

Great Valley School District School Board Business Meeting Highlights February 20, 2024

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During the February 20, 2024 Business Meeting

The February 20, 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

Marie Derby recognized the Great Valley Future City team, which earned the Constructing For The Future Award and the IEEE Award from the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers at the national competition on January 20, 2024. **Diya Sharma** (8), **Neel Rege** (8), **Vishi Sharma** (8), and **Ahana Gupta** (8) accepted the recognition on behalf of the team.

Mr. McCloskey reported that the GVHS Mosaic Literary Magazine ranked First Class in the 2023 National Council of Teachers of English's (NCTE) Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines (REALM) Competition. Mosaic editors **Livia Chan** (11) and **Caitlin Sibley** (12) accepted this award on behalf of the magazine staff.

Student Representatives to the Board

Charlestown Elementary School's Student Council shared a few community service projects they contributed to and the celebration of their administrative assistant's retirement. The students also reported a few events that are scheduled for Spring, such as Spirit Week and Mindful Mondays.

Recognition

Andrew Cooke, the Advancement Coordinator for Boy Scouts of America Troup 76B recognized five Great Valley Students who attained the rank of Eagle. Those students are **James Babcock** (12), **Toby Board** (12), **Auden David** (11), **James Kennedy** (11), and **Ajay Jegan Mohan** (10).

Executive Session

Mr. Barratt reported that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss 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 a brief report regarding the events and projects at the Intermediate Unit.

Presentations

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Legislative Report

Mrs. Jouin communicated the topics discussed at the legislative meeting. Some items discussed included grants, wellness initiatives for people with mobility restrictions, school days/hours for an entire year, and school start times.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Mrs. Chasinoff shared some of the main topics of the committee meeting on January 31. This included mentorship, the importance of diversity, and upcoming spring events.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Speiss reported that the Foundation is working hard to prepare for next month's Harlem Wizards event.

Superintendent's Update

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items

The following community members comments on the redistricting plans:

N. Salvatico
N. Groch
V. Sharpless
H. Bharsar
S. Vidhate
T. Turner
P. Dani
R. Bhatt
A. D'Orazio

C. Ouazzi
C. Correale
S. Kane
V. Srinivasamoorthy
T. Hermans
C. Cupp
C. Gray
B. Murphy
K. Kilby

M. Waidlich
A. Kohli
T. Burns
S. Sangamnerkar
M. McNally
E. Hart
E. Rodriguez
J. Jhamtani
E. Clark

Consent Agenda Items

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

Routine Approvals

Minutes of January 17, 2024
Treasurer and Tax Collectors Report
Invoices

Program Approval

Social studies curriculum for 9th grade World History I unit 3 curriculum for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
Social studies curriculum for grades one, three, and four for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
Anatomy & Physiology unit 4 for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
Great Valley High School Program of Studies

Consent Agenda Items

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Facilities Approval

Lobar, Inc. Change Orders #23 – #27
Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc. Change Orders #7 – #9
Agreement with Great Valley Little League
Agreement with Chester Valley Little League

Technology Approvals

Barracuda Software Annual Renewal
Rubrik Data Backup Service Renewal
Raptor Visitor Management Annual Renewal
Swank K-12 Streaming License Annual Renewal
Obsolete iPad Sale
Purchase of Naviance for Elementary
Purchase of Vernier Software & Technology, Inc.
Frontline Education License Renewal

Financial Approvals

Educational Service Contracts
Independent Contractor Agreement with Dr. Dan Ilaria
Upper Main Line YMCA Field Trips
Social Media Legal Agreement
June 30, 2023 Audited Financial Report and Fund Balance Designations

Personnel Approvals

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

Resignations

Professional Staff

Michael Bagnarelli, Dean of Students/Athletic Director (TOA), Great Valley Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Renee Kilpatrick, Transition Coordinator/Special Education teacher, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Larry Cinciripino, Social Studies teacher, Great Valley Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Sheila Startup, Art teacher, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Joann Bedell, Sixth Grade Language Arts teacher, Great Valley Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the 2023-2024 school year.

Maryellen Byrne, Great Valley Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Support Staff

Gordon Baum, Head Custodian, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective August 1, 2024.

Personnel Approvals

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Resignation/Separation Agreement

Professional Staff

Phyllis Ray, Grade 5 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Leaves

Professional Staff

Meredith Borys, Grade 5 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately April 10, 2024 through September 10, 2024.

Caitlin Cecco, School Counselor, General Wayne Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School requests FMLA from approximately April 18 2024 through September 18, 2024.

Katherine Auslander, Kindergarten teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, requests FMLA and Child Rearing leave from approximately May 3, 2024 through the end of the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

Pam Crump, Learning Support teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately February 19, 2024 to April 1, 2024.

Jessica Kheradi, Special Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately April 17, 2024 to the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Carlyn Crisi, half-year long-term substitute Grade 5 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Ray), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective approximately February 9, 2024.

Support Staff

Ryan McKenna, full-time 12-month Electrician, Great Valley School District Warehouse, (Stewart), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective February 26, 2024.

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

Elementary Schools

Louisa Draper, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), NF.

Great Valley High School Coaching

Alexander Greco, Lacrosse, Head Boys' Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Lance Spiker, Lacrosse, Assistant Boys' Coach, NF.

Mike Magee, Softball, Head Girls' Coach, NF.

Emily Gillard, Softball, Assistant Girls' Coach, F.

Nicole Jones, Spring Track, Head Coach, F.

Andrew Le, Spring Track, Assistant Coach, NF.

Pete Ruckelshaus, Spring Track, Assistant Coach, (.5), F.

Meridith Bebee, Tennis, Assistant Boys' Coach, F.

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

Katie Domizio, Chamber Singers Director, (.5), F.

Personnel Approvals

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Appointments – continued

Great Valley High School Auditorium Lighting and Sound System Operation (for outside group rental of the facility)

GVHS students, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements).

Patrick Bruderie

Grace Colvin

Asher Friedman

Maximum Miller

Evan Titus

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

Juana Herman, (.7), Total Hours – 11.25 hours total, (1/29/24, 2/1/24, 2/5/24, 2/7/24, 2/8/24)

Mentors

Jamie Himmelberger, Sugartown Elementary School, shared mentor to Melynda McKinney, Sugartown Elementary School, second semester.

Amanda McClennen, Sugartown Elementary School, shared mentor to Melynda McKinney, Sugartown Elementary School, second semester.

Jim Simpkins, K. D. Markley Elementary School, shared mentor to Gabrielle Juliano, General Wayne Elementary School, second semester.

Amanda McClennen, Sugartown Elementary School, shared mentor to Gabrielle Juliano, General Wayne Elementary School, second semester.

Donna Ahern, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Carlyn Crisi, K. D. Markley Elementary School, second semester.

ESL Science Curriculum,30 hours each

Emily Gillard

Helena McKendrick

Change of Status/Assignment

Support Staff

Maria Chris Decker, Elementary Food Service Coordinator to 5th/6th Grade Center Food Service Coordinator, (new), effective February 20, 2024.

Mentors

Heather Cain, Great Valley High School, mentor to Jason Shaw, Great Valley High School, annual stipend adjustment.

Nicole Lombardi, Great Valley District Office, mentor to Jason Shaw, Great Valley Middle School, annual stipend adjustment.

Administration

Sharee McGibboney, Assistant Director of Business Affairs to Director of Business Affairs, Great Valley District Office, (Peterson), effective July 1, 2024 (5-year contract).

Personnel Approvals

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Salary Advancements

Additional coursework and/or additional degree, retroactive to the first day of January, 2024.

Kristine Birkmire, K. D. Markley Elementary School
Nikki Caffey, General Wayne Elementary School
Mark Cellini, Great Valley Middle School
Kendall Coreno, Charlestown Elementary School
Aly Crabtree, Great Valley Middle School
Nicole Davis, K. D. Markley/Charlestown Elementary School
Eli Dietz, Great Valley Middle School
Mark Fischer, Great Valley High School
Taylor Geiser, K. D. Markley Elementary School
Tim Leary, Great Valley Middle School
Rachel Macey, K. D. Markley Elementary School
Michelle Mariani, Charlestown Elementary School
Helena McKendrick, Great Valley Middle School
Emily O'Connor, Great Valley High School
Damita Pridgen, Great Valley Middle School
Eric Schmidt, General Wayne Elementary School
Sean Steinmetz, K. D. Markley Elementary School
Tony Verna, 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 February 2024. This change of status is to be recorded in the official minutes and requires no official action.

Chelsea Kaufman, General Wayne Elementary School

Staff Conference Requests

PenSPRA (Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association) Annual Conference, State College, PA, Thursday, March 7 – Friday, March 8, 2024.

Jennifer Blake, Director of Communications and Outreach, District Office.

Harvard Graduate School of Education, Women in Education Leadership, Cambridge, MA, Thursday, April 18 – Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Dr. Beth Zigmont, Secondary Supervisor of Teaching and Learning, District Office.

Policy Approvals

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

2nd Reading and Adoption

Policy 103 Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices, AG
Policy 104 Nondiscrimination in Employment and Contract Practices
Policy 103.3 Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students, AG
Policy 234 Pregnant/Parent Students, AG
Policy 247 Hazing, AG
Policy 248 Harassment, AG
Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying, AG
Policy 606 Tax Collection
Policy 912.1 Research Involving District Students and Staff, AG

Program Approvals

Program Approval

The Board voted 9 to 0 to table the District Equity Plan.

The Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the Fair Funding in Education Resolution.

The Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the 7th-grade social studies curriculum for unit 4 for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Public Comments

There were no public comments on other items.

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.