# Great Valley School District
# School Board Business Meeting Highlights
# October 21, 2025

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## The October 21, 2025 Business Meeting

The October 21, 2025, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Board members present:** Tricia Bliven-Chasinoff, Samantha Jouin, Rachel Gallegos, Neha Mehta, Andrea Rizzo, Rebecca Spiess, and Thomas Richards. **Absent:** Wendy Litzke.

## Presentations

**Student Council Reports**

Students from Charlestown Elementary School shared that the school held a spirit week last week. The students also shared that in November, the Student Council is planning to have a food drive and another spirit week.

Students from Great Valley Middle School shared that they hosted Spirit Week two weeks ago. They also reported that they plan to host more Spirit Weeks, fundraisers, and a Valentine's Day Dance.

**Student Representative Report**

Justin Sansone (11), the student representative to the School Board, shared some of the events that have occurred at the High School. The seniors had a recognition night for their sports, the Girls Tennis team is Chesmont Champions, and AP Exam registration is currently open. Justin also shared that the first year of the cybersecurity course is underway, and the Business Exploration Club is one of the largest clubs at the High School.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Barratt reported that the Board met in executive session to discuss legal items.

**Chester County Intermediate Unit Report**

Dr. Rizzo shared that during the September 15 meeting, they discussed the impact that the budget impasse has on the intermediate unit. The IU is currently partnering with Appalachia IU8 to provide students with learning opportunities in language classes, such as Arabic, Japanese, and ASL.

**Legislative Report**

Ms. Jouin shared that the state still has not passed its budget. She also reviewed a few bills on hold due to the budget freeze. There have been a few school code amendments for special education cost reporting and additional safety and mental health grants to be available.

**The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report**

Ms. Speiss reported that during the last meeting, they discussed a program for having an after-school activity bus.

**Instructional Technology and Curriculum Committee**

Dr. Rizzo reviewed the information covered during the October 13 meeting. During the meeting, they discussed vocabulary instruction for seventh and ninth-grade students, the district is in the beginning phases of revamping the science curriculum, and the new student information system process is being finalized, and it is scheduled to be announced during the November meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 10.

## Presentations
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**Superintendent Report**

Dr. Goffredo shared that 18 students are National Merit Scholarship semifinalists, and that two Great Valley bus drivers placed in the 2025 Chester County Safety Competition. Dr. Goffredo also shared the four HEART Award winners for October. The administration participated in an AI training, and lastly, he reported that the Great Valley School District Education Foundation is funding a student activity bus for students involved in after-school extracurricular activities.

## 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 September 15, 2025 Business Meeting
Invoices
Treasurer's Report and Tax Collector Report

**Program Approvals**

STEAM Grade 6 Unit 3 Overview
STEAM Grade 6 Unit 1 and 2 Overviews

**Facilities Approval**

Agreement with SCHRADERGROUP for a formal assessment of the property of 41 Moores Road, at a cost of $42,350.

**Transportation Approvals**

A list of Atlas drivers for the 2025 - 2026 school year

**Technology Approvals**

Annual renewal of the Swank Public Performance site licenses through the BLaST IU at a cost of $8,217 for the 2025-2026 school year

**Financial Approvals**

Contract with Partnering For Academic Excellence, LLC, at a cost of $14,400 to be reimbursed with Title II Funds
Engagement letter to retain Saxton and Stump
Quote from the Attainment Company for a 3-year Web-Based subscription.
Riverside Insights subscription for Woodcock-Johnson V (WJV) for the 2025-2026 school year at a total cost of $6,027.50
Educational Service Contract with The Camphill School for student 230708 for a 5-day residential status in the 4010 funding system for a total of $25,970
Educational Service Contract with The Camphill School for student 240615 for a day-student status in the 4010 funding system. In addition, individual therapies will be billed at $145/hour. Group therapies will be billed at $115/hour
Educational Service Contract with The Camphill School for student 230723 for a day-student status in the 4010 funding system for a total of $56,313.56

## Consent Agenda Items
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**Financial Approvals** – continued

Educational Service Contract with The Camphill School for student 230538 for a 7-day residential status in the 4010 funding system for a total of $44,100. Individual therapies will be billed at $145/hour. Group therapies will be billed at $115/hour
Educational Service Contract with The Martin Luther School for student 370426 for a day student in the 4010 funding system. There is an additional charge of $341/day for 1:1 Aide Service
Educational Service Contract with LearnWell Education for student 270289 to the High Focus Centers - Paoli Partial Hospitalization Program on September 29, 2025 for 10 hours of education per week at a cost of $57.95 per hour
Educational Service Contract with The Vanguard School for One-to-One Aide Support for students 260753 and 340433, at a cost of $53,000 per student for the 2025-2026 school year
Educational Service Contract with The Vanguard School for Food Services for student 340433, at a cost of $1,260 per year for the 2025-2026 school year
Educational Service Contract with MCIU Anderson school for student 300502 at the cost of $58,795, student 260352 at the cost of $54,835, and student 270423 at the cost of $49,500.
Two corporate gifts from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. in the amount of $100.00 each to Great Valley Middle School and Great Valley High School.
The 2026-2027 per pupil budget at $198.00/weighted student at the Secondary Schools and $287.99/weighted student at the Elementary Schools
Affiliation agreement with West Chester University for Student Teaching covering school years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028
Proposal with The Nemours Foundation Medical Service Agreement, $500 per event
Contract with Peterson Strategic Solutions, LLC., to provide consulting services for the 2025-2026 school year at $100/hour, not to exceed 250 hours
Special education settlement agreements for Student #290254

## Personnel Approvals

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

**Resignations**

Professional Staff
**Sierra Hart**, full-time Chemistry teacher, Great Valley High School, effective November 14, 2025.
**William Mayberry**, full-time Social Studies teacher, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective January 5, 2026.
**Robert Lavelle**, School Counselor, Great Valley High School, effective 60 days after October 15, 2025.

Support Staff
**Sowmya Krishnamoorthy**, full-time 12-month Technical Coordinator, Great Valley High School, effective September 30, 2025.
**Andrew Keidel**, full-time 12-month HVAC Technician, Great Valley School District, effective October 24, 2025.
**Jane Buxton**, part-time instructional aide, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective September 24, 2025.
**Yvonne Westlake**, full-time 10-month Culinary Coordinator, Great Valley School District, effective October 3, 2025.

**Leaves**

Professional Staff
**Employee #521441**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests a professional compensated leave for the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year.

Support Staff
**Employee #676469,** Great Valley District Office, requests intermittent FMLA from approximately September 3, 2025 to March 3, 2026.

Personnel Approvals
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**Leaves** – continued

Administrative Staff
**Employee #489546**, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately October 14, 2025 to October 28, 2025.
**Employee #637564**, Great Valley District Office, requests FMLA from approximately October 31, 2025 to December 16, 2025.

**Appointments**

Professional Staff
**Loryn Whistler**, full-time temporary professional employee Music teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective November 3, 2025, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Support Staff
**Kerry Cassell**, 10-Month Clerical Aide, Sugartown Elementary School, (Sleiman), effective October 21, 2025, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).
**Melanie Pfizenmayer**, Non-Public Parochial Nurse, Great Valley School District, (Villa Maria Lower/Upper and St. Patrick's Parochial Schools), (Heisler), effective October 28, 2025, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).
**Tahsina Jinan**, full-time 12-month support staff Technical Coordinator, Great Valley High School, (Krishnamoorthy), effective approximately November 5, 2025, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Substitutes
**Melanie Pfizenmayer**, Substitute Nurse, Great Valley School District, effective October 28, 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 High School Coaching*
**Lindsay Hogan**, Unified, Bocce, Assistant Coach, F
**Carolyn White**, Unified, Bocce, Head Coach, F
**Lindsay Hogan**, Unified, Track, Assistant Coach, F
**Kari Hufnagl**, Unified, Track, Head Coach, F
**Andrew Le**, Winter Track, Assistant Coach, NF
**Mark Durante**, Wrestling, Assistant Coach, F

*Great Valley High School Non-Coaching*
**Lindsay Hogan**, Best Buddies Sponsor, (.5), F
**Kristy Hays**, Student Musical, Choreographer, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks)

*Great Valley 5/6 Center*
**Katie Domizio**, Chorus Director, F
**Victoria Scherbinske**, Envirothon Sponsor, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks)
**Aly Crabtree**, Intramurals Director, (.5), F, (Intramurals Director contract in addition to initial contract)
**Dan Schemmer**, Intramurals Director, (.5), F, (Intramurals Director contract in addition to initial contract)
**Morgan McKeon**, Reading Olympics, F

*Elementary Schools Non-Coaching*
**Sam Ellis,** Intramurals Director, F, (Intramurals Director contract in addition to initial contract)
**Shana Cooper,** Science Fair Sponsor, K. D. Markley Elementary School, F

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**Salary Adjustments**

Great Valley High School and Great Valley Middle School Athletic Game Workers
**Tess Lutz**

EDR (Extra Duty Responsibility) Post Season Play, Great Valley High School
*Golf*
**Owen Brown,** 6 days, F
**Alex Venarchik,** 6 days F

*Girls' Tennis*
**Meridith Bebee,** 12 days, F
**Stefanie Dill, 12 days,** NF

*Mentors*
**Tina Akers,** mentor to Amanda Murray
**Tina Akers,** mentor to Laura Davis
**Ellie Doyle,** mentor to Lauren Holly
**Jean Spitofsky,** mentor to Stacey Bortnichak
**Jean Spitofsky,** mentor to Dana DiLiberto
**Emily DiOttavio,** mentor to Fiona O'Rourke
**Meghan Raymond,** shared mentor to Amanda Watkins
**Stephanie Dugan,** shared mentor to Amanda Watkins
**Shannon Hallinan,** mentor to Rebecca Staley
**Katy Uhrich,** mentor to Jill Hyman
**Katy Oh,** mentor to Kayla Walter
**Krista Russell,** mentor to Marisa Smith
**Jennifer Illig,** mentor to Amy Rozzi
**Jon DeVirgilio,** mentor to Amanda Rushton
**Casey Rurode,** mentor to Laura Menzel
**Amanda Kincade,** mentor to Thomas Juelke
**Paul Egleston,** mentor to Nathanael Ryan
**Yvonne Bauer,** mentor to Jacob Feeley
**Erin Catalano,** mentor to Allison Rollo
**Carolyn White,** mentor to Lindsay Hogan
**Yvonne Bauer,** mentor to Jennifer Schaumberg
**Jackie Wesley,** mentor to Emilia Conners
**Sherry Gillooly,** mentor to Joel Cummings
**Matt Lehman,** mentor to Luke Churley
**Colleen Guld,** mentor to Anna Rojewska

EDR (Extra Duty Responsibilities)
**Dan Schemmer,** Soccer, Head Boys' Coach, Great Valley Middle School
**Dan Schemmer,** Intramurals Director, Great Valley 5/6 Center

**Summer Services**

ESY Substitute Nurse, 7/28-7/29/25, 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
**Stacey Bortnichak**

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**Change of Status/Assignment**

Professional Staff
**Ashlyn D'Andrea,** Charlestown Elementary School/General Wayne Elementary School to General Wayne Elementary School/Great Valley Middle School, effective August 19, 2025.
**Angelina Oh,** Great Valley Middle School to Great Valley High School, effective August 19, 2025.
**Kaitlyn Anderson,** Kindergarten teacher, Sugartown Elementary School to ELD Specialist, Great Valley 5/6 Center/Charlestown Elementary School, effective August 19, 2025.
**Kayla Walter,** General Wayne Elementary School to Great Valley Middle School/Sugartown Elementary School.
**Lauren Marabella,** Emotional Support teacher to Learning Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, effective date TBD.
**Thomas Juelke,** temporary professional Biology teacher to professional employee, Great Valley High School.

Support Staff
**Stephanie Gracia,** part-time cafeteria aide to 10-month Food Service Lead, Great Valley School District, effective October 22, 2025.

**Educational Consultant Approval VIA CCRES**

**Leslie Gamma**, Interim Technical Coordinator, Great Valley High School, not to exceed 5 hours per day, from October 1, 2025 through approximately October 31, 2025.

**Salary Advancement**

Additional coursework and/or additional degree, retroactive to the first workday of the first semester of the 2025-2026 school year.

**Daniel Alper,** General Wayne Elementary School Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 15
**Emily Amodei,** Great Valley Middle School Master's + 15 to Master's + 30
**Yvonne Bauer,** Great Valley High School Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Caroline Biondolillo,** Sugartown Elementary School Bachelor's +30 to Master's
**Maggie Bird,** General Wayne Elementary School Bachelor's + 15 to Bachelor's + 30
**Paige Calfapietra,** Sugartown Elementary School Bachelor's + 15 to Bachelor's + 30
**Laura Campbell,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 15
**Kendall Coreno,** Charlestown Elementary School Master's to Master's + 15
**Alyson Crabtree,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Master's + 15 to Master's + 30
**Stephanie Cummings,** K. D. Markley Elementary School Master's + 15 to Master's + 30
**Anne Dale,** Great Valley High School Master's to Master's + 15
**Julia DeGrave,** K. D. Markley Elementary School Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 15
**Carly DeMarcantonio,** Great Valley High School Bachelor's + 30 to Master's
**Eli Dietz,** Great Valley Middle School Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Dana DiLiberto,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Bachelor's + 30 to Master's
**Kelly DiSerafino,** General Wayne Elementary School Master's + 30 to Master's + 45
**Cara Dore,** Charlestown Elementary School Bachelor's + 15 to Bachelor's + 30
**Stephanie Dugan,** Sugartown Elementary School Bachelor's + 15 to Bachelor's + 30
**Paul Egleston,** Great Valley High School Master's + 30 to Master's + 45
**Tom Esterly,** Great Valley High School Master's + 30 to Master's + 45
**Shannon Evans,** Great Valley High School Master's + 60 to Doctorate
**Mark Fischer,** Great Valley High School Master's + 60 to Doctorate
**Taylor Geiser,** K. D. Markley Elementary School Master's + 15 to Master's + 30
**Maura George,** General Wayne Elementary School Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 15
**Emily Gillard,** Great Valley Middle School Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 15
**Sherry Gillooly,** Great Valley High School Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Sarah Gorr,** K. D. Markley Elementary School Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Colleen Guld,** K. D. Markley Elementary School Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Shannon Hallinan,** Sugartown Elementary School Bachelor's + 30 to Master's

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**Salary Advancement** – continued

**Roberto Hernandez-Sanchez,** Great Valley Middle School Master's + 30 to Master's + 45
**Kyle Hess**, Great Valley High School Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Matthew Himmelberger,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Master's to Master's + 15
**Ryan Journey,** K. D. Markley Elementary School Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Helena Kahl,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Master's to Master's + 15
**Sarah Karwoski,** Sugartown Elementary School Bachelor's + 15 to Master's
**Gabrielle Kater,** Charlestown Elementary School Bachelor's + 30 to Master's
**Chelsea Kaufman,** General Wayne Elementary School Master's + 30 to Master's + 45
**Sherri Kratzer,** Great Valley Middle School Master's + 30 to Master's + 45
**Alexandra LaRosa,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Bachelor's + 30 to Master's
**Jona Lieberman,** Great Valley High School Bachelor's + 15 to Bachelor's + 30
**Lynne Lighthill,** Great Valley High School Master's plus 30 to Master's plus 45
**Rachel Macey,** K. D. Markley Elementary School Master's + 15 to Master's + 30
**Carly Machamer,** K. D. Markley Elementary School Master's + 30 to Master's + 45
**Alice McBrearty,** General Wayne Elementary School Master's to Master's + 15
**Amanda McLoughlin,** Great Valley Middle School Master's + 30 to Master's + 45
**Nicole Mercadante,** Great Valley High School Master's + 15 to Master's + 30
**Lisa Miller,** Great Valley Middle School Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Kelly Neary,** Great Valley High School Bachelor's + 30 to Master's
**Kimmie Di Nhong,** Charlestown Elementary School Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 15
**Angelina Oh,** Great Valley Middle School Master's + 45 to Doctorate
**Katy Oh,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Master's to Master's + 15
**Cailin Orlowski,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Vasi Papadopoulos,** General Wayne Elementary School Bachelor's + 30 to Master's
**Cassie Paynter,** General Wayne Elementary School Bachelor's + 30 to Master's
**Gabrielle Pearson,** General Wayne Elementary School Bachelor's + 15 to Bachelor's + 30
**Katelyn Reichle,** Sugartown/Charlestown Elementary Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 15
**Ava Rhodes,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 15
**Johnna Rice,** K. D. Markley Elementary School Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Craig Riley,** Great Valley Middle School Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Dan Schemmer,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Ryan Shields,** K. D. Markley Elementary School Master's + 15 to Master's + 30
**Jim Simpkins,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Master's + 30 to Master's + 45
**Sean Steinmetz,** K. D. Markley Elementary School Master's + 15 to Master's + 30
**Claudia Steinmuller,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Master's to Master's + 15
**Alyson Streeter,** Sugartown Elementary School, Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 15
**Catherine Tang,** Great Valley High School Master's + 45 to Master's + 60
**Tara Tracchio,** Sugartown Elementary School Bachelor's + 30 to Master's
**Caitlin Vandevander,** Great Valley High School Master's to Master's + 15
**Stanley Walerski,** Great Valley High School Master's to Master's + 15
**Kimberly Wickham,** General Wayne Elementary School Master's + 15 to Master's + 30
**Amy Wilson,** K. D. Markley Elementary School Master's + 15 to Master's +30
**Jacquelyn Zalkind,** Great Valley 5/6 Center Master's to Master's + 15

**Staff Conference Requests**

*40th Annual Pennsylvania Association of School Personnel Administrators [PASPA] Conference*, Altoona, PA, Wednesday, February 25, 2026 through Friday, February 27, 2026.
**Rithu George**, Great Valley District Office.

## Policy Approvals

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the first reading of the following Policies:

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| Policy 008 | Organizational Chart |
| Policy 108 | Curriculum Development |
| Policy 105.3 | Academic Standards |
| Policy 236.1 | Threat Assessment, AG |
| Policy 254 | Educational Opportunity for Military Children |
| Policy 308.1 | Employee Resignations, AG |
| Policy 317 | Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures, AG |
| Policy 317.1 | Educator Misconduct, AG |
| Policy 320 | Freedom of Speech in Non-School Settings |
| Policy 336 | Personal Leave |
| Policy 343 | Paid Holidays |
| Policy 802 | School Organization |
| Policy 827 | Conflict of Interest |
| Policy 903 | Public Participation in Board Meetings |
| Policy 904 | Public Attendance at School Events |

## Public Comments – Other Items

The following community members made public comments on other items:

T. Johnston – 5/6 Center Bus Route Times
J. Lowery – 5/6 Center Bus Route Times
R. Johnston – 5/6 Center Bus Route Times
P. DiSciascio – Bus Route Times
A. Sharma – Bus Route Times

## Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.