

Great Valley School District
School Board Business Meeting Highlights
August 19, 2024

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During the August 19, 2024 Business Meeting

The August 19, 2024, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Board members present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Neha Mehta, Thomas Richards, Andrea Rizzo, and Becky Speiss. **Absent:** Wendy Litzke.

Presentations

Executive Session

Mr. Barratt reported that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and legal items. He also shared that another executive session will be held after the conclusion of the board meeting.

Secretary's Correspondence

Mr. Barratt asked Mrs. McGiboney if there was any Secretary's Correspondence. There was none.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Report

Dr. Rizzo stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Mr. Barratt asked Mrs. Chasinoff if there was a report. There was none.

Legislative Report

Ms. Jouin reported that during the June 26 meeting, the committee shared that the state budget passed, and she gave a brief overview of a few of the bills that were discussed.

Mr. Barratt shared that the Board is working with the Great Valley Education Association to develop a solution to support teachers better.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Goffredo shared a brief update regarding the 5/6 Center. Dr. Hammond, Mr. Bray, and their team are excited to welcome the students to the new building. Dr. Goffredo also expressed excitement regarding the culmination of the last two years of work with the new curriculum for social studies and world language, new clubs and activities, and the opening of the new school. Lastly, it was shared that after reflecting on the TikTok incident in the Spring, all families will be sent communication concerning digital citizenship and engagement opportunities regarding how the district plans to increase the dialogue with students and teachers.

Dr. O'Toole presented the Targeted School Improvement Plan for the High School, which focused on implementing the plan's goals and priority statements. The Board then asked Dr. O'Toole various clarifying questions about the improvement plan.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comments were made regarding agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Routine Approvals

Minutes of July 15, 2024
Treasurer and Tax Collectors Report
Invoices
Program Approval – Non-Resident Students for 2024-2025

Financial Approvals

Informational Item

2025-2026 Budget Calendar

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following Financial Items:

The Myers Field Resolution for the 7-acre parcel in honor of George M. Myers
Agreement with Donnelly Content Solutions for an additional 4 hours of proofreading of the K-12 Handbook at a cost of \$50/hour, not to exceed \$200
Depositories for the 2024-2025 fiscal year
Independent Contractor Agreement with Dr. Daniel Ilaria for Math Professional Development grades 5-12 for the 2024 - 2025 school year at a cost of \$30,000 to be paid with Title II funds
Contract with George Crothers Memorial School to provide services to student 300260 for the 24-25 school year at a cost of \$10,739.04 per year
Contract with Valerie Piskorski, an independent contractor, to provide psychoeducational evaluations when needed during the 24-25 school year
Agreement with Behavior Interventions to provide various services
Agreement with ProCare to provide educational services
Agreements with Business Associate (Medical Decision Logix, Inc) and bhworks at a cost of \$4,949, which is \$1/student
Contract with Build Safe, LLC, to provide CPR training for special education paraprofessionals at a cost of \$50.00 per person.
Agreement with the CCIU to receive funding for a new AED machine and CPR training through the Aidan's Heart Foundation
Contract with Thomas Mulvey as Interim Assistant Principal at Great Valley Middle School from August 20, 2024 through November 22, 2024, at a per diem rate of \$750
Contract between Health Advocate Solutions and Great Valley School District for the period of 9/1/2024 – 8/31/2025 at a cost of \$9,504.
Special education settlement agreement for student #290172

Personnel Approvals

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve to approve the following Personnel Items:

Resignations

Professional Staff

Scott Gee, English teacher, Great Valley High School, effective 60 days from August 12, 2024 (October 10, 2024).

Extra Duty Responsibilities (EDR)

Chris Salerno, Student Musical, Technical Director, Great Valley Middle School, effective July 17, 2024.

Mathieu Weiner, Athletic Director Great Valley Middle School, effective August 11, 2024.

Personnel Approvals

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AppointmentsProfessional Staff

Mary Ackerman, long-term substitute half-year, Learning Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Kheradi), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Casey Malack, long-term substitute half-year, Grade 4 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (Borys), effective August 20, 2024. **Rachel Pelletier**, long-term substitute half-year, Kindergarten teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, (Auslander), effective August 20, 2024.

Rachel Pelletier, long-term substitute half-year, Kindergarten teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, (Auslander), (pro-rated), (Step 1 and reflects a Bachelor's degree level on the 2024-2025 salary schedule), effective August 20, 2024.

Colleen Burrell, long-term substitute half-year, Grade 6 teacher, the Great Valley 5/6 Center, (Sahijwani), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 26, 2024.

Gabrielle Juliano, long-term substitute full-year, Grade 2 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Machamer), effective August 20, 2024.

Katie Vander Neut, long-term substitute full-year, Grade 3 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, (Doyle), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Ashleigh Battista, long-term substitute full-year, Kindergarten teacher, (Shields) and Grade 1 teacher, (Prince), K. D. Markley Elementary School, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Greg Dippell, full-time temporary professional employee, Music teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Cellini), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Maura George, full-time temporary professional employee, Music teacher, General Wayne Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School, (Shafer), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Micaela Ghanayem, full-time temporary professional employee, Grade 3 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective when released from current district.

Natalie Wildasin, full-time temporary professional employee, Grade 4 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective when released from current district.

Molly McKinney, full-time temporary professional employee, Gifted teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (new), effective August 20, 2024.

Elizabeth Drysdale, full-time temporary professional employee, Art teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School, (O'Keefe), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Erin Kelly, full-time temporary professional employee, Grade 4 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Macy Wright, full-time temporary professional employee, Grade 2 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Jennifer Bulger, full-time professional employee, Mathematics teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective when released from current school district.

Jessica June, full-time professional employee, Grade 6 teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Karen Young, full-time professional employee, Grade 3 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, (O'Neill), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective when released from current school district.

Personnel Approvals

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Appointments – continuedProfessional Staff – continued

Regina Zambriczki, full-time professional employee, Literacy Specialist, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective when released from current school district.

Rita Harvey, full-time professional employee, Librarian, K. D. Markley Elementary School/Charlestown Elementary School, (Salerno), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective when released from current school district.

Shelby Serrano, full-time professional employee, French teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Yobouet), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective when released from current school district.

Matthew Himmelberger, full-time professional employee, STEAM teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective when released from current school district.

Support Staff

Carly Rodriguez-McLean, full-time 12-month 2nd Shift Custodian, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Ryan Goessler, full-time 12-month Fields/Grounds Custodian, Great Valley High School, (MacQueen), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Laura Sokol, full-time 12-month Administrative Assistant, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Zafira Konstandinou, full-time 12-month Head Custodian, Sugartown Elementary School, (Calvario), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 26, 2024.

Marvin Carr, full-time 12-month 1st Shift Custodian, the Great Valley 5/6 Center, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 26, 2024.

Jacqueline Malandro, full-time 12-month Administrative Assistant, Office of the Superintendent, Great Valley District Office, (Hollen), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective September 23, 2024.

Sarina Sierra, 10-month Attendance Clerical Aide, Great Valley Middle School, (de Rezende), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Karyn Guse, 10-month Guidance Office Clerical Aide, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Sheryl Shah, 10-month Attendance Clerical Aide, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

Administrative Staff

Jordan Miller, full-time Athletic Director, Great Valley School District, (Semar), effective August 20, 2024.

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2024-2025 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)*Great Valley School District Non-Coaching*

Jean Spitofsky, Nursing Coordinator, F.

Extra Duty Responsibilities*Great Valley High School Coaching*

Andrew Le, Cross Country, Assistant Coach, NF.

Nicole Sellman, Field Hockey, Assistant Coach, (.5), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Carly DeMarcantonio, Swimming, Head Coach, F.

Ashlyn Marabella, Swimming, Assistant Coach, F.

Amanda Kincade, Volleyball, Assistant Coach, F.



Personnel Approvals

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Appointments – continued

Extra Duty Responsibilities – continued

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

- Erin Catalano**, Class Sponsor, Freshman, (.33), F.
- Emileigh Aungst**, Drama Guild Director, NF.
- Emileigh Aungst**, Dram Guild, Producer (Fall), (.5), NF.
- Rob Frankel**, Drama Guild, Producer (Fall), (.5), NF.
- Greg Dippell**, Student Musical, Orchestra/Pit, F.
- Emileigh Aungst**, Student Musical, Producer, (.5), NF.
- Rob Frankel**, Student Musical, Producer, (.5), NF.

Great Valley High School Department Chairs

- Jessica Stanhagen**, Art Chair, F.
- Meridith Bebee**, Counseling Chair, F.
- Tom Esterly**, English Chair, F.
- Stephanie Bricker**, Mathematics Chair, F.
- Alex Siwa**, Music Chair, F.
- Kathy Crisi**, Science Chair, F.
- Donald Morabito**, Social Studies Chair, F.
- Heather Cain**, Student Support Services Chair, (.5), F.
- Jacquelyn Mack**, Student Support Services Chair, (.5), F.
- Trevor Viviani**, Technology Education Chair, F.

Great Valley Middle School Coaching

- Peggy Parker**, Cheerleading Coach, F.
- Larry Cinciripino**, Football, Head 8th Grade Coach, NF.

Great Valley Middle School Non-Coaching

- Sean Steinmetz**, Student Musical, Technical Director, F.

Great Valley Middle School Department Chairs

- Marj Orłowski**, English Chair, F.
- Diana Mrochko**, Fine Arts Chair, F.
- Jaime Urban**, Health/Wellness/STEAM Chair, F.
- Ann Search**, Mathematics Chair, F.
- Sherri Kratzer**, Science Chair, F.
- Brenda Roy**, Student Support Services Chair, F.
- Theresa Famous**, World Language Chair, F.

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

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

- Jamie Mozzone**, Newspaper Sponsor, F.

Salary Adjustments

Sixth Period Course Stipend, daily courses

- Jeremy Rudolph**, Spanish

Change of Status/Assignment

Professional Staff

- Jim Simpkins**, Intervention Specialist, K. D. Markley Elementary School to Math Specialist, Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective August 20, 2024.



Personnel Approvals

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Change of Status/Assignment

Professional Staff

Tammy Krumbhaar, Kindergarten teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School to Grade 1 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School.

Shannon White, Grade 3 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School to Grade 2 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, effective August 20, 2024.

Bob Stewart, Grade 4 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School to Grade 3 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, effective August 20, 2024.

Amy Rauscher McGeehan, Grade 4 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School to Intervention Specialist, Sugartown Elementary School, effective August 20, 2024.

Alyson Streeter, Grade 4 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School to Kindergarten teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, effective August 20, 2024.

Jessica Aument, Grade 3 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School to Literacy Specialist, Sugartown Elementary School, effective August 20, 2024.

Support Staff

Tria Rispoli, part-time Special Education Instructional aide, K. D. Markley Elementary School to Substitute Aide, Great Valley School District, effective August 12, 2024.

Administrative Staff

Sharon Cohen, Ed.D., Interim Principal, Great Valley Middle School, July 31, 2024 – November 27, 2024 (not to exceed 11/27/24).

Nicole Lombardi, Teacher on Assignment, Special Education Department, Great Valley District Office to Supervisor of Special Education, Great Valley School District, (new), effective August 20, 2024.

Summer Services

Special Education Meetings, up to 12 hours

Tina Akers

Epi-Pen Training for Bus Drivers, 1 day

Victoria Palaia

Gifted Curriculum Work, up to 18 hours

Molly McKinney

K-6 Math Center Curriculum and Preparation

Kim Colvin, 30 hours

Christina Jaffe, 30 hours

Jim Simpkins, 20 hours

Great Valley 5/6 Center Professional Learning for New Teachers, 10 hours each

Jamie Himmelberger

Amanda McClennen

Jim Simpkins

Tara Tracchio

New Teacher Induction Professional Learning, 8 hours each

Emily DiOttavio

Sarah Gorr

Eve Henwood

Amy Rauscher McGeehan

Jim Simpkins

Tara Tracchio



Personnel Approvals

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Summer Services – continued

K-6 Math Curriculum Revision and Updates, up to 30 hours

Amy Rauscher McGeehan

K-4 ELA (English/Language Arts) Revision and Updates, up to 18 hours

Jessica Aument

High School Social Studies Curriculum, up to 6 hours each

Kyle Hess

Bernard McCauley

Margaret Schachter

High School Life Science Course, up to 30 hours each

Dana Jensen

Amanda Kincade

ESL Screening and Assessment

Abby Kennedy, up to 18 hours

Lynne Lighthill, up to 18 hours

Lisa Miller, up to 18 hours

Angelina Oh, up to 18 hours

Katy Oh, up to 30 hours

Brian Staley, up to 18 hours

Responsive Classroom, up to 10 hours

Jessica Aument

Claire Gabbamonte

Brian Yohannan

Tenure

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

Margaret Bird, General Wayne Elementary School

Corinne Gerber, K. D. Markley Elementary School

Shannon Hallinan, Sugartown Elementary School

Roberto Hernandez-Sanchez, Great Valley Middle School.

Gabrielle Kane Kater, K. D. Markley Elementary School

Amanda Kincade, Great Valley High School

Travis Turgeon, Great Valley High School

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Great Valley School District and the Great Valley Education Association (GVEA) for additional Extra Duty Responsibilities (EDRs).

Program Approval

Informational Item

Enrollment Report



Program Approval

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The board voted 8 to 0 to approve to approve the following Program Items:

- Great Valley High School Targeted School Improvement Plan non-Title 1 School Plan
- Revised schedule of School Board Meetings and School Board Committee Meetings for the 2024-2025 school year
- Revised 2024-2025 School Calendar
- 2024-2025 Great Valley School District K-12 Student Handbook
- Graduation date for the 2024-2025 school year as Thursday, June 5, 2025, with a rain date of June 6, 2025
- Change of Board Approved Student Overnight Trip for Great Valley High School Music Department Trip to Los Angeles, CA, initially scheduled for Thursday, March 13 - Monday, March 17, 2025, to Thursday, March 20 - Monday, March 24, 2025.

New and revised curriculum for 2024-2025 for the following subjects:

Elementary 5/6

- o Grade 5 Math – Revised
 - Units 1-2
- o Grade 6 Math - Revised
 - Units 1-2
- o Grade 6 ELA - Revised
 - Reading
 - Units 1-3
 - Writing
 - Units 1-3
- o Grade 6 World Language Exploratory - New
 - Unit 1
- o Grades 5/6 STEAM - Revised
 - Unit 1
- o Grade 6 Social Studies - Revised
 - Unit 1

Middle School 7/8

- o Grades 7/8 Elevate You - New
 - Unit 1
- o Grades 7/8 STEAM - New
 - Unit 1
- o Spanish for Heritage Learners - New
 - Unit 1

High School

- o AP Psychology - Revised
 - Units 1-5
- o AP World History - New
 - Units 1-2
- o World History II - New
 - Unit 1
- o Spanish for Heritage Learners - New
 - Unit 1

Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

Informational Item

- Facilities Use Report
- Lead in Drinking Water

The Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Items.

Facilities Approvals

- Change Order #5 to the contract with Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc., the electrical contractor for the 5/6 Center, at a cost of \$12,379.57 to be paid with construction funds
- Change Order #11 to the contract with Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc., the electrical contractor for the 5/6 Center, at a cost of \$100,592.81 to be paid with construction funds
- Change Order #2 to the contract with David M. Maines Associates, Inc., the roofing contractor for the 5/6 Center, at a cost of \$11,199.18 to be paid with construction funds
- Change Order #3 to the contract with North Bay Mechanical, the HVAC contractor for the 5/6 Center, at a cost of \$25,316 to be paid with construction funds
- Agreement with TruGreen to provide Goose Deterrent treatments for the additional fields across the district
- Triangle Communication Camera Commissioning for the 5/6 Center at a cost of \$53,695.00
- Triangle Communication Walkie-Talkie purchase for the 5/6 Center at a cost of \$12,290.30
- Lyons Recreation quote to demolish the unusable playground at Charlestown Elementary School at a cost of \$5,625

Transportation Approvals

The list of Krapf, Norcross, and First Student/First Alt drivers and monitors for the 2024 - 2025 school year

Food Service Approvals

Annual renewal of the Primero Edge Software subscription for the 2024 - 2025 school year at a cost of \$9,515 to be paid by the Food Service Fund.



Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

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Technology Approvals

Purchase of AP World History Text for the AP World History course at the Great Valley High School for \$8,140.

Purchase of the AP Psychology text for the AP Psychology course at the high school for the 2024-25 school year at a cost of \$6,490.

Purchase of World Book for the 2024-25 school year for a cost of \$5,523

Renewal of Typing Agent licenses at a cost of \$2,520 from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025.

Renaissance myON Reader subscription renewal for enhanced digital books for the 2024-25 school year, at a cost of \$58,381.89

Imagine Learning-Traverse digital resource for grades 7-10 at a cost of \$27,375

Renewal of Seesaw for the period of 9/1/24 through 8/31/27 at a total cost of \$37,047.15

Renewal of Delta Math for a cost of \$3,220 for the 2024-2025 school year

Public Comments – Other Items

The following community members made public comments:

A. Tatum – Middle School Lunch Schedule

Other Board Comments

The Board voted 8 to 0 to elect Dr. Mehta as the 2024 PSBA Delegate Assembly on November 2, 2024, in Mechanicsburg, PA.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.