

Great Valley School District

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

January 20, 2026

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The January 20, 2026 Business Meeting

The January 20, 2026 business meeting was called to order by President Rachel Gallegos. **Board members present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Stacey Kahan, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, Andrea Rizzo, Becky Speiss, Lorie Sollenberger, and Tom Richards. **Absent:** None.

Executive Session

Ms. Gallegos stated that the Board met in executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Recognition

Dr. Goffredo shared that January is School Board Appreciation Month, and a few items were presented to the Board to thank them for their dedication to the district and the community.

Student Council Reports

The student council representatives from K. D. Markley Elementary School thanked the Board of School Directors for their dedication to the district and the students and presented the Board with a gift. The students shared that they have regular meetings with Dr. Hoffritz, celebrated World Kindness Day in November, and hosted a food drive, exceeding their goal of collecting 500 cans.

The student council representatives from the 5/6 Center thanked the school board for their support and gifted the school board with a gift. The students also shared that they held two spirit weeks, one in October and one in January. They also had a 6/7 spirit day that many students participated in.

Student Representative to the Board

Anna Xiao, a High School Student Representative to the School Board, shared that the winter sports have senior nights coming up, the students enrolled in AP art visited the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the National Art Honor Society completed 20 portraits for the Memory Project, and Mr. Great Valley is scheduled to take place on March 5. Anna reported that Jazz in the Valley is scheduled for February 13, and the Cultural Celebration for February 27. Lastly, Anna thanked the School Board for their roles and the commitment it takes to be on the Board.

Ms. Gallegos made a statement on behalf of the Board regarding the Office of Civil Rights investigation into policy 103.3. Ms. Gallegos shared that the Board is focused on providing a safe, inclusive, and equitable learning environment for all students.

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, January 21.

Legislative Report

Ms. Chasinoff shared that the meeting is scheduled for next week.



Learning and Innovation Committee Report

Dr. Rizzo reported that during the meeting on January 12, the committee discussed various topics, such as: the assessments that are used throughout the district, the 5th-grade World Language and Culture course implementation, 12th grade English course feedback and course adjustments, and the transition to a new student information system, which includes registration for incoming kindergarteners and course selection for the 2026-2027 school year will take place through Infinite Campus rather than Skyward. Dr. O'Toole shared that kindergarten registration will be opened at the end of March.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Goffredo, the superintendent, shared his appreciation to the Board for School Board Appreciation Month. He reported that 10th-grade student Faridah Ismaila started a non-profit called "A Paint-full of Promise", the Science Fair Week across the district, K. D. Markley students went sledding, and the December and January HEART Award Winners.

Dr. Wexler, the assistant superintendent, shared the mid-year update for the equity plan. She shared the six action areas that the plan focuses on. They are: Developing and Enacting a Shared Vision, Family and Community Engagement, Instructional Practices of Systems of Support, Engaging in Self-Reflection and Personal Learning, Classroom Culture and School Climate, and Hiring and Retention. Dr. Wexler then shared that the next steps of the plan are to have a policy writing team in the spring, continue to explore the restorative practices training, and have principal updates at the CDI meetings and the April School Board meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

The board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Routine Approvals

Minutes of December 5, 2025 Business and Organization Meetings
Treasurer's Report and Tax Collector's Report
Invoices

Program Approvals

Board Work Session and Regular Business Meetings for the 2026-2027 School Year
Modern US History: Units 4-7.
Grade 6 World Language & Culture Units 1 & 2 Revisions.
Grade 5 World Language & Culture Unit 1 Overview.
Grade 12 Academic English Curriculum Units 3, 4, & 5.
Program of Studies.

Facilities Approvals

Agreement with Chester Valley Little League and Great Valley School District to use the athletic fields of each organization at no cost to either entity.
Agreement with Great Valley Little League and Great Valley School District to use the athletic fields of each organization at no cost to either entity.

Consent Agenda Items

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Technology Approvals

Learning Without Tears Keyboarding Quote at a cost of \$250.

Cisco Duo Quote software renewal from February 27, 2026, to June 30, 2027, for the technology department at a cost of \$1,290.60.

Etymonline quote at a cost of \$1,999.

Digital subscription contract with McGraw Hill for the program Aleks at a total cost of \$7,474.

Frontline Education Human Resources software for the period of 2/28/2026 through 6/30/2027 at a total cost of \$21,573.32.

Independent Contractor Agreement with Dr. Abby Reisman renewal at a cost of \$14,500 to be paid with Ready to Learn and Title IV grants.

Lifetouch Studios, the vendor for Student Photography Services from Kindergarten to 8th grade, for the 2026-29 school years.

Cady Photography, the vendor for the High School Student Photography Services for 9-12 grades, for the 2026-27 school year.

Agreement with Conrad Siegel to provide GASB 75 Valuation Services for the period of 7/1/2026 through 12/31/2028 at an estimated cost of \$8,000.

ParentSquare quote at a cost of \$1,620 for four (4) hours of customized virtual training.

Approval of the School Music License quote at a cost of \$6,192 for all schools to ensure full compliance with copyright requirements for streamed performances.

Contract with Overbrook School for the Blind to provide a one-to-one aide for student 220017 for the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$47,160.

Contract with LearnWell for the 2025-2026 School Year for Student 290095 at High Focus Centers-Paoli Partial Hospitalization Program, at a cost of \$57.95 per hour for 10 hours per week.

Contract with LearnWell for the 2025-2026 School Year for Student 290604 at High Focus Centers - Havertown PHP, at a cost of \$57.95 per hour for 10 hours per week.

Contract with LearnWell for the 2025-2026 School Year Student 280382 11/11/2025 at Clementine Program Cherry Hill, at a cost of \$57.95 per hour for a total of 10 hours per week.

Contract with LearnWell for the 2025-2026 School Year to provide services for Student 280382 at Walden Behavioral Care - I, at a cost of \$57.95 per hour for a total of 10 hours per week.

Contract with LearnWell for the 2025-2026 School Year to provide services for Student 270263 at High Focus Centers - Exton MH PHP, at a cost of \$57.95 per hour for a total of 10 hours per week.

Contract with CHOP for the 2025-2026 School Year to provide services for Student 280382 for hospital services, at a cost of \$66.59 per hour for up to 5 hours per week.

Contract with CHOP for the 2025-2026 School Year to provide services for Student 310508 for hospital services, at a cost of \$66.59 per hour for up to 5 hours per week.

Contract with CHOP for the 2025-2026 School Year to provide services for Student 290699 for hospital services, at a cost of \$66.59 per hour for up to 5 hours per week.

Contract with CHOP for the 2025-2026 School Year to provide services for Student 270092 for hospital services, at a cost of \$66.59 per hour for up to 5 hours per week.

Special Education Settlement Agreement for Student #350425.

June 30, 2025 Audited Financial Report and fund balance designations according to policy #620.

Personnel Approvals

The board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following Personnel Items:

ResignationsSupport Staff

Tom Calvario, Head Custodian, Great Valley 5/6 Center, for the purpose of retirement, effective January 21, 2026.

Extra Duty Responsibility (EDR)

Victoria Scherbinske, Envirothon Sponsor, Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective January 6, 2026.

Dan Schemmer, Lacrosse, Head 7th Grade Boys' Coach, Great Valley Middle School, effective January 8, 2026.



Personnel Approvals
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LeavesProfessional Staff

Employee #612625, General Wayne Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately March 30, 2026 to the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Employee #615698, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately February 9, 2026 to February 20, 2026.

Employee #911551, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately February 28, 2026 to May 29, 2026.

Employee #686678, Charlestown Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately March 30, 2026 to the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Support Staff

Employee #996968, Great Valley District Office, requests FMLA from approximately January 21, 2026 to February 11, 2026.

AppointmentsProfessional Staff

Zoe Spritzer, full-time temporary professional employee, French teacher, Great Valley High School, (Carroll), effective January 21, 2026.

Morgan Maley, 2nd Semester Long-Term Substitute Grade 1 teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Pankowski-Clark), effective January 21, 2026.

Clare O'Connor, full-time temporary professional employee Grade 4 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, (Gleason), effective approximately January 21, 2026.

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2025-2026 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty)*Great Valley High School*

Betina Fuentes, Cheerleading, Assistant Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Great Valley 5/6 Center

Gillian Arganetto, Reading Olympics Sponsor, F

Charlestown Elementary School

Cara Dore, Musical Director, (.33), F

Aydan Seaman, Musical Director, (.33), F

Hannah Westfall, Musical Director, (.33), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Salary AdjustmentsCanvas Module Scoring, 30 hours per person

Michael Birenbaum

Jennifer Bulger

Emily Gillard

Mentors

Emily DiOttavio, second semester mentor to Fiona O'Rourke

Assistant Athletic Director, October stipend

Keith Reider

Personnel Approvals

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Change of Status/AssignmentProfessional Staff**Jennifer Gleason**, Grade 4 teacher, C

harlestown Elementary School to Grade 6 teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective approximately January 21, 2026.

Extra Duty Responsibility (EDR)**Aly Crabtree**, Intramurals Director, (.5) to (1.0), Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective 12/18/2026.**Dan Schemmer**, Intramurals Director, (.5) to (1.0), Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective 12/18/2026.**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 January 2026. This change of status is to be recorded in the official minutes and requires no official action.

Jona Lieberman, Great Valley High School**Staff Conference Requests**

2026 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association State Conference: Annual In-Service Conference, Poconos, PA, Thursday, April 10, 2026 – Saturday, April 12, 2026.

Adam Search, Great Valley Middle School

T³ International Conference (Use of Texas Instruments' Technology), Arlington, TX, Friday, February 13, 2026 through Sunday, February 15, 2026.

Emily O'Connor, Great Valley High School.Policy Approvals

The board voted 9 to 0 to approve the second reading and adoption of the following Policy Agenda Items:

Policy 217	Graduation Requirements
Policy 231	Classroom Field Trips, AG
Policy 601	Fiscal Objectives
Policy 602	Budget Planning
Policy 603	Budget Preparation
Policy 604	Budget Adoption
Policy 605	Tax Levy
Policy 607	Tuition Income
Policy 608	Bank Accounts
Policy 609	Investment of District Funds
Policy 614	Payroll Authorization
Policy 615	Payroll Deductions
Policy 616	Payment of Bills
Policy 618	Student Activity Funds, AG
Policy 619	District Audit - Public
Policy 620	Fund Balance
Policy 621	Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights, AG
Policy 622	Capital Assets and GASB Statement 34, AG
Policy 623	Continuing Disclosure of Financial Information for Bond Issues, AG
Policy 625	District Procurement Cards, AG
Policy 626	Federal Fiscal Compliance
Policy 626.1	Travel Reimbursement - Federal Programs
Policy 628	Tax Waiver Requests



Facilities / Transportation / Food Service / Technology Approvals

The board voted 9 to 0 to approve the second reading and adoption of the as-built survey for the 5/6 Center, as required by East Whiteland Township, at a cost of \$15,750

Public Comments – Other Items

The following community members made public comments on other items:

- S. Greenberg – physical and mental health benefits of athletics and physical activity for all students
- C. Largent – executive orders of Title 9 and Supreme Court rulings

Other Board Comments

Dr. Rizzo shared that her students thoroughly enjoyed the sledding that occurred and thanked everyone involved who made it happen for the students.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to