

# Great Valley School District

## School Board Work Session Meeting Highlights

### October 14, 2024

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#### October 14, 2024, Work Session

The October 14, 2024, work session was called to order by President David Barratt. **Board members present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Rachel Gallegos, Neha Mehta, Thomas Richards, and Andrea Rizzo. **Absent:** Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, and Becky Speiss

#### Student Representation to the Board

The High School Student Representative, Neava Jagtap, reported that the high school shared that the high school has begun the spirit week to celebrate the Homecoming events for the upcoming weekend. She also shared that the 30 Danish exchange students went back home, but the Great Valley students will travel to Denmark in the Spring. Also, two students won the Chesmont Champions for Girls Doubles Tennis.

#### Program

Social Studies Grade 8 Unit 2  
AP World History Unit 3 Overview  
AP World History Unit 4 Overview  
AP World History Unit 5 Overview  
STEAM Grades 7/8 Revised Unit 1 Overview  
STEAM Grade 7 Unit 2 Overview  
STEAM Grades 5 and 6 Unit 1B

#### **Information**

Monthly Enrollment Report – September 2024

#### Policy

Dr. Mehta shared a brief overview of the policies reviewed at the September 24, 2024 Policy Meeting. A discussion transpired regarding Board Recognition guidelines.

The following policy items are scheduled to be on the October 21 agenda for the first reading:

- 006.1 Remote Attendance and Participation of Board Meetings
- 103 Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices, AG
- 104 Nondiscrimination in Employment and Contract Practices, AG
- 301 Creating a Position
- 303 Employment of District Staff, AG
- 305 Employment of Substitutes
- 306 Employment of Summer School Staff
- 308 Employment Contract Board Resolution
- 314 Medical Examination
- 801 Public Records
- 803 School Calendar
- 804 School Day
- 807 Opening Exercises, Moment of Silence, Flag Displays



### Superintendent's Update

Dr. Hammond, the 5/6 Center principal, and Dr. Cohen, the interim Middle School principal, shared the actions taken before the school year started, the steps taken at the beginning of the school year, feedback that was given, and looking ahead at the next steps for the 5/6 Center and the Middle School for the remainder of the school year. Dr. Hammond highlighted the preparations of the various houses and the student-centered focus for the scheduling. Dr. Cohen emphasized the changes in the scheduling and the new electives that are available to the students.

Dr. Goffredo reviewed that a Communications Director and a Human Resources Supervisor are two administrative roles for which the district has recognized a need. He also examined the details of the Summer Camp and learning experiences for the summer of 2025. The Board had a dialogue about summer camps and the best way to move forward for the district.

### Facilities

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the facilities items on the October 21 agenda for approval:

Balton Construction, Inc., Change Order #7  
Lobar Change Order #38

### **Information**

Facilities Use Report – September 2024

### Transportation

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the technology items on the October 21 agenda for approval:

New Krapf Staff Approval

### Technology

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the technology items on the October 21 agenda for approval:

ePlus Workspace One Renewal Quote  
ePlus Lightspeed Content Filter Annual Renewal  
Microsoft EES Additional Licenses Purchase  
Securly Annual Renewal  
Phone America Service Agreement  
Swank Public Performance Licenses Renewal  
VMware Vsphere Foundation 8 Annual Renewal  
CSIU eRate Services Annual Renewal  
Microsoft Unified Support Purchase  
DMG District Management Group Agreement Add On Special Education  
PickUp Patrol Renewal 2024-2025  
CCIU K12-SIX Membership Renewal  
Ricoh Color Copy Purchase  
ePlus Bulk Services Agreement  
ePlus Support Service for Firewalls  
ePlus Cisco Optics Purchase  
Academic VMWare Horizon Standard Plus Renewal  
Papercut Annual Renewal  
Kajeet Wireless Access Purchase



Finance

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the finance items on the October 21 agenda for approval:

- Proofreading Proposal
- Be a Part of the Conversation Agreement for the 2024-2025 Speaker Series
- Donation to Great Valley High School
- Educational Services Contracts with Overbrook School for the Blind
- Contract with Terri Erbacher
- Agreement with General Healthcare Resources
- Contract with n2y, LLC
- Reisman Educational Consulting, LLC Contract
- Per Pupil Budget for 2025-2026
- Tom Mulvey Contract Extension

Board Comments

Ms. Gallegos began discussing personal technology use during the school day and the various rules for different ages and buildings. Dr. Goffredo said he can present the topic in detail next week.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.