

Great Valley School District
School Board Work Session Meeting Highlights
May 13, 2024

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May 13, 2024, Work Session

The May 13, 2024, work session was called to order by resident David Barratt. **Board members present:** Tricia Bliven-Chasinoff, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, Thomas Richards, Andrea Rizzo, and Rebecca Spiess.

Student Representative to the Board

Candence Mort and Anika Sapra, Great Valley High School Senior, that on May 16, *The Mosaic*, the High School's literary magazine, will be hosting a Spring Slam will take place. The Junior and Senior prom is scheduled for May 18, and on May 28, the high school will have a cultural celebration in various countries.

Recognition

Scoutmaster Steve D'Antonio recognized GVHS seniors **Owen Li** and **Maximilian Lang** of Troop 78, who obtained Eagle Scout rank with the Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Heidi Capetola, high school principal, recognized the six high school seniors selected as finalists for the National Merit Scholarship Program. **Brighton Risch, Oluwademilade Babalola, Brandon Bao, Aditya Bhosale, Yash Pandya, and Riya Naguluri.**

Lynne Dore, a high school French teacher, recognized three students who each earned a medal for their exemplary Le Grand Concourse National French Exam scores. **Shaktinetra Kumar** (10) who earned a Bronze Medal on the Level 3 exam; **Patrick Li** (11), who earned a Silver Medal on the Level 3 exam; and **Brett Vitale** (11), who earned a Silver Medal on the Level 4 exam.

Jessica Stanhagen and Sheila Startup, high school art teachers, recognized three students who were placed in the Chester County High School Art Exhibition. **Paisley Fixler** (11) placed third in Sculpture, **Amit Keshet** (12) placed third in Mixed Media, and **Cameron Hildebeitel** (12) placed second in Printmaking.

Jennifer Blake recognized the two teams that competed against other middle schools in Chester County. Team A won the Forestry category and Team B placed third overall. **Silas Bricker** (8), **Anjana Sakthi Kumar** (8), **Caleb Fulmer** (8), **Sushanth Kuppireddi** (8), and **Thushitha Pullur Gunasekar** (8) were all Team A members. **Aditya Dronamraju** (8), **Pranav Dronamraju** (8), **Theodore Sazheniuki** (6), **Reuel Thota** (6), **Jaikrishnan Sampathkumar Karthika** (6), and **Lya Haas** (6) were on Team B.

Program

The following program items are scheduled to be on the May 20 agenda for approval:

- AP World History Unit 1
- Social Studies Curriculum 2nd Grade Unit 3
- Social Studies Curriculum 8th Grade US and PA History II



Program

Information

Monthly Enrollment Report – April 2024

Policy

Dr. Mehta shared a report of the April 30 Policy Meeting.

The following policy items are scheduled to be on the May 20 agenda for the first reading:

- 222 Tobacco/Nicotine/Vaping, AG
- 233 Suspension and Expulsion, AG
- 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care & Other Educational Instability
- 610 Procurement, AG
- 825 Fraud

The following policy items are scheduled to be on the May 20 agenda for the first repeal reading:

- 251 Homeless Students, AG

Superintendent’s Update

Dr. Goffredo gave an update regarding the communication and transition events for the families redistricted for the 2024-2025 school year. He also shared the current activity fees for families and sought guidance from the Board to see if changes should be made.

Facilities

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the facilities items on the May 20 agenda for approval:

- Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc. Change Order #10
- Donald E. Reisinger, Inc. Change Order #13
- Testing for Lead in the Drinking Water

Information

Facilities Use Report – April 2024

Transportation

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the transportation items on the May 20 agenda for approval:

- Krapf Staff Approval

Food Service

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the food service items on the May 20 agenda for approval:

- Donation to the Food & Nutrition Services Department



Technology

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the technology items on the May 20 agenda for approval:

- Frontline Student Analytics Subscription
- Frontline Human Resources and Professional Learning Subscriptions
- Skyward Annual Renewal
- Digicert Quotes Renewal
- Clear Touch Board Purchase
- Follett Destiny Purchase
- Microsoft License Renewal
- Classlink Renewal
- Qualtrics Renewal
- Instructure Renewal Nearpod Renewal
- NWEA Renewal
- SentinelOne Quote
- GDC-IT Purchase

Finance

Ms. Litzke shared that during the May 6 meeting, the 2024—2025 budget was shared, and the Tax Rebate Program was reviewed.

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the Proposed 2024—2025 Budget.

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the finance items on the May 20 agenda for approval:

- Election of Secretary
- Election of School Board Treasurer
- Auditing Firm RFP Award
- Student Athletic Insurance for 2024-2025
- PSBA Membership
- Request to Establish Great Valley High School Student Activity Clubs
- Contract with Keystone Collections Group
- Postage Meter Lease Renewal
- Valbridge Property Advisors Agreement
- Educational Service Contracts
- Lakeside Youth Service Agreement for the 2024-2025 School Year
- Buxmont Academy Contract for 2024-2025 School Year
- Safety and Security Manager Contract with CCIU
- Children’s Dental Clinic Agreement
- Reappointment of Solicitors, Wisler Pearlstine, LLC.
- Annual Engagement of Fox Rothschild, LLP.
- Annual Insurance Renewal
- CoolSpeak Presenter
- SOS Personnel Agreement

Board Committee

Ms. Jouin shared that during the April Legislative Council meeting, many proposed bills for the State Legislature were discussed.



Public Comments

The following community members made public comments:

M. Baker – Middle School Dress Code

Executive Session

Mr. Barratt announced that the board met in the Executive Session to discuss personnel and information items and will meet again to discuss personnel items after the Work Session.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.