

# Great Valley School District

## School Board Business Meeting Highlights

### June 10, 2024

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#### During the June 10, 2024 Business Meeting

The June 10, 2024, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Board members present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, Thomas Richards, Andrea Rizzo, and Becky Speiss.

#### Presentations

##### Recognition

Rita Jones, the Great Valley Education Foundation Board Member, and Jessica Stanhagen, a High School Art Teacher, recognized eight students for the 2023-2024 SOAR Program with the theme of “What makes me...Me!” The students who were chosen are **Aishani Roy (5)**, **Jazz Sapp (5)**, **Dhriti Athreya (5)**, **Kaylee Apsokardu (5)**, **Ichi Jamis (8)**, **Faridah Ismaila (8)**, **Evan Koup (12)**, and **Monica Harris (12)**.

Heather McGovern, a Middle School Gifted Teacher, recognized the Quiz Bowl Team, which is comprised of five eighth-grade middle school students who qualified and finished in 13<sup>th</sup> place for the National Quiz Bowl. The students are **Neel Rege**, **Smeet Thaker**, **Vishi Sharma**, **Connor Tran**, and **Aryan Amirtharaj**.

Heidi Capetola, High School Principal, recognized the four High School students who participated in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy. **Armaan Mehta (11)** created FlexiFinger, which is a unique set of finger sleeves that helps piano students with finger posture on the keys. **Pranay Thatikonda (11)** created Khana Krate, a unique Indian snack box that teaches a bit about each of the 29 states in India through taste. **Sophia Ruggieri (9)**, created 2nd Stitch Bags, which is a tote bag made of recycled jeans to save on fabric waste. **Melody Wang (11)**, created Mei Literary Works and wrote her first book, *Chinatown Legacies*, which highlights the culture of Chinatown

Heidi Capetola also recognized **Vincenzo Coscia (11)**, who earned 55 state and national firefighter certifications and volunteers at a local fire company, and **Sophia Hartley (12)**, who earned 55 state and national firefighter certifications, volunteers at two local fire stations and is a certified EMT.

Heidi Capetola recognized **Robert Johnson**, a high school teacher who earned the Silver Beaver Award. This award recognizes registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within a council and have impacted youth lives through service given at the council level.

##### Student Representative to the Board

Heidi Capetola introduced **Neava Jagtap (11)** and **Ryan Rossi (12)**, the two Student Representatives for the 2024-2025 School Year.

##### Executive Session

Mr. Barratt reported that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and 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 that the CCIU is scheduled to meet next week.



Presentations  
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**Legislative Report**

Ms. Jouin shared a brief overview of some of the bills that are being presented to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

**Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report**

Mrs. Chasinoff communicated that the next meeting will take place in the Fall.

**The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report**

Ms. Speiss shared that a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13.

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 May 20 and June 3, 2024
- Invoices
- Treasurers and Tax Collectors' Report

**Program Approvals**

- Board Meetings for the 2024-2025 school year

**Facilities Approval**

- Contracts with Keystone Fire Protection to provide service and inspection of extinguishers, fire alarms, kitchen systems, and sprinklers at a total cost of \$44,239.39.
- Contract with 3B Services, Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$27,331.
- Contract with ProAsys Energy Management Program to provide water treatment services at a cost of \$12,265.
- Purchase of miscellaneous custodial items for the 5/6 Center for \$69,365.29, to be paid with PJM Energy Curtailment funds under the terms and conditions of COSTARS.
- Purchase of a John Deere HPX615E Gator and a Western 6 foot Snowplow for the 5/6 Center and K. D. Markley Elementary School for \$19,570.54 to be paid with PJM Energy Curtailment Funds, under the terms and conditions of COSTARS.
- Agreement with AARDVARK Pest Control at a cost of \$626 per month from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
- Agreement with Wayne Moving & Storage Company to provide moving services and supplies at an estimated cost of \$23,700.

**Food Service Approvals**

- Awarding of the Pizza Bid to Season's Pizza, Fresh Bread Bid to Morabito's Bakers, and Ice Cream Bid to George's Water Ice, Inc.
- Extension of the Disposable Bid for the 2024-2025 school year to Imperial Bag & Paper Co., LLC.

**Transportation Approvals**

- Private Transportation Contract

Consent Agenda Items

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**Technology Approvals**

Subscription renewal to Frontline Location Analytics for the term of 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 at a cost of \$10,650  
Renewal of enrollment analytic services with PowerSchool for the period of July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, at a cost of \$10,525.03.  
Software renewal for Padlet for three years, from July 2024 to June 2027, at a total cost of \$24,499.  
Renewal of DreamBox software from July 2, 2024, to July 1, 2025, for \$63,322.28  
Annual renewal quote to purchase 5,000 Adobe Licenses at \$24,600 for the 2024-2025 school year.  
Renewal quote for 151 Zoom licenses for \$5,033.33 through the CCIU for the 2024-2025 school year  
Annual renewal of Finalsite at a cost of \$17,600 for the 2024-2025 school year.  
Annual renewal of Follett's Destiny resource management subscription for the library in each building for \$6,809.82 for the 2024-2025 school year.  
Fortra renewal for our InterMapper Server, at a cost of \$918.94.  
Annual renewal for Kajeet SmartSpot for \$29,547.47, which allows up to 144 families to have access to a wireless access hotspot  
Annual renewal of Smartnet for \$21,615.56 for the 2024-2025 school year  
Agreement with FMX to provide cloud-based transportation, facilities, IT requests, food service, and website management software at a cost of \$22,313.71

**Financial Approvals**

2024-2025 Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) Marketplace Services Agreement  
Independent Contractor Agreement with Taylor Foley for Speech and Language Services at \$90/hour, not to exceed \$7,500  
Agreement with Cottage Seven to provide 2024 Extended School Year Services to student 240286 for 20 days at a cost of \$2,500.00  
Agreement with George Crothers Memorial School to provide 2024 Extended School Year Services to student 300260. The base tuition is \$7,024.32  
Agreement with George Crothers Memorial School to provide One-to-One Services during the 2024 Extended School Year Program to student 300260. The cost for these services is \$4,185.54  
Agreement with George Crothers Memorial School to provide Intensive Support during the 2024 Extended School Year Program to student 300260. The cost for these services is \$1,193.04  
Contract with LearnWell for services provided to student 290649 for placement at Rockford Center - (J) Inpatient. The cost is \$53.50 per hour for 10 hours per week  
Contract with LearnWell for services provided to student 280065 for High Focus Centers - Seeds of Hope Eating Disorder Program. The cost is \$53.50 per hour for 10 hours per week  
Agreement with Cottage Seven Education to provide educational services for students in the 2024-2025 School Year and a compensation agreement for student 240286  
Agreement with The Chester County Intermediate Unit to provide medical authorizations required for School-Based ACCESS billing of MA-eligible health-related services. The services begins July 1, 2024 and ends on June 30, 2025. For CRNP Medical Authorizations: Cost is \$12.90 per MA Medical Authorization. Physician Medical Authorizations: Cost is \$40.30 per MA Medical Authorization (PCA and Assistive Devices Only)  
Agreement with the Department of Human Services (DHS) and its contractor, Sivic Solutions Group (SSG) to administer the School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP). The Great Valley School District agrees to participate in the SBAP. The dates of service are 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025. The Direct Service cost is .29/claim, and the Transportation cost is .16/claim  
Agreement with the Sivic Solutions Group (SSG) for Great Valley to participate in MAXCapture for service documentation and/or service submission as part of the documentation required for compliance with Pennsylvania's School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) requirements  
Agreement with CritiCare to provide nursing care services to the Great Valley School District for the 2024-2025 School Year  
Agreement with Working Wellness to provide yoga classes to Great Valley School District students participating in Autistic Support during the 2024 Extended School Year Program at Great Valley. The cost is \$400.00 per week  
CCRES agreement from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026, for instructional aides, special education instructional aides, substitute aides, and educational consultants  
Proposal from Donnelly Content Solutions for proofreading services of the District's K-12 Handbook at a total cost not to exceed \$300



Financial Approvals

The board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following financial items:

- Approval of the new Extra Duty Responsibilities: GVHS Best Buddies for \$2,552, GVMS Academic Challenge for \$2,552, GVMS Reading Olympics for \$1,530, GVMS What's So Cool About Manufacturing? for \$1,530, 5/6 Robotics for \$1,500, and Elementary Forensics for \$1,500.
- Resolution for the sale of the Sidley Hill Road Parcels

Personnel Approvals

The board voted 8 aye (Barratt, Gallegos, Jouin, Litzke, Mehta, Richards, Rizzo, Speiss), 0 nay, and 1 abstained (Chasinoff) to approve the following financial items:

**Resignations**

Professional Staff

**Amy Delaney**, Social Studies teacher, Great Valley High School, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Support Staff

**Lori McCormick**, Part-time Clerical Aide, Superintendent’s Office, Great Valley District Office, effective June 14, 2024.

**Leaves**

Professional Staff

**Nicole Walton**, Special Education teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, requests consecutive FMLA from April 16, 2024 to the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

**Jennifer Schultz**, Special Education teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately May 31, 2024 to the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

**Brooke Abrahams**, STEAM teacher, Charlestown Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School, requests a Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health during the 2024-2025 school year.

**Kelsey DeMarcantonio**, Learning Support teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA and Child Rearing Leave from approximately October 16, 2024 to the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

**Appointments**

Professional Staff

**Meredith Heavens**, Special Education Transition Coordinator, Great Valley High School, (Kilpatrick), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

**Rose Carroll**, full-time professional employee, School Psychologist, Great Valley High School, (Green), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

**Blair Dooner**, full-time professional employee, English/Language Arts (ELA) teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

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

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

**Jamie Puglielli**, full-time temporary professional employee, Autistic Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.

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



Personnel Approvals

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**Appointments** – continued

Professional Staff – continued

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

**Dana Jensen**, full-time temporary professional employee, Biology teacher, Great Valley High School, (new), effective August 20, 2024.

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2024-2025 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)

*Great Valley High School Coaching*

**Paul Gring**, Cross Country, Head Coach, NF.

**Dustin Kasper**, Fitness Monitor, F.

**David Brown**, Football, Assistant Coach, (.5), NF.

**Dana Keith**, Football, Assistant Coach, (.5), NF.

**John McAllister**, Football, Assistant Coach, (.75), NF.

**Jaime Shaughnessy**, Soccer, 9th Grade Girls’ Coach, NF.

**Meridith Bebee**, Tennis, Assistant Girls’ Coach, F.

**Tom Landmesser**, Volleyball, Head Girls’ Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

*Great Valley High School Non-Coaching*

**Jason Moore**, Assistant Marching Band Director: Brass, Woodwinds, Winds, Pep Instructor, NF.

**Bridgaline Liberati**, Marching Band: Flags/Color Guard Instructor, NF.

**Peter Garcia**, Marching Band Special Area: Pit Percussion Coach, NF.

**Karin Hufnagl**, Multicultural/Diversity Club Sponsor, (.5), F.

**Barry Ziober**, Science Fair Sponsor, NF.

*Great Valley Middle School Coaching*

**Mathieu Weiner**, Athletic Director, F.

**Gary Phillips**, Baseball, Head 8th Grade Coach, F.

**Daniel Alper**, Baseball, Head 7th Grade Coach, F.

**Mike Meluskey**, Basketball, Head 8th Grade Boys’ Coach, F.

**Paul Gring**, Basketball, Head 7th Grade Boy’s Coach, F.

**Mathieu Weiner**, Basketball, Head 8th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.

**Kim Dietrick**, Cross Country, Head Coach, NF.

**Adam Search**, Cross Country, Assistant Coach, F.

**Sherri Kratzer**, Field Hockey, Head 8th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.

**Ann Search**, Field Hockey, Head 7th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.

**Joshua Willey**, Football, Assistant 8th Grade Coach, NF.

**Mike Meluskey**, Football, Head 7th Grade Coach, F.

**Cravonti Savage**, Football, Assistant 7th Grade Coach, NF.

**Sherri Kratzer**, Lacrosse, Head 8th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.

**Ann Search**, Lacrosse, Head 7th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.

**Paul Egleston**, Soccer, Head 8th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.

**Daniel Schemmer**, Soccer, Head 8th Grade Boys’ Coach, F.

**Daniel Alper**, Soccer, Head 7th Grade Boys’ Coach, F.

**Owen Brown**, Softball, Head 8th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.

**Mike Meluskey**, Softball, Head 7th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.

**Paul Gring**, Track, Head Coach, NF.

**Paul Egleston**, Track, Assistant Coach, F.

**Cravonti Savage**, Track, Assistant Coach, NF.

**Adam Search**, Track, Assistant Coach, F.

**Paul Egleston**, Wrestling, Assistant Coach, F.



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**Appointments** – continued

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2024-2025 school year – continued

*Great Valley Middle School Non-Coaching*

**Aura Lester**, Envirothon Sponsor, F.

**Heather McGovern**, National Honor Society Sponsor, (.5), F.

**Ann Search**, National Honor Society Sponsor, (.5), F.

**Pete Ruckelshaus**, Robotics Sponsor, F.

**Sherri Kratzer**, Science Fair Sponsor, (.5), F.

**Barry Ziober**, Science Fair Sponsor, (.5), NF.

**Helena McKendrick**, Student Musical, Assistant, F.

**Chris Salerno**, Student Musical, Director, F.

**Mary Morelli**, Student Musical, Finance, F.

**Courtney Grady**, Student Musical, Producer, NF.

**Chris Salerno**, Student Musical, Technical Director, F.

**Linda Morgan**, Television Studio Director, NF.

**Bridget Fedor**, Webmaster, NF.

**Roberto Hernandez-Sanchez**, Yearbook Sponsor, F.

**Salary Adjustments**

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

**Juanna Herman**, (.7), (7.5 hours total), 5/8/2024, 5/10/2024, 5/14/2024

**Change of Status/Assignment**

Professional Staff

**Will Shafer**, Music teacher, General Wayne Elementary School to Band Director, Grades 4-6, Great Valley School District, effective August 20, 2024.

**Christopher Salerno**, Librarian, K. D. Markley Elementary School/Charlestown Elementary School to 5/6 Center teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Grade Center, effective August 20, 2024.

**Taylor Gavin**, Music teacher, Charlestown Elementary School to Great Valley 5/6 Grade Center, effective August 20, 2024.

Support Staff

**Tom Calvario**, Head Custodian, Sugartown Elementary School to Great Valley 5/6 Grade Center, effective August 20, 2024.

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2024-2025 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)

**Abdul Madyun**, Football, Assistant Coach, (.5), to (.75), Great Valley High School, NF.

**Summer Services**

High School Multilingual Academy, Small Group Literacy/Language Curriculum

**Jamie Himmelberger**, 24 hours

**Abby Kennedy**, 24 hours

Algebra II Curriculum

**Stephanie Bricker**, 24 hours

**Emily O'Connor**, 24 hours

Summer Canvas Module Scoring, MS Mathematics

**Jon DeVirgilio**, 18 hours

**Emily Gillard**, 18 hours

**Laura McDonald**, 18 hours



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**Summer Services** – continued

Secondary Social Studies, 8th Grade Curriculum

**Jeremy Bergman**, 30 hours

**Andy Dippell**, 30 hours

**Matt Wise**, 30 hours

Grade 6 English/Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum

**Jamie Himmelberger**, 30 hours

**Jessica Shock**, 30 hours

**Tara Tracchio**, 30 hours

5/6 Classroom Teacher Professional Learning, up to 20 hours each

**Donna Ahern**

**Alana Cini**

**Shana Cooper**

**Emily Chorney-Manno**

**Kristina Dixon**

**Sandy Evans**

**Lisa Freeman**

**Rob Goldstein**

**Jennifer Kyler**

**Ali LaRosa**

**Lewis Levine**

**Michelle Mariani**

**Helena McKendrick**

**Lindy Mills**

**Jenelle Neal**

**Sarah O'Neill**

**Ann Ortenzi**

**Jennifer Sahijwani**

**Jessica Shock**

**Brianne Wilson**

**Dana Zachar**

Student Summer Workers, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks)

**Brennan Del Rossi**

**Ved Law**

**William Ethan Pfau**

**John Cabrera**

**Jerson Castillo**

**Edison Castro Penaranda**

**Ean Chasinoff**

**Justin Chow**

**Tom Defina**

**Justin Gajewski**

**Juliana Garcia**

**Nathaniel Dylan Kontra**

**Kate Lee**

**Ovi Lopez**

**Harold Monterosso**

**Max Mullin**

**Aiden Peacock**

**Colin Raymond Peacock**

**Sebastian Correa Posos**



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**Summer Services** – continued

Student Summer Workers – continued

**Emily Yanela**  
**Brian Zuniga**  
**Ibrahim Albazaz**  
**Dalyaan Reyes**

Great Valley High School, Targeted School Improvement Plan Committee, 7/8/2024 & 7/9/2024, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., up to 10 hours each.

**Meridith Bebee**  
**Stephanie Bricker**  
**Lynne Lighthill**  
**Abby Linderman**  
**Teresa Lynch**  
**Abby Kennedy**  
**Tess Lutz**  
**Jeremy Rudolph**

ESY (Extended School Year) Instructor, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for up to 24 days. Two additional days for preparation  
Meredith Melasecca

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

**Emily DiOttavio**  
**Sarah Gorr**  
**Eve Henwood**  
**Jamie Himmelberger**  
**Jim Nolan**  
**Meghan Primerano**  
**Tara Tracchio**

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

**Amanda McClennen**  
**Lisa Phoenix**  
**Jim Simpkins**

Grade 6 World Language Exploration, 30 hours each

**Yvonne Bauer**  
**Erin Catalano**  
**Jeremy Rudolph**  
**Chris Sullivan**

Spanish for Heritage Learners, 30 hours each

**Maria Baquero-Berryman**  
**Erik Beck**  
**Roberto Hernandez-Sanchez**  
**Jamie Himmelberger**  
**Lynne Lighthill**  
**Tara Tracchio**

5/6 Learning Support Teacher Professional Learning, up to 20 hours each

**Gillian Arganetto**  
**Jamie Contipodero**  
**Stephanie Murray**  
**Rachel Sortino**  
**Jennifer Schultz**





Personnel Approvals

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**Summer Services** – continued

Instructional Resource Inventory and Redistribution, up to 30 hours each

- Kelly DiSerafino**
- Emily DiOttavio**
- Sara Gorr**
- Eve Henwood**
- Jamie Himmelberger**
- Kristin Keating**
- Sherri Kratzer**
- Amanda McClennen**
- Helena McKendrick**
- Jennifer Moore**
- Jim Nolan**
- Cassie Paynter**
- Lisa Phoenix**
- Meghan Primerano**
- Jim Simpkins**
- Tara Tracchio**

5/6 and 7/8 Special Areas Curriculum, up to 30 hours each

- Michael Bender, (STEAM)**
- Lara Cini, (STEAM)**
- Aly Crabtree, (Physical Education)**
- Alyssa DeMitis, (STEAM)**
- Sam Ellis, (Physical Education)**
- Diana Mrochko, (Art)**
- Paige O’Keefe, (Art)**
- Damita Pridgen**
- Jessica Protesto, (STEAM)**
- Dan Schemmer, (Physical Education)**
- Jaime Urban, (STEAM)**
- Mathieu Weiner, (Physical Education)**

Anatomy and Physiology, up to 18 hours each

- Amanda Kincade**
- Casey Rurode**

Summer Health (funded by student tuition), 600 hours shared between each teacher

- Daniel Alper**
- Travis Turgeon**

Summer IEP Writing/Meetings, (not to exceed 165 hours total for all IEP/GIEP staff)

- Cara Dore**

Policy Approvals

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

**2nd Reading**

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



Policy Approvals  
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**2nd Reading Repeal**

Policy 251 Homeless Students, AG

**1st Reading Repeal**

Policy 606.1 Senior Citizens' Volunteer Tax Rebate Program, AG

Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

Dr. Goffredo shared a review of his observations during the walk-through that took place last week.

The Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the list of a new Krapf driver for the 2023-2024 school year.

Public Comments

There were no public comments on other items.

Other Board Comments

Ms. Gallegos summarized the various challenges and triumphs the district has had throughout the 2023-2024 school year and thanked everyone throughout the district for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to the education of the students.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.