

**Great Valley School District**  
**School Board Work Session Meeting Highlights**  
**November 11, 2024**



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[November 11, 2024, Work Session](#)

The November 11, 2024, work session was called to order by President David Barratt. **Board members present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Rachel Gallegos, Samantha Jouin, Neha Mehta, Thomas Richards, and Becky Speiss. **Absent:** Wendy Litzke and Andrea Rizzo.

[Student Representation to the Board](#)

The High School Student Representative, Neava Jagtap, gave an overview of the events at the High School over the past few weeks. Neava shared that a Hollywood writer, Brad Ingelsby, visited students from the English department. The Marching Band came in 5th place for the US Band Championship, the Drama Guild presented A Midsummer Night's Dream over the past weekend, the boys' soccer team advanced to the PIAA state quarterfinals, and the morning show had a segment dedicated to the armed forces in honor of Veterans' Day.

[Recognition](#)

Dr. Jennifer Blake recognized Corey McDonough, GVSD multimedia specialist, who earned a Gold Award in the 2024 MarCom Awards Competition for the video "Building a New 5/6 Center—Reactions from Our Families, Students, and Staff." This video was episode 9 in a series designed to chronicle the building and opening of the Great Valley 5/6 Center.

[Program](#)

The following program items are scheduled to be on the November 18 agenda for approval:

- World History II Revised Unity 1 and 2 Overview
- Social Studies Grade 6 revised Unity 2 Overview
- Social Studies Grade 8 Unit 3
- STEAM Grade 5 Unit 2
- STEAM Grade 7 Unit 3
- AP World Unit 8 Overview
- AP World Unit 9 Overview

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Monthly Enrollment Report – October 2024

[Policy](#)

Dr. Mehta shared a brief overview of the policies reviewed at the October 29, 2024 Policy Meeting.

The following policies are scheduled to be on the November 18 agenda for the first reading:

- 216 Student Records, AG
- 234 Student Experiencing Pregnancy/Pregnancy-Related Conditions or Parenting, AG

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- 304 Nepotism, AG
- 309 Assignment and Transfer
- 311 Reduction of Staff
- 318 Employee Attendance Expectations
- 322 Gifts, AG
- 324 Personnel Files, AG
- 328 Compensation Plans/Salary Schedules
- 330 Overtime Compensatory Time
- 332 Working Periods, AG
- 341 Benefits for Part-Time Employees

The following policies are scheduled to be on the November 18 agenda for the first repeal reading:

- 248 Harassment, AG
- 316 Nontenured Employees
- 348 Harassment, AG

The following policies are scheduled to be on the November 18 agenda for the second reading and adoption:

- 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. Wexler, an assistant superintendent, reviewed the goals the district and the Council for Diversity and Inclusion have completed in the first year of the district's equity plan and shared a few goals that the district hopes to accomplish in the second year.

Dr. Goffredo shared the school climate survey the administration hopes to share with the students and staff in Spring 2025. The survey is from the Pennsylvania Department of Education's School Climate Survey for grades 3 to 12. The Board asked Dr. Goffredo questions about the survey.

Facilities

Mrs. McGibboney shared that during the October 28 meeting, the Finance Committee began discussing the 2025-2026 school year budget. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2025.



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Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the facilities items on the November 18 agenda for approval:

JBM Mechanical, Change Order #2

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Facilities Use Report – October 2024

Technology

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the technology items on the November 18 agenda for approval:

Turnitin, LLC Renewal  
Breakout EDU Renewal 2024-2025  
Skyward Transparent Database Encryption Purchase  
Cleartouch Board Purchase

Finance

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the finance items on the November 18 agenda for approval:

Donation to Great Valley Middle School  
PHEAA Agreement  
Education Services Contracts  
Agreement with Carla Kline  
Hudl Streaming Contract Renewal  
Substitute Assistant Principal  
Violin Donation for Charlestown Elementary School

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.