

Great Valley School District

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

January 17, 2024

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During the January 17, 2024 Business Meeting

The January 17, 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

Student Council Reports

Kathryn D. Markey Elementary School's Student Council students thanked the School Board in honor of January being School Director Recognition Month. They also shared some of the events that have occurred and the ways they have benefited the community. Some of the events that occurred were Mindfulness Day, a recycling event called Trick-or-Trash, and Spirit Days in October and December.

Students from Sugartown Elementary School's Student Council shared a few of the events that were held, such as Spirit Day, Heritage Week, and a planned Kindness Week. They thanked the School Board for all their hard work in honor of School Director Recognition Month.

Students from Great Valley Middle School's Student Council updated the School Board on the events that took place at the middle school over the past few months. They communicated that a Bingo night is scheduled for February 9, a Spring Dance for March 15, and an update on the various Winter Sports. Lastly, they thanked the School Board for their time and commitment to the Great Valley community.

Student Representatives to the Board

Anika Sapra, the Student Representative to the School Board, reported that the Unified Bocce Team competed and won their first game, the cast list for the spring musical Mean Girls has been released, and the end of the second marking period has been moved to Tuesday, January 23 due to school closings because of the recent inclement weather.

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 reported that there is a meeting being held tonight, and she will share the report at the February Work Session.

Legislative Report

Mrs. Jouin communicated that the first meeting of the 2024 calendar year is scheduled for next week.



Presentations

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Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Mrs. Chasinoff stated that the next meeting is scheduled for January 31.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Speiss shared that a few of the foundation's programs help support the community and a few upcoming events and fundraising that will occur in the Spring.

Communications Committee Report

Ms. Litzke shared that the meeting has been rescheduled to February 6.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Barratt shared that the next meeting will be held on January 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Instructional Technology and Curriculum Committee Report

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

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Goffredo shared the proposed start times for the 5/6 Center, which would be 8:20 a.m., and the Elementary Schools will have a new start time of 9:00 a.m. He also shared what the various schedules will look like for students in grades 5 – 8. Dr. Goffredo continued the report by sharing how the kindergarten through eighth-grade music program will be adjusted regarding the band, orchestra, general music, lessons, chorus, jazz bands, and select orchestra ensemble. Dr. O'Toole shared the process of the 7th and 8th grade students selecting the new electives that will be offered to the students. Lastly, Dr. Goffredo reported the 2024 – 2025 school year staffing considerations, focusing on the needs for the new 5/6 Grade Center. Dr. Beck provided detailed information regarding the math and literacy specialists. A discussion transpired between the Board regarding staffing considerations.

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 December 4, 2023
- Treasurer and Tax Collectors Report
- Invoices

Program Approval

- Social Studies Curriculum
- Anatomy & Physiology Curriculum
- Calendar for 2024-2025 School Year



Consent Agenda Items
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Transportation Approval

Krapf Driver Approval
Private Transportation Contract

Technology Approvals

MCIU Zoom License Agreement

Financial Approvals

World of Learning Institute Quote for Latin
Board/Administrator Professional Development
DMG DMGSchedules for Elementary Schools Renewal
Gill & Associates Contract
Global Compliance Network, Inc. Renewal

Program Approval

Social Studies Curriculum

Financial Approvals

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

Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) STEM Consortium Service Agreement
Donation to Charlestown Elementary School
Educational Service Agreement

Personnel Approvals

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

Resignations

Support Staff

Linda Cox, full-time custodian, Great Valley District Office, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 22, 2024.

Administrative Staff

Charles Peterson, Director of Business Affairs, Great Valley School District, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2024.

Leaves

Professional Staff

Allison Blicke, Intervention teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, requests an extension of Child Rearing Leave to the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Kristen Bilotta, Autistic Support teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, requests medical leave from approximately March 11, 2024 through May 3, 2024.

Bernard McCauley, Social Studies teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately January 2, 2024 – January 12, 2024.

Jessica Kheradi, Learning Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests Professional Compensated leave for the 1st semester of the 2024-2025 school year.



Personnel Approvals

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Leaves – continued

Professional Staff

Alison Morse, School Nurse, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately January 29, 2024 to February 9, 2024.

Michael Bender, Technology Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately March 13, 2024 to May 10, 2024.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Melynda McKinney, full-time half-year grant funded temporary professional employee Intervention teacher, location to be determined, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective January 17, 2024.

Gabrielle Juliano, long-term substitute Intervention teacher, location to be determined, (Blickle), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective January 17, 2024.

Support Staff

Krista Beach, full-time 12-month Administrative Assistant, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Bevan), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective January 2, 2024.

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

Elementary Schools

Michelle Hanna, Musical Director, (.5), K. D. Markley Elementary School, F.

Andrew Schreiber, Musical Director, (.5), K. D. Markley Elementary School, F.

Great Valley High School Coaching

Tom Esterly, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.67), F.

Fred Mahoney, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.67), NF.

John McAllister, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.67), NF.

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

Greg Dippell, Student Musical, Orchestra Pit, NF.

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 – 9.5 (12/6/23, 12/15/23, 12/16/23, 1/11/24, 1/12/24)

Mentors

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

Temporary Supervisor of Facilities

Jeffery Stewart, full-time Facilities Coordinator to temporary Supervisor of Facilities, Great Valley District Office, (Morris, K.), October 30, 2023 – November 22, 2023.



Personnel Approvals

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Temporary Administrative Assistant Hours

Lori McCormick, temporary Administrative Assistant to Communications and Outreach, Great Valley District Office, (Dewey), 30 total hours, November 27, 2023 – December 19, 2023.

English/Language Arts Curriculum, Grades 3-6,30 hours per person

Sarah Gorr
Jamie Himmelberger
Jessica Shock
Tara Tracchio

Change of Status/Assignment

Professional Staff

Dana Jensen, half-year long-term substitute to full-year long-term substitute, Great Valley High School, (Hart Lambeth, S), effective January 22, 2024.

Sarah O’Grady, half-year long-term substitute to full-year long-term substitute, Great Valley Middle School, (Marabella, L), effective January 22, 2024.

Support Staff

Ann Campbell, part-time Special Education Clerical Aide, Great Valley School District Office to full-time 12-month Administrative Assistant to the Principal, Charlestown Elementary School, (Regan), effective January 5, 2024.

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

Audrey Gormley, Reading Olympics Sponsor, full year (1.0) contract to (.5) 1st semester contract, Charlestown Elementary School, effective December 11, 2023.

Mentors

Heather Cain, Great Valley High School, mentor to Jason Shaw, Great Valley High School, stipend adjustment from full year to 1st semester only.

Julie Wagner, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Sarah O’Grady, Great Valley Middle School, annual stipend adjustment increased from 1st semester to 1st and 2nd semesters.

Amy Rauscher, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Alyson Streeter, Sugartown Elementary School, annual stipend adjustment increased from induction/first semester to induction/full year.

Summer Learning Experiences

Half day, One-Week Camps

Kelly DiSerafino, 1 week

Policy Approvals

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

1ST Reading

- 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 Approvals

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Policy 912.1 Research Involving District Students and Staff, 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 authorization to rebid General Wayne Elementary School Playground.

Public Comments

The following community members made public comments on other items:

S. Lawrence – Traffic patterns at the Middle School and High School

Dr. Rizzo left the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

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.