

Great Valley School District

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

December 5, 2025

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The December 5, 2025 Business Meeting

The December 5, 2025, business meeting was called to order by President Rachel Gallegos. **Board members present:** Tricia Bliven-Chasinoff, Stacey Kahan, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, Andrea Rizzo, and Lorie Sollenberger. **Absent:** Becky Speiss and Thomas Richards.

Presentations

Executive Session

Ms. Gallegos stated that the Board did not meet in executive session before the meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

Financial Approvals

The board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following Financial Agenda Items:

- Contract with Right-at-School to provide Summer Camps and before and after-school childcare services from July 1, 2026, to July 31, 2029
- Act 1 Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution, limiting any increase to the 2026-2027 real estate millage to the Act 1 Index of 3.5%
- Foreign Trip Package Policy with AIG for the period of 1/1/2025 - 1/1/2026, at a cost of \$3,995.
- All Kiln Services LLC for a replacement kiln for Charlestown Elementary School, at a cost of \$7,927.75
- Special education agreement for Student 300820
- Special education agreement for Student 290053

Consent Agenda Items

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

Routine Approvals

- Minutes of November 17, 2025 Business Meeting
- Invoices

Personnel Approvals

The board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following Personnel Items:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Great Valley School District and the Great Valley Education Association (GVEA) for the Athletic Trainer.

Personnel Approvals

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LeavesProfessional Staff

Employee #843374, General Wayne Elementary School, requests an extension of Child Rearing leave to the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Employee #432986, K. D. Markley Elementary School/Charlestown Elementary School, requests intermittent FMLA from approximately November 19, 2025 to the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Employee #163378, Great Valley 5/6 Center, requests FMLA from approximately December 1, 2025 to January 20, 2026.

Employee #853788, Grade 5 teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, requests FMLA from approximately January 5, 2026 to February 13, 2026.

Support Staff

Employee #638794, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately December 4, 2025 to February 26, 2026.

AppointmentsProfessional Staff

Christine Olewine, full-time professional employee Social Studies teacher, Great Valley High School, (Mayberry), effective when released from your current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Morgan Gamble, full-time professional employee School Counselor, Great Valley High School, (Lavelle), effective when released from your current school district, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Support Staff

Devon Horne, full-time 12-month HVAC Technician, Great Valley School District, (Keidel), effective December 15, 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 5/6 Center*

Loryn Whistler, Choral Director, 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).

Evan Johnson

Salary Adjustments

Project Lead the Way Capstone, 80 hours, per diem rate

Joel Cummings

Mentors

Susanne Knupp, mentor to Daniel DiMarcella

Jessica Kheradi, mentor to William Bennett

Stipend

Vincent Fierras, full-time 12-month 1st Shift Custodian, temporary Head Custodian, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (Calvario)

Change of Status/AssignmentProfessional Staff

Fiona O'Rourke, half-year long-term substitute to full-year long-term substitute, Literacy Specialist, General Wayne Elementary School, (Primerano), effective December 2, 2025.

Personnel Approvals

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Staff Conference Requests

Pennsylvania Department of Education Division of Federal Programs and the PA Association of Federal Program Coordinators (PAFPC), Pittsburgh, PA, Sunday, January 25, 2026 through Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

Stephen O'Toole, Great Valley District Office

Food Service Net ShareGreat Valley District Employees

Catherine Bernardi	\$ 1,268.23
Aleida Bocanegra	\$ 1,211.26
Melanie Capoferri	\$ 1,088.18
Kimberly Caven	\$ 602.23
Maria Decker	\$ 1,469.54
Robert Ervin	\$ 659.63
Stephanie Gracia	\$ 901.96
Kathryn Liberato	\$ 698.95
Stephanie Pallas	\$ 1,245.06
Nadirah Thorne	\$ 1,292.08

SOS Staff

Shaaairah Muhammad	\$ 915.57
Janiele Pemberton	\$ 980.19
Elizabeth Burns	\$ 750.18
Heba Abdalla	\$ 845.84
Megan Beck	\$ 1,457.43
Deven Butler	\$ 721.27
Fnu Farha	\$ 938.03
Barbara Koresko	\$ 1,009.10
Patti Ann Hilton	\$ 1,100.30
Beatriz Posos-Bello	\$ 1,155.57
Donna Marie Simmons	\$ 410.06
Anthony Yanchek	\$ 1,344.33

Program Approvals

The board voted 7 to 0 to approve the second reading and adoption of the following Program Agenda Items:

School Calendar for 2026—2027 School Year
Heritage Language Level 2 Curriculum Unit 4

Information Item

Monthly Enrollment Report

Facilities / Transportation / Food Service / Technology Approvals

The board voted 7 to 0 to approve the second reading and adoption of the following Facilities/Transportation/Food Service/Technology Agenda Items:

Facilities Approvals

agreement with BrightView Landscapes, LLC to provide Snow Removal for 100 Lindenwood Drive for the to be used on an as-needed basis, as presented

Information Item

Facilities Use Report



Public Comments – Other Items

No community members made public comments on other items

Executive Session

Ms. Gallegos reported that the Board met in an executive session to discuss personnel and informational matters.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.