

Great Valley School District

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

November 17, 2025

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The November 17, 2025 Business Meeting

The November 17, 2025, business meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. **Board members present:** Tricia Bliven-Chasinoff, Samantha Jouin, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, Andrea Rizzo, Rebecca Spiess, and Thomas Richards. **Absent:** Rachel Gallegos.

Presentations

School Board Members Concluding Term of Office

Dr. Goffredo recognized David Barratt, a School Board Director from 2009 to 2025, and Samantha Jouin, a School Board Director from 2017 to 2025. Dr. Mehta shared comments regarding Ms. Jouin's 8 years of service to the Great Valley Community. Dr. Rizzo shared comments regarding Mr. Barratt's 16 years of service to the Great Valley Community. Dr. Goffredo read comments from Ms. Chain and Ms. Gunderson, two past Board of School Directors, regarding Mr. Barratt's years of commitment. Dr. Goffredo also presented Ms. Jouin and Mr. Barratt with a gift on behalf of the district. Lastly, Dr. Mehta read a message from Ms. Gallegos about Mr. Barratt's years of service.

Student Council Reports

Students from General Wayne Elementary School shared that the school held a soup night on October 8, which benefited the Charlotte Grace Foundation. The school also held a spirit week that included PJ Day and Patriot Day. The school is also celebrating National Kindness Day on November 13 by practicing kindness and gratitude. Lastly, the student council invited the School Board and Administrators to visit the school to see how they are practicing being community leaders.

Students from Sugartown Elementary School shared that the school is participating in a Holiday Canned Food Drive, and they are implementing a Buddy program for students in kindergarten, first, and second grade. The fundraising funds collected last year will be used to purchase new recess equipment.

Student Representative Report

Justin Sansone (11), the student representative to the School Board, shared that the Marching Band won the PA State Championship for the fourth year in a row, the Hispanic National Honor Society inducted 42 new members, the National Honor Society inducted 103 new members, bringing the total student enrollment to 197 students. The Denmark exchange program celebrated its 30th anniversary with the arrival of the Danish Exchange Students. The Great Valley Students are scheduled to travel to Denmark in March. Justin Sansone also shared a few upcoming events planned for November and December.

Executive Session

Mr. Barratt reported that the Board met in executive session to discuss personnel and information 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 the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19.

**Presentations**

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Legislative Report

Ms. Jouin shared that the state budget has passed.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation Report

Ms. Speiss reported that during the November 13 meeting, the committee discussed venture grants, the annual fundraising campaign, and the activity bus that is slated for the Spring.

Instructional Technology and Curriculum Committee

Dr. Rizzo reviewed the information covered during the November 10 meeting. The updated program of studies will be released for High School students, and the new Student Information System was discussed. Dr. Rizzo also shared that professional development and principal meetings have been happening, and that family conferences will be held next week.

Facilities Committee Report

Mr. Barratt shared that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20.

Superintendent Report

Mrs. McGibboney shared that after 4.5 months, the 50.1-billion-dollar state budget was passed on November 12. She also shared that we will receive an additional \$215,059, with the monies being allotted to basic education, special education, and cyber savings.

Dr. Goffredo shared that the district celebrated American Education Week, the Marching Patriots won the silver medal at the USBands Open Class National Championship, and a group of Great Valley Staff attended a full-day professional development session at the Pennsylvania School Safety Institute (PennSSI) on best practices and safety protocols. Dr. Goffredo also shared that Katelyn Reichle was nominated for two Country Music Awards and that the November HEART Award Winners were announced. Lastly, he reported on the progress of the Before/After Care and Summer Camp RFP.

Dr. Goffredo shared a draft calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. A discussion transpired between the Board of School Directors.

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 October 21, 2025 Business Meeting
Invoices
Treasurer's Report and Tax Collector Report

Technology Approvals

Annual renewal of DocuSign e-signatures and support from December 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027 at a cost of \$16,821.67.
Purchase of 1 Clear Touch Board and three wall mounts at a cost of \$7,230, under the terms and conditions of the PEPPUM contract.



Consent Agenda Items
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Technology Approvals – continued

Bloxels quote at a cost of \$2,550 that lets students design and build video games by creating characters, stories, and game worlds using a simple, color-coded interface

Financial Approvals

Facility Rental Agreement renewal with Immaculata University for pool use, facility rental, and a lifeguard for the GV Swim team practices for the 2025 Winter Season, at a total cost of \$17,880

Purchase of a Student Information System from Infinite Campus from December 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029, at a total cost of \$367,447.84.

Purchases of CPR supplies for the 9th and 11th grade health classes, not to exceed \$5,100.

Great Valley High School Field Trip for Grades 11 and part of grade 12 to visit Hershey Park on May 27 and 28, 2026.

Great Valley Middle School 8th-grade Field Trip to visit Arrowhead Day Camp on May 27, 2026, for \$40.00/student.

Charlestown Grade 2 students are scheduled to visit the PA Helicopter Museum on April 17, 2026, fees not to exceed \$792.00

General Wayne Grade 2 students are scheduled to visit Legoland Discovery Center on April 29, 2026, with the entrance fees not to exceed \$1,993.

General Wayne Grade 4 students are scheduled to visit Paradise Farms on May 29, 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$2,016

K.D. Markley Grade 3 students are scheduled to visit the Upper Main Line YMCA on May 28, 2025 and May 29, 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$950

K.D. Markley Grade 4 students are scheduled to visit Paradise Farms on May 7, 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$2,016.

Sugartown Kindergarten students are scheduled to visit Elmwood Zoo on May 22, 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$1,640.35

Sugartown Grade 4 students are scheduled to visit Paradise Farms on May 26, 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$1,404.

Great Valley 5/6 Center Grade 6 students are scheduled to visit Great Valley Middle School on May 15 and 18, 2026.

Contract with Vanguard for student 350038 for a 60-day trial for the period covering 11/10/25 to 2/23/26, at a cost of \$31,017

Personnel Approvals

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

Resignations

Professional Staff

Lisa Freeman, full-time Grade 6 teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, for the purpose of retirement, effective January 20, 2026

Support Staff

Skylar Flint, Nutrition Coordinator, Great Valley School District, effective November 28, 2025.

Extra Duty Responsibility (EDR)

Katie Domizio, Choral Director, Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective November 11, 2025

Leaves

Professional Staff

Employee #466221, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests an extension of Child Rearing leave to the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Employee #289891, Great Valley Middle School, requests intermittent FMLA from approximately October 9, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Employee #582689, Great Valley 5/6 Center, requests FMLA from approximately December 3, 2025 to January 15, 2026.

Employee #741743, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately October 14, 2025 to November 15, 2025.

Employee #997179, Sugartown Elementary School, requests medical leave from approximately March 22, 2026 to May 15, 2026.

Employee #643518, Charlestown Elementary School, requests Child Rearing leave from November 18, 2025 to approximately January 21, 2026



Personnel Approvals
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Leaves – continued

Support Staff

Employee #596519, Great Valley 5/6 Center, requests FMLA from approximately October 22, 2025 to January 13, 2026.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Daniel DiMarcella, full-time temporary professional employee Chemistry teacher, Great Valley High School, (Hart), effective approximately November 12, 2025, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

William Bennett, full-time professional employee Emotional Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Marabella, L.), effective January 5, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Support Staff

Jenifer Halin, 10-month Culinary Coordinator, Great Valley School District, effective December 8, 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 Middle School Coaching

Michael Young, Basketball, Grade 8 Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks)

Chris Henry, Wrestling, Head Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks)

Stephen Jones, Wrestling, Assistant Coach, NF

Charlestown Elementary School

Alyssa DeMitis, Envirothon Sponsor, F

Great Valley High School Auditorium Lighting/Sound System Operation (for outside group rental of facility)

GVHS students (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Seamus Mann

Grace Lawrence

Salary Adjustments

EDR (Extra Duty Responsibility) Post-Season Play, Great Valley High School

Girl's Soccer

Jennifer Michewicz, 3 days, F

Tessa Lutz, 3 days, F

Jaime Shaughnessy, (.5), 3 days, NF

Eric Wentzel, (.5), 3 days, NF

Boy's Soccer

Bernard McCauley, 17 days, F

Joshua Shock, 17 days, F

Derek Brogan, 17 days, F

Lance Spiker, 14 days, NF

Cross Country

Paul Gring, 14 days, NF

Nicole Jones, 14 days, F

Chris Johnston, 14 days, NF

Personnel Approvals

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Salary Adjustments – continuedEDR (Extra Duty Responsibility) Post-Season Play, Great Valley High School – continued*Mentors***Will Shafer**, mentor to Loryn Whistler*Homebound Instructors***Eric Schmidt****Erica Feeko****Jeremy Rudolph****Ann Search****Change of Status/Assignment**Professional Staff**Amanda Murray**, long-term substitute Special Education teacher, Charlestown Elementary School to full-time temporary professional employee Learning Support teacher, Great Valley High School, (Given), effective November 18, 2025.**Salary Advancement**

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

Corinne Gerber, Charlestown Elementary School**Staff Conference Requests***National Council for Teachers of English Conference*, Boston, MA, Thursday, November 21, 2025 through Sunday, November 24, 2025.**Thomas Esterly**, Great Valley High SchoolPolicy Approvals

The board voted 8 to 0 to approve the second reading and adoption of the following Policies:

Policy 008	Organizational Chart
Policy 105	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

No community members made public comments on other items



Other Board Comments

Mr. Barratt shared that former Board Member, Pat Gillespie, passed away, and the visitation is on Tuesday and Thursday

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.