

Great Valley School District

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

October 21, 2024

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During the September 16, 2024 Business Meeting

The October 21, 2024, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Board members present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Rachel Gallegos, Neha Mehta, Thomas Richards, and Becky Speiss. **Absent:** Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, and Andrea Rizzo

Presentations

Student Council Reports

Students from the General Wayne Elementary School student council reported that the school hosted a Soup Night, the proceeds of which went to cancer research and a spirit week in honor of the Homecoming game that happened. They also shared that they plan to celebrate kindness for November, host another spirit day, and a pajama day to raise money for the Children's Fund at the Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania.

The students from the Great Valley Middle School student council reported earning the Student Council Distinguished Keystone Council Award for the 2023-2024 school year in service, activities, leadership, writing, and essays. The seventh-grade officers are working on the National Keystone Award. They also communicated that they had Spirit Week and had appointed Homeroom Representatives for each of the classes for the school and how the various Fall Sports have been doing for their season. Lastly, the Student Council thanked the school board for their hard work in allowing the middle school to host many events.

Student Representative to the Board

Ryan Rossi, one of the GV High School Student Representatives to the School Board, reported that last week they had Spirit week, the pep rally during school on Friday, the Homecoming football game on Friday night, and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night. The National Honor Society has invited select 11th-grade and 12th-grade students to join the NHS for the 2024-2025 School Year and the buddy program, which allows High School students to partner with an Elementary School Student. Lastly, the Drama Club will present *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on November 7, 8, and 9.

Executive Session

Mr. Barratt reported that the Board met in an executive session to discuss personnel matters and informational items, and they plan to meet again after the business meeting to discuss personnel matters.

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.

Legislative Report

Ms. Jouin was absent, so there was no report.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion Report

Mrs. Chasinoff communicated that the first meeting is scheduled for October 29.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Speiss shared that the foundation is preparing for its annual campaign in November, the Venture Grant Applications will be accepted in November, and more information is on the Foundation's website.

Facilities Committee Report

Mr. Barratt shared the upcoming dates for which the Finance, Policy, Communications, and Instructional Technology Committee are scheduled.

Superintendent Report

Ms. Dinsmore, Director of Student Services, reported on how the district is Promoting Safe and Inclusive Spaces through Responsive Approaches. She reviewed how the Comprehensive Plan and the annual district goals coincide. Ms. Dinsmore also reviewed the framework of responsive leadership, the responsive homeroom at the high school, the funding sources and allocations, and the implementation efficacy. The Board then had a question-and-answer session with Ms. Dinsmore regarding her presentation.

Dr. Goffredo started the discussion regarding the district's summer camps each year. The board continued an extended dialogue and discussed various options for the best approach for the Summer of 2025. Dr. Goffredo also shared how each of the school buildings is monitoring the use of personal cell technology devices.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comments were made regarding agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

The board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Routine Approvals

- Minutes of September 16, 2024
- Treasurer and Tax Collectors Report
- Invoices

Program Approvals

- Social Studies Grade 8 Unit 2 for the 2024 - 2025 School Year
- AP World History Unit 3 Overview for the 2024-2025 School Year
- AP World History Unit 4 Overview for the 2024-2025 School Year
- AP World History Unit 5 Overview for the 2024-2025 School Year
- STEAM Grades 7/8 Revised Unit 1 Overview for the 2024-2025 School Year
- STEAM Grade 7 Unit 2 Overview for the 2024-2025 School Year
- STEAM Grades 5 and 6 Unit 1B. Grade 6 for the 2024-2025 School Year and Grade 5 for the 2025-2026 School Year

Facilities Approvals

- Change Order #7 to the contract with Balton Construction, Inc., the general contractor for the District Office, in the amount of \$3,029.71 to be paid with construction funds
- Change Order #38 to the contract with Lobar, Inc., the general contractor for the 5/6 Center, for \$72,189.79, to be paid with construction funds

Transportation Approvals

- New Krapf staff for the 2024-2025 school year

Technology Approvals

- Renewal of Academic VMWare Workspace One Education Essentials with an additional 800 licenses at a total cost of \$69,942 for the 2024-2025 School year
- Renewal of Lightspeed, our web content filter, at a cost of \$35,163.30 from October 21 25, 2024 - October 21 25, 2025
- Purchase of 75 additional Microsoft EES licenses for incoming staff using Microsoft 365 at a cost of \$8,962.50.
- Annual renewal of Securly (formerly e-Hall Pass) at a cost of \$2,400
- Agreement with Phone America to support our phone system in the entire district at \$7,205 for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Renewal of public performance licensing for four elementary schools, the 5/6 Center, and the middle school, at a total cost of \$3,219.
- Renewal of VMware Vsphere Foundation 8 for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$45,601.20
- Renewal of eRate Services for Funding Year 2024-2025 at a cost of \$6,000.
- Purchase of Microsoft Unified Support 50 at a cost of \$6,200.
- DMG District Management Group add on agreement for the period of 11/1/24 through 8/1/25 at a cost of \$17,500



Presentations

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Technology Approvals – continued

- PickUp Patrol renewal for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$6,688.35.
- Renewal of the annual membership to the K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX) at a cost of \$2,000 for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Purchase of a Ricoh Color Copier for the copy center at a cost of \$69,554.
- Renewal of our Bulk Services agreement/Statement of Work for technical support services, at a cost of \$10,000 for the 24-25 School year
- Renewal of support services for our firewalls at a cost of \$37,243.54 for the 2024-2025 school year
- Purchase of two Cisco optics to connect our dark fiber between KDM and the 5/6 Center at a total cost of \$1,950
- Renewal of Academic VMWare Horizon Standard Plus at a cost of \$24,258.50 for the 2024-2025 School Year
- Annual renewal of Papercut at a cost of \$6,639.20.
- Purchase of 100 additional Kajeet wireless access hot spots at a cost of \$30,041.30.

Financial Approvals

- Proofreading proposal from Donnelly Content Solutions for proofreading services of the District's Elementary Instrumental Music Parent Handbook at a cost of \$225.
- Annual agreement with Be a Part of the Conversation for the 2024-2025 School Year District Speaker Series for four speaking events at a cost of \$7,665, to be paid through Title IV funds
- Corporate gift from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. in the amount of \$100.00 to Great Valley High School.
- Contract with Overbrook School for the Blind for the 2024-2025 School Year
- Contract with Terri Erbacher for presentation for administrative staff on October 17, 2024 at a total cost of \$2,046.90
- Agreement with General Healthcare Resources (GHR Education) to provide personnel staffing for the 24-25 School Year
- Contract with n2y, LLC for licenses for a learning system software that serves Special Education students for \$10,190.44.
- Proposal for Reisman Educational Consulting, LLC. For professional development for the Social Studies department, at a total cost of \$15,000, to be paid with Title II funds
- 2025-2026 per pupil budget at \$191.31/weighted student at the Secondary Schools and \$278.25/weighted student at the Elementary Schools.
- Contract extension with Thomas Mulvey as Interim Assistant Principal at Great Valley Middle School through December 20, 2024, at a per diem rate of \$750.
- Special Education Settlement Agreement for student #190018

Personnel Approvals

The board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following Personnel Items:

Resignations

Professional Staff

Jennifer Schultz, Learning Support teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective at the end of the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

Support Staff

Maria Capaldi, full-time 12-month Business Office Specialist, Great Valley District Office, for the purpose of retirement, effective January 31, 2025

Administrative Staff

Dr. Jennifer Blake, Director of Communications, Great Valley District Office, effective January 17, 2025.

Extra Duty Responsibilities (EDR)

Larry Cinciripino, Football, Head 8th Grade Coach, Great Valley Middle School, effective October 6, 2024.

Leaves

Professional Staff

Michelle Hanna, Gifted teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Charlestown Elementary School, requests intermittent FMLA from approximately October 2, 2024 to October 1, 2025.



Personnel Approvals

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Leaves

Professional Staff

Pam Crump, Special Education teacher, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately October 21 3, 2024 to October 14, 2024.

Michelle Hug, Speech-Language Pathologist, K. D. Markley Elementary School/Great Valley 5/6 Center, requests FMLA from approximately January 3, 2025 to March 27, 2025.

Craig Riley, School Counselor, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately October 10, 2024 to October 23, 2024.

Julie Mest, Secondary Mathematics Coach, Great Valley School District, requests FMLA from approximately October 10, 2024 to November 20, 2024.

Caroline Wuetcher, Grade 3 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately December 16, 2024 to the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Tammy Krumbhaar, Kindergarten teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately October 21 25, 2024 to November 6, 2024.

Christopher Sullivan, German/World Language teacher, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately October 7, 2024 to November 22, 2024.

Katy Oh, ELD teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, requests intermittent FMLA from approximately October 14, 2024 to January 3, 2025.

Support Staff

Fred Wright, full-time Custodian, Great Valley High School, requests intermittent FMLA from approximately October 21 25, 2024 to October 21 24, 2025

Appointments

Professional Staff

Danielle LaValley, full-time temporary professional employee, World Language teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center/Great Valley Middle School, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective November 5, 2024.

Katie McCann, full-time professional employee, ESL Specialist, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (new), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective January 2, 2025.

Lisa Farber, full-time professional employee, School Nurse, General Wayne Elementary School, (Dur), (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks), effective January 27, 2025.

Administrative Staff

E. Nichole Taylor, full-time Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services, Great Valley School District, (Melia), effective date December 2, 2024, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

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

Great Valley High School Coaching

C. J. Savage, Basketball, Head Boys’ Coach, NF.

P. J. Charlton, Basketball, Assistant Boys’ Coach, NF.

Todd Fredrick, Basketball, Head Girls’ Coach, NF.

Nicole Jones, Winter Track, Head Coach, F.

Stanley Walerski, Winter Track, Assistant Coach, (.5), F.

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

Ashlyn Marabella, Best Buddies Sponsor, F.

Carolyn White, Best Buddies Sponsor, F.

Great Valley Middle School Coaching

Owen Brown, Basketball, Head 7th Grade Girls’ Coach, F.



Personnel Approvals

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Appointments – continued

Extra Duty Responsibilities – continued

Great Valley 5/6 Center Non-Coaching

Shana Cooper, Science Fair Sponsor, F.

Sarah O’Neill, Student Council Sponsor, F.

Elementary Non-Coaching

Michelle Hanna, Charlestown Elementary School, Elementary Forensics Sponsor, (.5), F.

Gabrielle Kater, Charlestown Elementary School, Elementary Forensics Sponsor, (.5), F.

Alyssa DeMitis, Charlestown Elementary School, Science Fair Sponsor, F.

Alyssa DeMitis, Charlestown Elementary School, Student Council Sponsor, F.

Paige Seaton, Charlestown Elementary School, Video Director, F.

Sam Ellis, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Video Director, (.5), F.

Amanda Hornberger, Sugartown Elementary School, Student Council Sponsor, (.5), F.

Alex Walters, Sugartown Elementary School, Student Council Sponsor, (.5), F.

Salary Adjustments

Mentors

Michaela Ghanayem, temporary professional employee, Grade 3 teacher to professional employee, Grade 3 teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, effective September 27, 2024.

Salary Advancements

Emily Amodei, Great Valley Middle School

Kaitlyn Anderson, Sugartown Elementary School

Gillian Arganetto, Great Valley 5/6 Center

Caroline Biondolillo, Sugartown Elementary School

Nikki Caffey, General Wayne Elementary School

Paige Calfapietra, Sugartown Elementary School

James Carminito, Great Valley High School

Aly Crabtree, Great Valley 5/6 Center

Stephanie Cummings, K. D. Markley Elementary School

Alyssa DeMitis, Charlestown Elementary School/K. D. Markley Elementary School

Eli Dietz, Great Valley Middle School

Kelly DiSerafino, General Wayne Elementary School

Paul Egleston, Great Valley High School

Tom Esterly, Great Valley High School

Shannon Evans, Great Valley High School

Taylor Geiser, K. D. Markley Elementary School

Corinne Gerber, K. D. Markley Elementary School

Rebekah Groh, Great Valley High School

Shannon Hallinan, Sugartown Elementary School

Roberto Hernandez-Sanchez, Great Valley Middle School

Jamie Himmelberger, Great Valley 5/6 Center

Ryan Journey, K. D. Markley Elementary School

Sarah Karwoski, Sugartown Elementary School

Chelsea Kaufman, General Wayne Elementary School

Alexandra LaRosa, Sugartown Elementary School

Jona Lieberman, Great Valley High School

Tess Lutz, Great Valley High School

Rachel Macey, K. D. Markley Elementary School

Erica McAnaney, Sugartown Elementary School

Bernard McCauley, Great Valley High School

Amanda McLoughlin, Great Valley Middle School

Lisa Miller, Great Valley Middle School

Kelly Neary, Great Valley High School



Personnel Approvals

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Salary Advancements – continued

- Jennifer O’Mara**, Great Valley High School
- Angelina Oh**, Great Valley Middle School
- Maureen Pankowski-Clark**, K. D. Markley Elementary School
- Cassie Paynter**, General Wayne Elementary School
- Gabrielle Pearson**, General Wayne Elementary School
- Johnna Rice**, K. D. Markley Elementary School
- Stephanie Robinson**, General Wayne Elementary School
- Jeremy Rudolph**, Great Valley High School
- Casey Rurode**, Great Valley High School
- Daniel Schemmer**, Great Valley 5/6 Center
- Ryan Shields**, K. D. Markley Elementary School
- Jim Simpkins**, Great Valley 5/6 Center
- Sean Steinmetz**, K. D. Markley Elementary School
- Laurie Swope**, Great Valley Middle School
- Tara Tracchio**, Charlestown Elementary School
- Travis Turgeon**, Great Valley High School
- Amy Wilson**, K. D. Markley Elementary School
- Anne Winter**, K. D. Markley Elementary School
- Brian Yohannan**, Sugartown Elementary School
- Jacquelyn Zalkind**, Great Valley 5/6 Center

Staff Conference Requests

- Pete & C 2024 (Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference)*, Hershey, PA, Sunday, February 9, 2025 – Wednesday, February 12, 2025
- Tracy Whiteman**, Educational Program Support, District Office

Food Service Net Share

Great Valley District Employees

- Catherine Bernardi**
- Aleida Bocanegra**
- Melanie Capoferri**
- Kimberly Caven**
- Maria Decker**
- Robert Ervin**
- Skylar Flint**
- Stephanie Gracia**
- Kathryn Liberato**
- Stephanie Pallas**
- Yvonne Westlake**

SOS Contracted Employees

- Shaairah Muhammad**
- Janiele Pemberton**
- Marisol Herrera**
- Heba Abdalla**
- Megan Beck**
- Keara Bellita**
- Dan Smith**
- Barbara Koresko**
- Karolina Sarioglou**
- Mary Marramreddy**
- Hima Veeramachaeni**
- Anthony Yancheck**



Personnel Approvals

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The board voted 6 to 0 to establish the new role of a Supervisor of Human Resources (Act 93) for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Policy Approval

The board voted 6 to 0 to approve the 1st Reading of the following policies.

1ST Reading

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

Public Comments – Other Items

The following community members made comments on other items:

- K. Dellaria – GVSD Summer Camps
- A. Thomas – Bullying at GVSD

Other Board Comments

Mr. Richards and Mr. Barratt asked Dr. Goffredo and Mrs. McGibboney to provide details about how much money has been spent on consultants, whether the money has come from grants, and what benefits the district has seen from each consultant.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.