great Valley Middle School, (Medaglia), NF.

Christopher Medaglia, Lacrosse, Head Boys’ 8th Grade Coach to Lacrosse, Head Boys’ 7th Grade Coach, Great Valley Middle School, (Davis), NF.

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 February 2024. This change of status is to be recorded in the official minutes and requires no official action.

Kelsey DeMarcantonio, Great Valley High School

Staff Conference Requests

EmpowHer: Supporting Excellence in Educational Leadership, Hershey, PA, Monday, May 20 – Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

Andrea Dinsmore, Director of Student Services, District Office.

Penn State History Workshop, Penn State University, Wednesday, May 8 – Thursday, May 9, 2024.

Beth Zigmont, Ed.D., Secondary Supervisor, Teaching and Learning, District Office.

Kathleen Ayers, Instructional Technology Coach, District Wide.

Policy Approvals

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

1st Reading

- Policy 006 Meetings
- Policy 200 Enrollment in District. AG
- Policy 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students. AG
- Policy 209.1 Food Allergy Management. AG
- Policy 210 Administration of Medication. AG
- Policy 216.1 Supplemental Discipline Records
- Policy 217 Graduation Requirements
- Policy 237 Electronic Devices. AG
- Policy 246 Student Wellness. AG



Policy Approvals

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1st Reading Repeal

216.3 Supplemental Discipline Records, AG

Program Approvals

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

Program Approval

GV Middle School Student Overnight Trip Request for Robotic Students to the VEX Robotics World Championship
Redistricting option 1A for the elementary schools for the 2024-2025 school year
Naming the 5/6 Center Building the “Great Valley 5/6 Center”

Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

Dr. Goffredo shared that the building is still scheduled to be completed in August.

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

Facilities Approvals

Balton Construction, Inc. Change Order #5 - to add additional ACT could ceiling in the Board Room and revisions to the exit door, for \$4,231.56.
Balton Construction, Inc. Change Order #6 - to add Board Room Exit Door, for \$39,937.73, with 50% of the cost to be covered by Schrader Group Architecture, LLC.

Technology Approval

Purchase of a Penetration Test by GDC IT Security at a cost of \$22,420

Public Comments

The following community members made public comments on other items:

- N. Salvatico – Middle School cyber bullying
- C. Hartley – Middle School cyber bullying
- Unnamed Parent – Middle School cyber bullying
- N. Groch – redistricting

Other Board Comments

Dr. Goffredo shared comments about the cyber bullying situation in the middle school.

Mr. Barratt thanked the community for their input regarding redistricting.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.