

Great Valley School District

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

September 16, 2024

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During the September 16, 2024 Business Meeting

The September 16, 2024, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Board members present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Thomas Richards, Andrea Rizzo, and Becky Speiss. **Absent:** Rachel Gallegos and Neha Mehta.

Presentations

Recognition

Mrs. McGibboney recognized the Food and Nutrition Services Department, which received the Healthy Meals Incentive (HMI) Recognition Award for innovation in the Preparation of School Meals. This recognizes and celebrates school food authorities who made operational changes to improve the nutritional quality of their school meals, as well as school food authorities who engage students and families in nutrition education and the planning and preparation of nutritious school meals.

Dr. Goffredo shared that the Pennsylvania School Boards Association's (PSBA) Honor Roll of School Board Service program celebrates school board directors for long-term service and recognizes their dedication to their local school districts and communities. Rachel Gallegos, Wendy Litzke, and Neha Mehta were recognized for five years, and David Barratt was recognized for fifteen years.

Student Representative to the Board

Neava Jagtap and Ryan Rossi, GV High School Student Representatives to the School Board, reported that the Danish students arrived at the first part of the exchange program. The Danish students had a conversation with Mrs. Chain, a former student and School Board member, who participated in the exchange program when she was a student. It was shared that the exchange program began a lifelong friendship between Mrs. Chain and the Danish student. Lastly, the 2nd Annual Club Fair is scheduled to take place on the week of September 23. It is a 3-day event that has over 50 clubs participating.

Executive Session

Mr. Barratt reported that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and legal items.

Secretary's Correspondence

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

Chester County Intermediate Unit Report

Dr. Rizzo was absent, so there was no report.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

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

Legislative Report

Ms. Jouin communicated that she is inquiring with the head of the Chester County School Board Legislative Council about any active legislation regarding cyberbullying.



Presentations

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Mr. Barratt shared that the leadership from the Great Valley School Board, the Great Valley Education Association, and the administrative team met to discuss using personal technology in schools and what rules and processes are in place. Mr. Barratt shared that the Board is working with the Great Valley Education Association to develop a solution to support teachers better.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Mrs. Chasinoff communicated that the first meeting is scheduled for October 29, and Dr. Wexler is updating the committee's structure.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Speiss shared that she will report after the first meeting next month.

Facilities Committee Report

Mr. Barratt reported that the Facilities Committee is scheduled to meet on September 19.

Policy Committee Report

Mr. Barratt shared that the Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on September 24.

Instructional Technology Curriculum Committee Meeting

Mr. Richards reported that during the September 9 meeting, Dr. Beck gave an update regarding the digital citizenship lessons, responsible and safe ways to use technology, and how to find reliable sources of information. Dr. O'Toole shared the feedback received regarding the Program of Studies.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Goffredo reviewed the district goals for the 2024-2025 school year that were initially presented at the September 9 Work Session and received directives about how to proceed with those goals.

Mrs. McGibboney presented to the Board about the district's current enrollment compared to the projected enrollment, as well as the future enrollment numbers and how they will affect our district.

Ms. Melia, Supervisor of the Food and Nutrition Services department, gave a presentation about the department. The report included from where the department receives revenue, the regulations that the department is required to follow to ensure proper nutrition for the students, the district's free/reduced/paid eligibility numbers from June 2020 to June 2024, and the Chester County Food Bank Backpack Program.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comments were made regarding agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

The board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Routine Approvals

Minutes of August 19, 2024
Treasurer and Tax Collectors Report
Invoices



Consent Agenda Items

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Facilities Approvals

Ratification of Change Order #1 to the contract with Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc., the electrical contractor for the 5/6 Center, to add 30 emergency LED lights in five rooms, to be paid with construction funds
Change Order #36 will be an increase of \$38,568.50, to be paid with construction funds.
Change Order #37 will be an increase of \$48,443.18, to be paid with construction funds
Generator Rental Proposal from Curtis Power, at a cost of \$2,775 monthly

Financial Approvals

Renewal of the SC View and Financial Information Software from the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$62,098.02
Agreement with Holcomb Behavioral Health System for the Student Assistance Program (SAP) for the 24-25 school year for a total amount of \$69,231
Contract with The Camphill School for the 24-25 school year for student 240615 to be billed at \$110 per hour for group therapies and \$135 for individual therapies
Contract with The Camphill School for the 24-25 school year for student 230708 for a total of \$42,300
Contract with The Camphill School for the 24-25 school year for student 230723 to be billed at \$110 per hour for group therapies and \$135 for individual therapies
Contract with The Camphill School for the 24-25 school year for student 210146 for a total of \$127,998.56
Contract with The Camphill School for the 24-25 school year for student 230538 for a total of \$42,300
Contract with The Camphill School for the 24-25 school year for student 320577 for a total of \$61,999.20
Agreement with Dr. Terri Erbacher for a presentation to staff on Assessment & Management of Youth Suicide for \$3,000
Membership for the Superintendents' Study Council for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at a cost of \$4,300
Authorization for the Reschini Group to provide Affordable Care Act financial reporting to employees and the Internal Revenue Service at a cost not to exceed \$6,000
Proposal with Stephanie Humphrey to provide a presentation to students, parents, and the community at a cost not to exceed \$10,000
Contract with Kevin Flanigan for 16 full-day professional development sessions, at a total cost of \$16,000, to be paid with Title II funds
Special Education Settlement Agreement as presented for student 250607
Special Education Settlement Agreement as presented for student 270551
Special Education Settlement Agreement as presented for student 270263

Financial Approval

The board voted 7 to 0 to approve the necessary budget transfers to bring accounts in line in accordance with Section 687 of the School Code.

Personnel Approvals

The board voted 7 to 0 to approve to approve the following Personnel Items:

Resignations

Professional Staff

Diana Dur, School Nurse, General Wayne Elementary School, effective 60 days from September 4, 2024, (October 31, 2024).
Laura McGrath, School Guidance Counselor, General Wayne Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective January 6, 2025.

Support Staff

Denise Hoffman, full-time 12-month Administrative Assistant, General Wayne Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective December 31, 2024.

Administrative Staff

Nicole Melia, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services, effective October 1, 2024.

Personnel Approvals

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Resignations – continuedExtra Duty Responsibilities (EDR)**Mike Meluskey**, Basketball, Grade 8 Boy's Coach, effective September 6, 2024.Retirement Agreement

Employee #827867, effective June 30, 2025

AppointmentsProfessional Staff**Morgan Maley**, long-term substitute full-year, Grade 1 teacher, (Machamer), K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective when all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks are completed.**Sara McMaster**, 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 October 1, 2024.**Rebecca Cartee-Haring**, full-time professional employee, English teacher, Great Valley High School, (Gee), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective September 18, 2024.**Emily Shick**, full-time professional employee, Intervention teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective when released from current school district.Support Staff**Hally Everett**, full-time 12-month Administrative Assistant, Communications and Engagement Department, Great Valley District Office, (Dewey), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective September 23, 2024.**James Piacentino**, full-time 12-month Custodian, Great Valley District Office, (Cox), (effective pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).**Shelby Fanning**, full-time 12-month 2nd Shift Custodian, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (new), (effective pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).**Christina Stamatas**, 10-month Attendance Clerical Aide, Great Valley Middle School, (Sierra), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective September 30, 2024.Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2024-2025 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)*Great Valley High School Coaching***Gary Phillips**, Basketball, 9th Grade Boys' Head Coach, F.**Jaime Shaughnessy**, Soccer, Assistant Girls' Coach, (.5), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).*Great Valley High School Non-Coaching***Joe Gregorio**, Student Musical, Choral Director, NF.*Great Valley High School Department Chairs***Erin Wolf**, Family/Consumer Science Chair, F.**Jeff Spicer**, World Language Chair, F.*Great Valley Middle School Department Chairs***Jeremy Bergman**, Social Studies Chair, F.*Great Valley Middle School Coaching***Dan Schemmer**, Intramural Director, F.**Lara Cini**, Soccer, Grade 7 Girls' Head Coach, F.**Mike Meluskey**, Athletic Director, F.**Adam Search**, Jazz Band Director, F.**Mike Birenbaum**, Math Counts Sponsor, F.



Personnel Approvals

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Appointments – continued

Extra Duty Responsibilities – continued

Great Valley Middle School Non-Coaching

- Heather McGovern**, Quiz Bowl Sponsor, F.
- Andy Dippell**, Reading Olympics Sponsor, F.
- Greg Dippell**, Select Chorus Director, F.
- Greg Dippell**, Select Orchestra Director, F.
- Lara Cini**, What’s So Cool About Manufacturing, F.

Great Valley 5/6 Center

- Emily Beyers**, Reading Olympics Sponsor, F.

Elementary Non-Coaching

- Joy Deminski**, Grades 4-6, Instrumental Strings Director, F.
- Will Shafer**, Grades 4-6, Instrumental Band Director, F.
- Steve Meiswich**, Charlestown Elementary School, Intramurals Director, F.
- Kim Wickham**, General Wayne Elementary School, Elementary Forensics Sponsor, F.
- Christy Parthemore**, General Wayne Elementary School, Envirothon Sponsor, F.
- Kim Wickham**, General Wayne Elementary School, Intramurals Director, F.
- Eric Schmidt**, General Wayne Elementary School, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Kim Wickham**, General Wayne Elementary School, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Maggie Bird**, General Wayne Elementary School, Science Fair Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Shannon White**, General Wayne Elementary School, Science Fair Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Nikki Salvatico**, General Wayne Elementary School, Student Council Sponsor, F.
- Kelly DiSerafino**, General Wayne Elementary School, Video Director, F.
- Alyssa DeMitis**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Elementary Forensics Sponsor, F.
- Sam Ellis**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Intramurals Director, F.
- Michelle Hanna**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Musical Director, (.5), F.
- Andrew Schreiber**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Musical Director, (.5), F.
- Sam Ellis**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Kristin Keating**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Michelle Hanna**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Science Fair Sponsor, F.
- Jill Over**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Student Council Sponsor, F.
- Andrew Schreiber**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Video Director, (.5), F.
- Eric Schmidt**, Sugartown Elementary School, Elementary Forensics, F.
- Christine Casey**, Sugartown Elementary School, Envirothon Sponsor, F.
- Jim Nolan**, Sugartown Elementary School, Intramurals Director, F.
- Christine Casey**, Sugartown Elementary School, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Carrie Schildknecht**, Sugartown Elementary School, Reading Olympics Sponsor, (.5), F.
- Laura Trimbath**, Sugartown Elementary School, Science Fair Sponsor, F.

Athletic Game Workers

Dan Alper	Matt Ellis	Chris McKenna
Meridith Bebee	Emily Gillard	Bill McNamara
Joann Bedell	Paul Girone	Bev Meade
Mike Birenbaum	Paul Gring	Dave Moffett
Carole Chappelle	Nicole Inforzato	Mary Morelli
Chuck Chiccino	Bob Johnson	Jeff Moyer
Larry Cinciripino	Nicole Jones	Lisa Nackers
Lara Cini	Sherri Kratzer	Marj Orlowski
Meghan Daney	Bobby Lavelle	Gary Phillips
Marie Derby	Laura Mack	C J Savage
James DiFerdinand	Jeff Martin	Matt Schultz
Ann DiMedio	Bernard McCauley	Jeannie Semar
Diamand Donovan	Laura McDonald	Nicole Sellman
Mark Durante	Gerry McGrath	Jim Sellman

Personnel Approvals

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Appointments – continuedAthletic Game Workers – continued**Kim Schusko****Mike Trahey****Travis Turgeon****Alex Venarchik****Trevor Viviani****Deb Woodcock****Neil Young****Meghan Daney****Stanley Walerski****Meredith Rieger****Greg Dippell****Brinton Myers**Extra Duty ResponsibilitiesGreat 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.**Mentors****Shana Cook**, General Wayne Elementary School, mentor to Rachel Pelletier, General Wayne Elementary School, 1st semester only.**Karen Darlak**, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Mary Ackerman, Great Valley Middle School, 1st semester only.**Amie Lacovara**, Great Valley High School, mentor to Tessa Morgan, Great Valley High School, 1st semester only.**Jenelle Neal**, GV 5/6 Center, shared mentor (Amanda McClennen) to Colleen Burrell, GV 5/6 Center, 1st semester only.**Amanda McClennen**, GV 5/6 Center, shared mentor (Jenelle Neal) to Colleen Burrell, GV 5/6 Center, 1st semester only.**Brian Yohannan**, Sugartown Elementary School, shared mentor (Amy Rauscher McGeehan) to Casey Malack, Sugartown Elementary School, 1st semester only.**Amy Rauscher McGeehan**, Sugartown Elementary School, shared mentor (Brian Yohannan) to Casey Malack, Sugartown Elementary School, 1st semester only.**Brian Yohannan**, Sugartown Elementary School, shared mentor (Amy Rauscher McGeehan) to Natalie Wildasin, Sugartown Elementary School**Amy Rauscher McGeehan**, Sugartown Elementary School, shared mentor (Brian Yohannan) to Natalie Wildasin, Sugartown Elementary School.**Kim Wickham**, General Wayne Elementary School, shared mentor (Paige Seaton), to Maura George, General Wayne Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School.**Paige Seaton**, Charlestown Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School, shared mentor (Kim Wickham), to Maura George, General Wayne Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School.**Lisa Freeman**, GV 5/6 Center, shared mentor (Amanda McClennen) to Jessica June, GV 5/6 Center.**Amanda McClennen**, GV 5/6 Center, shared mentor (Lisa Freeman) to Jessica June, GV 5/6 Center.**Ann Ortenzi**, GV 5/6 Center, shared mentor (Jamie Himmelberger) to Lisa Marinucci, GV 5/6 Center.**Jamie Himmelberger**, GV 5/6 Center, shared mentor (Ann Ortenzi) to Lisa Marinucci, GV 5/6 Center.**Ann Ortenzi**, GV 5/6 Center, shared mentor (Jamie Himmelberger) to Taylor Buffa, GV 5/6 Center.**Jamie Himmelberger**, GV 5/6 Center, shared mentor (Ann Ortenzi) to Taylor Buffa, GV 5/6 Center.**Lisa Freeman**, GV 5/6 Center, shared mentor (Amanda McClennen) to Morgan McKeon, GV 5/6 Center.**Amanda McClennen**, GV 5/6 Center, shared mentor (Lisa Freeman) to Morgan McKeon, GV 5/6 Center**Jenelle Neal**, GV 5/6 Center, shared mentor (Amanda McClennen) to Ava Rhodes, GV 5/6 Center.**Amanda McClennen**, GV 5/6 Center, shared mentor (Jenelle Neal) to Ava Rhodes, GV 5/6 Center.**Nanette Alfred**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Melanie Nolan, Charlestown Elementary School.**Chris Vogt**, Charlestown Elementary School, mentor to Katie Vander Neut, Charlestown Elementary School.**Caitlin Carminito**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Brittany Pierce-Lapinski, Charlestown Elementary School.**Carrie Schildknecht**, K. D. Markley Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Rita Harvey, Charlestown Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School.**Rachel Macey**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Ashleigh Battista, K. D. Markley Elementary School.**Ryan Journey**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Jamie Puglielli, K. D. Markley Elementary School.**Jessica Aument**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Karen Young, Sugartown Elementary School.**Alyssa DeMitis**, Charlestown Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Rachel Schlosberg, Sugartown Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School.**Claire Gabbamonte**, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Micaela Ghanayem, Sugartown Elementary School.

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Mentors – continued

Shannon Hallinan, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Macy Wright, Sugartown Elementary School.
Jessica Shock, GV 5/6 Center, mentor to Emily Davis, GV 5/6 Center.
Alyssa DeMitis, Charlestown Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Matt Himmelberger, GV 5/6 Center.
Gillian Arganetto, GV 5/6 Center, mentor to Laura Campbell, GV 5/6 Center.
Rachel Sortino, GV 5/6 Center, mentor to Natalie Hartman, GV 5/6 Center.
Stephanie Murray, GV 5/6 Center, mentor to Jacquelyn Zalkind, GV 5/6 Center.
Caitlin Carminito, Sugartown Elementary School, mentor to Mackenzie Clancy, GV 5/6 Center.
Jeremy Bergman, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Katie Olafson, Great Valley Middle School.
Katie Domizio, Great Valley High School, mentor to Greg Dippell, Great Valley Middle School.
Bettina Scibilia, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Blair Dooner, Great Valley Middle School.
Ann Search, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Jennifer Bulger, Great Valley Middle School.
Karen Darlak, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Lisa Grant, Great Valley Middle School.
Stephanie Bricker, Great Valley High School, mentor to Shara Warrington, Great Valley High School.
Laura Rostick, Great Valley High School, mentor to Rose Carroll, Great Valley High School.
Jacquelyn Mack, Great Valley High School, mentor to Meredith Heavens, Great Valley High School.
Kyle Hess, Great Valley High School, mentor to Joshua Shock, Great Valley High School.
Heather Cain, Great Valley High School, mentor to Margaret Kelly, Great Valley High School.
James Carminito, Great Valley High School, mentor to Mark Durante, Great Valley High School.
Megan Druckenmiller, Great Valley High School, mentor to Rebecca Cartee-Haring, Great Valley High School.
Theresa Famous, Great Valley Middle School, mentor to Mary Egan, Great Valley Middle School.
Jamie Himmelberger, GV 5/6 Center, mentor to Sara McMaster, GV 5/6 Center.
Jamie Himmelberger, GV 5/6 Center, mentor to Regina Zambrozki, GV 5/6 Center.
Jolene Anders, General Wayne Elementary School, mentor to Cailin Orłowski, GV 5/6 Center.
Pam Mylonas, K. D. Markley Elementary School, mentor to Morgan Maley, K. D. Markley Elementary School

Change of Status/AssignmentProfessional Staff

Gabrielle Juliano, full-year long-term substitute to full-time temporary professional employee Grade 2 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective August 20, 2024.
Carrie Schildknecht, Librarian, Sugartown Elementary School/Charlestown Elementary School to Librarian, K. D. Markley Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School, effective August 20, 2024.
Paige Seaton, Music teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School to Charlestown Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective August 20, 2024.
Eric Schmidt, Librarian, General Wayne Elementary School to General Wayne Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School, effective August 20, 2024.
Molly Knouse, School Social Worker, Great Valley Middle School to Great Valley Middle School/Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective August 20, 2024.
Katy Oh, ELD Specialist, Great Valley Middle School/Great Valley High School to Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective August 20, 2024.

Support Staff

Catherine Bernardi, Assistant Elementary Food Service Coordinator to 10-month Food Service Coordinator, Charlestown Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective August 20, 2024.
Nadirah Thorne, 10-Month Food Service Coordinator, Sugartown Elementary School to Sugartown Elementary School/General Wayne Elementary School, effective August 20, 2024.
Skylar Flint, full-time Nutrition Coordinator to temporary Food and Nutrition Service Supervisor, Great Valley District Office, (Melia), beginning October 1, 2024 – October 31, 2024.
Stephanie Gracia, part-time Cafeteria Aide, ServSafe Certification, effective September 16, 2024.
Kim Caven, part-time Cafeteria Aide, ServSafe Certification, effective September 16, 2024.



Personnel Approvals

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Summer Services

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

Paige O'Keefe

Ava Rhodes

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

Layne Kennedy, General Wayne Elementary School

Rachel Macey, Charlestown Elementary School

Staff Conference Requests

Advancing School Mental Health Conference, Hyatt Regency, Orlando, Florida, Thursday, 12/5/2024 – Saturday, 12/7/2024.

Karen Taratuski, Supervisor of Clinical Services

Public Comments – Other Items

No public comments were made on other items.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.