

Great Valley School District

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

February 25, 2026

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The February 25, 2026 Business Meeting

The February 25, 2026 business meeting was called to order by President Rachel Gallegos. **Board members present:** Tricia Bliven-Chasinoff, Stacey Kahan, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, Lorie Sollenberger, and Thomas Richards. **Absent:** Andrea Rizzo and Becky Speiss.

Executive Session

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

Recognition

Mr. McCloskey, assistant principal at Great Valley High School, and Anne Dale, Art Teacher at Great Valley High School, recognized Faridah Ismaila and Emma Holt for their work on the 2025 District Holiday Card. Faridah Ismaila designed the artwork, and Emma Holt wrote the poem for the holiday card.

Student Council Reports

The student council representatives from Sugartown Elementary School shared that the school implemented a Bobcat Buddies program that partners younger elementary students with the older classes. The students are also planning to make inspirational posters for the PSSA tests, and they are planning a walk-a-thon in the spring.

The student council representatives from the Middle School reported that the middle school hosted a dance on February 20, a coat drive is underway, a pickleball tournament is scheduled for March 4, and an overview of the monthly general assembly meetings.

Student Representative to the Board

Justin Sansone, a High School Student Representative to the School Board, shared an update on Winter Sports, including Track, Swimming, and Wrestling. Justin also shared information about the Teacher Leadership Academy run through TCHS, that the 3 PMEA Choir students played at the District 12 Orchestra, and that students from Charlestown Elementary are part of the Crochet Club. Justin shared that the Cultural Celebration and the Desmond 3v3 Tournament are two upcoming events for the High School.

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 was absent, so there was no report.

Legislative Report

Ms. Chasinoff shared that the Crown Act and House Bill 1825 were signed into law. Ms. Chasinoff also shared that the bill, which limits cell phones in schools, appears likely to pass, and that implementation would be for the 2026-2027 school year. Ms. Chasinoff also discussed several additional topics raised during the legislative committee meeting.



Learning and Innovation Committee Report

Dr. Rizzo was absent, so there was no report.

Finance Committee Report

Ms. Litzke shared that during the February 18 meeting, the committee discussed the act one index for the 2026-2027 school year, real estate tax assessments, the first look at fund balance delegations, and the capital budget. At the next meeting, scheduled for March 23, the committee will discuss the district's expenditure in detail.

Facilities Committee Meeting

Ms. Gallegos shared that during the February 19 meeting, the committee discussed that during the summer of 2026, the Middle School and High School paving project and the General Wayne roofing project will occur. Future roofing projects were discussed, as well as the field study. The facilities department is preparing for the summer cleaning, and the district is hoping to have additional student parking at the Teva building in the spring.

Communications Committee Meeting

Ms. Litzke shared that during the January 29 meeting, the committee discussed the annual report mailed earlier in the year, minor website changes, the partnership with Right at School, and the draft three-year strategic communications plan. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Goffredo, the superintendent, shared that Ms. Katie Domizio won the FMFCU Delaware Valley Excellence in Teaching Award, the Middle School Robotics team placed first out of the 44 teams during the February 14 competition, and Neava Jagtap was selected as a Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation finalist. Dr. Goffredo also shared that an AI Think Tank took place on February 18 to discuss using AI responsibly in our schools, the Support Staff participated in the CPR training, which was led by the High School Administrative Team, and lastly, Dr. Goffredo shared the four February Heart Award winners.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

The following community members made comments on agenda items:

J. Castelluci – Club America
G. Lawrence – Club America
J. Liu – Club America
S. Lawrence – Club America
J. Kao – Club America

Consent Agenda Items

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

Routine Approvals

Minutes of January 20, 2026 Business Meetings
Treasurer's Report and Tax Collector's Report
Invoices

Program Approvals

Heritage Language Level 2 Curriculum Unit 5
World Language and Culture Grade 5 Unit 2

Consent Agenda Items

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Facilities Approvals

Change orders #51 to the contract with Lobar, Inc., the General Contractor for the 5/6 Center, to be paid with construction funds to add kitchen metal blocking, at a cost of \$4,545.15

Change orders #52 to the contract with Lobar, Inc., the General Contractor for the 5/6 Center, to be paid with construction funds to install bathroom accessories at a cost of \$1,102.64

Proposal from T&M Associates for project design and bid development for the middle and high school parking lots and the tennis court at a cost of \$35,000

Authorization for the Superintendent and the Director of Business Affairs to proceed with the restoration of the Sugartown Elementary and Great Valley High School roofs, as required by the Public School Facility Improvement Grant.

Technology Approvals

Renewal of eRate Services for Funding Year 2025-2030 at an annual cost of \$7,000

Three-year Meraki License Renewal for internet access points at the cost of \$129,051.32 as per the COSTARS contract 003-E 22579

Purchase of 1:1 iPads and accessories at the cost of \$629,714.70 under the terms and conditions of the PEPPM Contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

Financial Approvals

A CoolSpeak presenter for the High School Heritage Day at a cost of \$5,500

Purchase of a Golf Cart to be used by the athletics department, at a cost of \$5,720

Purchase of Webster's Fitness Products Inc. quote for high school fitness and weight room equipment at a cost of \$14,210.

Field trip for Charlestown Grade 1 students to visit Longwood Gardens in May 2026, at no cost to students and chaperones.

Field trip for Charlestown Grade 3 students to visit Upper Main Line YMCA in May 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$920

Field trip for General Wayne Kindergarten students to visit Milky Way Farms in May 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$1,120.

Field trip for General Wayne Grade 1 students to visit Longwood Gardens in June 2026, at no cost to students and chaperones.

Field trip for General Wayne Grade 3 students to visit Upper Main Line YMCA in May 2026 and May 15, 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$1,150

Field trip for K.D. Markley Kindergarten students to visit Elmwood Park Zoo in May 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$1,625.40

Field trip for K.D. Markley Grade 1 students to visit Longwood Gardens in June 2026, at no cost to students and chaperones.

Field trip for Sugartown Grade 2 students to visit Legoland Discovery Center in May 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$1,460.

Field trip for Sugartown Grade 3 students to visit Upper Main Line YMCA in May 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$1,000

Field trip for 5/6 Center Grade 5 students to visit the Reading Public Museum during Spring 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$4,590.

Field trip for 5/6 Center Grade 6 students to visit Penn Museum in April 2026, entrance fees not to exceed \$7,520.

Field trip for Middle School Grade 7 students to Paradise Farm Camps in May 2026

Approval to establish Club America, a student activity club for Great Valley High School

Contract with The Vanguard School to educate student 290645 for the balance of the 2025-2026 school year at a prorated cost of \$48,593.30

Contract with LearnWell to educate student 280382, who was admitted to Healing at the Hidden River on 1/20/2026. Instruction is for 10 hours per week at \$57.95/hour

Donation from a Charlestown parent in the amount of \$3,000.

Financial Approvals

The board voted 7 to 0 to approve the Amplify-mClass Math quote for the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$670.50.

Personnel Approvals

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

ResignationsProfessional Staff

Ann Search, Mathematics teacher, Great Valley Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 18, 2026.

Kimberly Colvin, Kindergarten teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Ellen Doyle, Grade 3 teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 16, 2026.

Krista Russell, Home and School Visitor, All Elementary Schools, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

LeavesProfessional Staff

Employee #536558, Great Valley 5/6 Center and all Elementary Schools, requests FMLA from approximately February 2, 2026 to February 29, 2026.

Employee #382253, Sugartown Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately February 9, 2026 to May 8, 2026.

Employee #832176, Great Valley 5/6 Center, requests FMLA from approximately February 24, 2026 to March 4, 2026.

Support Staff

Employee #798363, Great Valley School District Office, requests FMLA from approximately March 2, 2026 to May 4, 2026.

AppointmentsSupport Staff

Sadia Sultana, full-time 12-month Nutrition Coordinator, Great Valley School District, (Flint), effective February 26, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

George Harris, full-time 12-month Maintenance Custodian, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (Fierras), effective approximately March 9, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Administrative Staff

Joseph Alcaro, Ed.D., full-time K-12 Supervisor of Teaching and Learning, (Zigmont), effective when released from current school district, (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

Travis Turgeon, Baseball, Head Coach, F

Mike Gregory, Baseball, Grade 9 Coach, NF

Mark Fischer, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.33), F

Tom Esterly, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.33), F

Fred Mahoney, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.25), NF

Dustin Kasper, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.08), F

Alex Greco, Lacrosse, Head Boys' Coach, NF

Lance Spiker, Lacrosse, Assistant Boys' Coach, NF

Kim Wenger, Lacrosse, Head Girls' Coach, NF

Tara Dingley, Lacrosse, Assistant Girls' Coach, NF

Brock Riffel, Lacrosse, Assistant Girls' Coach, NF

Tori Dugan, Lacrosse, Head Grade 9 Girls' Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

John Gwiazdowski, Lacrosse, Grade 9 Boys' Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Mike Magee, Softball, Head Girl's Coach, NF

Emily Gillard, Softball, Assistant Coach, F

Personnel Approvals

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Appointments – continuedExtra Duty Responsibilities – continued*Great Valley High School – continued*

Bailee Magee, Softball, Grade 9 Coach, (.5), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

David Magee, Softball, Grade 9 Coach, (.5), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Nicole Jones, Spring Track, Head Coach, F

Caroline Alderman, Spring Track, Assistant Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Chris Johnston, Sprint Track, Assistant Coach, NF

Stan Walerski, Spring Track, Assistant Coach, F

Meridith Bebee, Tennis, Head Boys' coach, F

Stefanie Dill, Tennis, Assistant Boys' Coach, NF

Great Valley Middle School

Steve Jones, Baseball, Head Grade 7 Coach, NF

Chris Caruso, Lacrosse, Grade 8 Boys' Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Cassandra Shannon, Lacrosse, Grade 7 Boys' Head Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Great Valley 5/6 Center/All Elementary Schools

Camille Bachman, Elementary Band Director, (Shafer), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Salary AdjustmentsMentors

Meridith Bebee, second semester mentor to Morgan Gamble

Maria Baquero-Berryman, second semester mentor to Zoe Spritzer

Jennifer O'Mara, second semester mentor to Christine Olewine

James Carminito, second semester mentor to Amanda Murray

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

Gary Phillips, 3 days, F

C J Savage, 13 days, NF

Michael Gregory, 13 days, NF

Todd Fredrick, 13 days, NF

Rasheed Lawson, 13 days, NF

Cheerleading

Darrah Sessoms, 3 days, F

Bettina Fuentes, 5 days, NF

Change of Status/AssignmentProfessional Staff

Stephanie Dugan, from shared mentor to full mentor to Amanda Watkins

Support Staff

Vincent Fierras, full-time First Shift Maintenance Custodian to full-time Head Custodian, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (Calvario), effective January 22, 2026.

Personnel Approvals

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Salary Advancement

Additional coursework and/or additional degree, retroactive to January 1, 2026.

Stacey Bortnichak, K. D. Markley Elementary School, Bachelor's + 15 to Master's**Lara Cini**, Great Valley Middle School, Master's + 15 to Master's + 30**Alanna Cini**, Great Valley 5/6 Center, Master's to Master's + 15**Emily Davis**, Great Valley 5/6 Center, Bachelor's to Bachelor's plus 15**Joy Deminski**, All elementary schools/GV 5/6 Center, Master's to Master's + 15**Alyssa DeMitis**, Charlestown Elementary/K. D. Markley Elementary, Master's + 15 to Master's + 30**Thomas Juelke**, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's + 15 to Bachelor's + 30**Abigail Kennedy**, Great Valley High School, Master's +30 to Master's + 45**Layne Kennedy**, General Wayne Elementary School, Master's to Master's + 15**Jessica Kheradi**, Great Valley Middle School, Master's + 30 to Master's + 45**Lauren Marabella**, Great Valley Middle School, Master's + 15 to Master's + 30**Lauryn Moddrel**, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 15**Allison Rollo**, Great Valley High School, Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 15**Aydan Seaman**, Charlestown Elementary School, Bachelor's to Bachelor's + 15**Shawn Whitelock**, Great Valley Middle School, Master's + 60 to Doctorate**Food Service Net Share**SOS Staff**Sarioglou, Karolina**

The re-election of Dr. Stephen O'Toole as assistant superintendent for the term commencing on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2031, and enter into a contract to establish the salary and fringe benefits for his position

Policy Approvals

The board voted 7 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 7 to 0 to approve the renewal of Raptor Emergency Management and Visitor Management for all buildings, from March 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026, at a cost of \$7,694.68.

Public Comments – Other Items

The following community members made public comments on other items:

- K. Dellaria – Board Policy 103.3
- S. Lawrence – Student Parking Fees at 41 Moores Road
- J. Moore – Fertility Rates
- B. van Rossum – Board Policy 103.3
- J. Paul – Inclusivity Within the District
- J. Woodcock – Inclusivity Within the District

Other Board Comments

Ms. Gallegos shared that she was able to visit a third-grade classroom to discuss what it entails being a school board member, and Mr. Richards continues to take his dog to visit schools.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.