

Great Valley School District

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

September 15, 2025

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The September 15, 2025 Business Meeting

The September 15, 2025, business meeting was called to order by Vice-President Rachel Gallegos. **Board members present:** Tricia Bliven-Chasinoff, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, Andrea Rizzo, Rebecca Spiess, and Thomas Richards. **Absent:** David Barratt.

Presentations

Student Representative Reports

Anna Xiao (11) and Justin Sansone (11), the student representatives to the School Board, shared some of the events that have occurred at the High School in the first few weeks of the 2025-2026 school year. They shared that Mr. Juelke, the new biology teacher, has been named the first Teacher of the Month, fall sports are already in full swing, a club fair is scheduled to take place the week of September 15, and the Drama Guild held their auditions for the Fall play of Clue On Stage, which will be performed November 7-8. Lastly, the student representatives shared a few of the upcoming events that are scheduled for October.

Executive Session

Ms. Gallegos reported that the Board met in executive session to discuss legal and personnel items.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Gallegos asked Mrs. McGibboney if there was any Secretary's Correspondence. There was none.

Chester County Intermediate Unit Report

Dr. Rizzo shared that during the August meeting, the intermediate unit reported a 33% growth since 2019. She also shared that there are now three school resource officers (SROs) at the intermediate unit.

Legislative Report

Ms. Jouin shared that the state's budget has not passed yet; however, Great Valley does not heavily rely on state budgets, so we are not required to borrow money like other districts are. Also, the change to expand teacher certifications is out of the house but has not passed yet.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Speiss reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17.

Instructional Technology and Curriculum Committee

Dr. Rizzo reviewed the topics that were discussed during the September 8 meeting. They discussed the five-year plans for the curriculum in World Languages, Data Science, the math course, and the 12th-grade English course. Additionally, the spring concerts will take place during the day rather than at night. This information will be communicated thoroughly. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13.

Facilities Committee Report

Ms. Gallegos shared that the next meeting is currently scheduled for September 18, but it will be rescheduled.



Presentations
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Policy Committee Report

Ms. Gallegos shared that the next meeting is currently scheduled for September 29.

Communications Committee Report

Ms. Litzke reported that during the September 4 meeting, the new communication platform, ParentSquare, was discussed, the 2025-2026 annual report, and a staff newsletter that is scheduled to go out at the end of the month.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Goffredo reviewed the structure of the Teaching and Learning Department. He shared that the four supervisors will be divided into subject areas rather than the previous elementary and secondary classifications. Dr. Goffredo did share that with the reorganization of the Teaching and Learning department, the district is still looking to fill the K-12 Supervisor of Teaching and Learning vacancy.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Routine Approvals

Minutes of July 14, 2025 Business Meeting
Invoices
Non-Resident Students for 2025-2026

Program Approvals

Spanish for Heritage Learners level 2 unit 2 curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year
Spanish for Heritage Learners level 2 unit 3 curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year.
Advanced Personal Fitness curriculum units 1-2 for the 2025-2026 school year.
12th Grade Academic English curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year.
Data Science Curriculum units 1-8 for the 2025-2026 school year.
7/8 Math curriculum units 1-8 for the 2025-2026 school year.
8th Grade Math curriculum units 1-8 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Transportation Approvals

Contract with First Student to provide student transportation for the 2025-2027 school years, as needed.
The list of Norcross and First Student/First Alt drivers and monitors for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Technology Approvals

Turnitin, LLC renewal for the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$8,875.18
Discovery Education-Pivot Interactive from November 20, 2025, to November 19, 2026, at a cost of \$742.50.
BrainPOP quote for the period covering December 20, 2025 - December 19, 2026 at a cost of \$1,885
Purchase of World Book for the 2025 - 2026 school year for a cost of \$5,799.15
Renaissance quote from July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$42,066.22
PowerSchool Programs for the 2025-2026 school year Quote -137216-2 for Special Ed, Gifted and 504s, at a cost of \$24,492.83

Consent Agenda Items

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Technology Approvals – continued

PowerSchool Programs for the 2025-2026 school year Quote -157347-2 for the digital signature feature, at a cost of \$4,854.31
Learning Without Tears quote for Kindergarten at a cost of \$250.

FMX Request Module for the Teaching and Learning department covering the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$1,932.25

Financial Approvals

Professional service agreement with JustiCorp for nursing services for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 school years
Renewal contract between Health Advocate Solutions and Great Valley School District for the period of 9/1/2025 – 8/31/2026 at a cost of \$9,504.

Renewal contract between Substitute Teacher Service (STS) and Great Valley School District for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027

Elementary field trip for K.D. Markley 2nd-grade students are scheduled to visit the PA Helicopter Museum on October 23, 2025 and October 24, 2025 entrance fees not to exceed \$1,512

Elementary field trip for K.D. Markley AS/MDS students are scheduled to visit Highland Orchards during October 2025, entrance fees not to exceed \$492

Elementary field trip for Charlestown 4th-grade students are scheduled to visit Paradise Farms on October 29, 2025, entrance fees not to exceed \$1,800 – attached

Elementary field trip for Charlestown Kindergarten students are scheduled to visit Milky Way Farms on October 9, 2025, the entrance fees not to exceed \$767.

Elementary field trip for Sugartown 1st-grade students is scheduled to visit Highland Orchards on November 5, 2025; the entrance fees are not to exceed \$1,128.

Elementary field trip for the 5/6 Center Grade 5 is scheduled to visit TCHS on October 6, 2025; no entrance fees will be charged for students or staff.

Elementary field trip for the 5/6 Center Grade 5 is scheduled to visit TCHS on October 7, 2025; no entrance fees will be charged for students or staff.

Agreement with Garnet Valley School District for AI Strategic Planning from October 15, 2025 to June 30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$7,600.

Contract with LearnWell Education for student 290677 at a cost of \$57.95/hour

Contract with Melmark School for the 2025-2026 school year

Educational service contracts with The Pathway School for the 2025-2026 school year

Agreement with Royer-Greaves School for the 2025-2026 school year for student 300839. The total cost is \$66,265.80

Agreement with The Vanguard School for the 2025-2026 school year for student 260753. The total cost is \$91,500. This is an addendum to the original contract

The necessary budget transfers to bring accounts in line in accordance with Section 687 of the School Code

Donation from the Charlestown Elementary PTO for \$5,000.

Special Education Settlement Agreement for Student #270341

Personnel Approvals

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following Personnel Items:

ResignationsProfessional Staff

Taylor Harner, full-time Music teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective 60 days from August 21, 2025.

Megan Given, full-time Special Education teacher, Great Valley High School, effective 60 days from August 25, 2025.

Sarah Carroll, full-time French teacher, Great Valley High School, effective August 27, 2025.

Support Staff

Ghady Sleiman, full-time 10-month Clerical Aide, Sugartown Elementary School, effective when a replacement is found.

Extra Duty Responsibility (EDR)

Dan Alper, Baseball, Head Grade 7 Coach, F, effective September 3, 2025.



Personnel Approvals
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LeavesProfessional Staff

Employee #927374, Sugartown Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately August 19, 2025 to October 14, 2025.

Employee #372454, Great Valley High School, requests intermittent FMLA from approximately August 25, 2025 to June 15, 2026.

Support Staff

Employee #99171, Great Valley High School, on unpaid leave of absence for approximately five weeks, beginning August 25, 2025.

AppointmentsProfessional Staff

Marisa Smith, half-year long-term substitute Social Worker, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (Knouse), effective August 19, 2025, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Mackenzie Peed, full-time 10-month Athletic Trainer, (210 days), (Johnson, K.), effective September 29, 2025, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Support Staff

Lauren Daga, full-time 12-month Medical Access Specialist, Great Valley District Office, (Girone, D.), effective October 6, 2025, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2025-2026 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)Great Valley District Wide Department Chair

Jean Spitofsky, Nursing Coordinator, F

Great Valley High School Coaching

Michael Gregory, Basketball, Assistant Boy's Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks)

Chris Johnston, Cross Country, Assistant Coach, NF

Abdul Madyun, Football, Assistant 9th Grade Coach, NF

Thomas Juelke, Soccer, 9th Grade Girls' Coach, F

Nicole Jones, Winter Track, Head Coach, F

Chris Johnston, Winter Track, Assistant Coach, (.5), NF

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

Jared Zupito, Wrestling, Head Coach, NF

Great Valley High School Department Chair

Jessica Stanhagen, Art Chair, F

Thomas Esterly, English Chair, F

Great Valley Middle School Coaching

Spencer Schumacher, Baseball, Head 8th Grade Coach, NF

Stephen Jones, Football, Assistant Grade 7 Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks)

Mike Meluskey, Football, Assistant Grade 8 Coach, F

Great Valley Middle School Non-Coaching

Lara Cini, What's So Cool About Manufacturing Sponsor, F

Great Valley Middle School Department Chair

Jeremy Bergman, Social Studies Chair, F

Brenda Roy, Support Services Chair, F



Personnel Approvals
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Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

Daniel Alper, (.5), 8/19/25, 8/20/25, 8/21/25, 8/25/25, 8/26/25, 8/27/25, 9/8/25, 8/29/25, 9/2/25, 9/3/25, 9/4/25, 9/5/25 – total hours 19.125.

Great Valley High School and Great Valley Middle School Athletic Game Workers

Dan Alper	Meredith Bebee	Mike Birenbaum
James Carminito	Chuck Chiccino	Lara Cini
Meghan Daney	Marie Derby	John DeVirgilio
James DiFerdinand	Ann DiMedio	Diamand Donovan
Mark Durante	Matt Ellis	Jane Garon
Emily Gillard	Michael Gregory	Paul Gring
Bob Johnson	Nicole Jones	Sherri Kratzer
Robert Lavelle	Laura Mack	Jeff Martin
Bernie McCauley	Laura McDonald	Gerry McGrath
Bill McNamara	Dave Moffett	Mary Morelli
Jeff Moyer	Lisa Nackers	Marg Orlowski
Gary Phillips	Meredith Rieger	Cynthia Rabideau
Pete Ruckelshaus	CJ Savage	Karen Scholz
Matt Schultz	Jim Sellman	Nicole Sellman
Kim Schusko	Mike Trahey	Travis Turgeon
Alex Venarchik	Stanley Walerski	Deb Woodcock
Jared Zupito		

Change of Status/Assignment

Professional Staff

Daniel Alper, Physical Education teacher, (.5), Great Valley Middle School to General Wayne Elementary School/ Sugartown Elementary School, effective August 19, 2025.

Katelyn Reichle, Music teacher, Sugartown Elementary School to Sugartown Elementary School/Charlestown Elementary School.

Elizabeth Drysdale, Art teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School/Sugartown Elementary School to Sugartown Elementary School/Charlestown Elementary School, effective August 19, 2025.

Kimmie Di Nhong, Kindergarten teacher, Charlestown Elementary School to Grade 1 teacher, effective August 19, 2025.

Jackie Underwood, Grade 2 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School to Grade 4 teacher, effective August 19, 2025.

Maggie Bird, Grade 1 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School to Grade 3 teacher, effective August 19, 2025.

Amy White, Grade 4 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School to Grade 6 teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective August 19, 2025.

Alison Dammeyer, Grade 2 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School to Grade 6 teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective August 19, 2025.

Lauren Holly, TBD Elementary teacher to Grade 3 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, effective August 19, 2025.

Gabrielle Juliano, Grade 2 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School to Grade 4 teacher, General Wayne Elementary School, effective August 19, 2025.

Joel Cummings, temporary professional employee Technology Education teacher to professional employee Technology Education teacher, Great Valley High School, effective August 19, 2025.

Keith Wyner, Learning Support teacher to Social Studies teacher, Great Valley Middle School, effective date TBD.

Extra Duty Responsibility (EDR)

C J Savage, Football, Assistant Grade 7 Coach, Great Valley Middle School to Football, Head Grade 7 Coach, effective September 4, 2025.

Educational Consultant Approval VIA CCRES

Leslie Gamma, Interim Technical Coordinator, Great Valley High School, not to exceed 5 hours per day, from August 25, 2025 through approximately September 30, 2025.



Personnel Approvals
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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 August 2025. This change of status is to be recorded in the official minutes and requires no official action.

Alexandra Walters, Sugartown Elementary School

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Caitlin Vandevander, Great Valley High School

Staff Conference Requests

2025 WIDA Annual Conference; Igniting Innovation for Multilingual Learners, Seattle, WA, Tuesday, October 28, 2025 through Thursday, October 30, 2025.

Katy Oh, District Office.

AASL – American Association of School Libraries National Convention, St. Louis, MO, Wednesday, October 15, 2025 through Thursday, October 16, 2025.

Kelsey Bogan, Great Valley High School.

The Board of School Directors voted 8 to 0 to approve the Resolution of Abandonment of Employment and Authorization to legal counsel to institute suit against professional employee #535635.

Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Approvals

Jason Herron, a solicitor from Wisler Pearlstine, LLP, spoke about the purchase of the property located at 41 Moores Road, in East Whiteland Township.

Facilities Approvals

The Board of School Directors voted 7 aye to 1 nay to approve the Resolution and Agreement of Sale for the Acquisition of Real Estate Property located at 41 Moores Road, East Whiteland Township, at a cost of \$7,500,000, and authorize the administration and Solicitor to take all reasonable steps to complete the purchase.

Dr. Goffredo shared that the communication regarding the property purchase will be sent out tomorrow to the community.

Public Comments – Other Items

No community members made public comments on other items.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.