

Great Valley School District

School Board Business Meeting Highlights

May 18, 2026

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The May 18, 2026 Business Meeting

The May 18, 2026 business meeting was called to order by President Rachel Gallegos. **Board members present:** Stacey Kahan, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, Lorie Sollenberger, Andrea Rizzo, and Thomas Richards. **Absent:** Tricia Bliven-Chasinoff and Becky Speiss.

Recognition

Jessica Stanhagen, a High School Art Teacher, recognized the five students who placed in the Chester County Art Exhibition from over 500 submissions. Angelina Wang was awarded first place in photography; Samantha Parsons was awarded second place in Computer Art; Margaret Dibble was awarded third place in print; Lucas Mangiano received an Honorable Mention for Computer Art; and Noelle Scott received an Honorable Mention for print.

Aura Lestor, Middle School Science teacher, recognized the three Envirothon teams that placed at the 2026 competition. Great Valley Team A (Blue Team), consisting of Teddy Sazheniuki, Reuel Thota, Sebastian Rudolph, Nora Wasilewski, and Lola Ramljak, won third place overall in the Chester County Envirothon competition. Great Valley Team C (White Team), consisting of Gamya Pullur, Hanna Fedeyko, Xavier Riccardi, and Sanvi Kuppireddi, scored highest overall in Soils. Great Valley Team B (Grey Team) showed great teamwork and dedication this year and often came in a close second or third in scores with our other two teams. Team members consisted of Anvick Bakshi, Zach Lu, Henry Curtis, Rhema Thota, and Anna Badgley.

Carly Demarcantonio, the High School Swim Coach, recognized Sabrina Mercurio, who earned first place in the 100-yard Freestyle-Para at the PIAA 3A Swimming State Championship.

Student Council Reports

The student council representatives from the 5/6 Center shared that the school held a canned food drive that benefited the People's Pantry, a local food bank. The student council also shared that they had a popsicle party and are scheduled to give the incoming fourth-grade students tours, and the sixth-grade students are scheduled to visit the middle school as well. Lastly, the students will play versus the staff in various sporting competitions.

Student Representative to the Board

Anna Xiao, a High School Student Representative to the School Board, shared some of the events that happened in the spring. Some of the events that Anna shared were the SPCA Club, the Art Show, and the senior award recognitions for instrumental and chorale students. Anna also shared that the Junior and Senior Prom is scheduled for May 22, and that the Senior Awards Ceremony and Graduation are also scheduled for the next few weeks.

Dr. Goffredo recognized Anna Xiao, who was one of the Great Valley High School Student Representatives to the Great Valley Board of School Directors for the 2025-2026 school year.

Dr. Goffredo also recognized the District Employees who retired during the 2025-2026 school year. He also recognized the staff who have had 35, 30, and 25 years of service in the district.

Executive Session

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

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, May 20.

Legislative Report

Ms. Chasinoff was absent, so there was no report.

Communications Committee Meeting

Ms. Litzke shared that during the May 12, 2026, meeting, the committee discussed the weapons notification policy, the communication satisfaction survey, and updates to the website. The three-year communication plan was also discussed, and the next meeting is scheduled for September.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Goffredo, the superintendent, shared that the Middle School Robotics team competed in the global competition and took home the Inspired Award, the highest award offered. The Special Olympics was held on May 1; the four elementary schools hosted their individual field days, and he also shared the four May HEART award winners.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments regarding other agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

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

Routine Approvals

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

Program Approvals*High School Overnight Trips*

Great Valley High School Athletics Winter Track and Field Team; Kevin Dare Track and Field Invitational; PSU Multisport Facility State College, PA; January, 2027; Approximately 20 students; Approximately 338 miles round trip; (Cost to district: 1 substitute teacher ½ day PM, cost per student is \$35 – total \$700); (Meet entry costs and transportation costs TBD funded by Winter Track and Field budget, families and Booster Club).

Great Valley High School International Classroom Denmark Exchange; Helsingor, Denmark; March, 2027; Approximately 8,000 miles round trip; Approximately 25 students; (Cost to district: 2 substitute teachers for 8 days); (Student expenses funded by families).

Great Valley High School Model United Nations; Rutgers Model United Nations Conference; New Brunswick, NJ; November, 2027; Approximately 50 students; Approximately 160 miles round trip; (Cost to district: 3 substitute teachers for 2 days, plus \$600 total cost at \$200 per teacher).

Great Valley High School Model United Nations; Ivy League Model UN Conference; Philadelphia, PA; January, 2027; Approximately 25 students; Approximately 50 miles round trip; (Cost to district: 1 substitute teacher for 2 days, \$40 teacher additional expenses); (Student expenses funded by families).



Consent Agenda Items
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Program Approvals – continued

High School Overnight Trips – continued

Great Valley High School Model United Nations; North American Invitational Model UN Conference; Washington, DC; February, 2026; Approximately 25 students; Approximately 334 miles round trip; (Cost to district: 1 substitute teacher for 1.5 days, \$1,220 teacher expenses); (Student expenses funded by families).

Great Valley High School Model United Nations; Philadelphia Model United Nations Conference; Philadelphia, PA; February, 2027; Approximately 50 students; Approximately 90 miles round trip; (Cost to district: 1 substitute teacher for 2 days, \$482. teacher expenses); (Student expenses funded by families).

Great Valley High School Music Department; NOLA 2027; New Orleans, LA; March, 2027; Approximately 110 students; Approximately 2400 miles round trip; (Cost to district: 4 substitute teachers for 2 days); (Student expenses funded by families; fundraising opportunities are available).

Great Valley High School Music Department; PMEA All-State Festival; Erie, PA; April, 2027; Approximately 8 students; Approximately 750 miles round trip; (Cost to District: \$440 per student for lodging, \$200 per teacher, 1 substitute teacher for 3 days).

Great Valley High School Music Department; PMEA Region 6 Band Festival; TBD, Bucks or Montgomery County, PA; February, 2027; Approximately 6 students; (Cost to district: approximately \$210 per student for lodging, 1 substitute teacher 2 days).

Great Valley High School Music Department; PMEA Region 6 Choir Festival; Conestoga High School, Berwyn, PA; March, 2027; Approximately 8 students; Approximately 12 miles round trip; (Cost to district: 1 substitute teacher ½ day morning).

Great Valley High School Music Department; PMEA Region 6 Orchestra Festival; Marple Newtown High School, Newtown Square, PA; March, 2027; Approximately 8 students; Approximately 22 miles round trip; (Cost to district: substitute teacher for 2 days).

Great Valley High School World Language Department (specifically French); Quebec City and Montreal, Canada; February, 2027; Approximately 30 students; (Cost to district: 3-4 substitute teachers for 1.5 days); (Trip is funded by students).

Great Valley High School World Language Department German; Germany and Austria (Rothenburg, Munich, Salzburg, and Vienna); March, 2027; Approximately 12-30 students; (Cost to district: 2-4 substitute teachers for 3 days; \$180 per teacher for lunch/incidentals); (Trip funded by students, parents transport student to and from the airport).

Great Valley High School World Language Department Spanish; Spain (Madrid, Cuenca, Valencia, Barcelona); March, 2027; Approximately 35 students; (Cost to district: 3-4 substitute teachers for 3 days; \$180 per teacher for lunch/incidentals); (Trip is funded by students, parents transport student to and from the airport).

12th grade Academic English units 6, 7, & 8 for the 2026-2027 school year

Technology Approvals

Custom Computer Specialist-Infinite Campus Workflow Module at a cost of \$15,424.80.

Annual renewal of the Microsoft 365 Licenses through the Lancaster Lebanon Intermediate Unit - 13 at a cost of \$107,044.05.

Financial Approvals

Great Valley High School Grade 12 students are scheduled for Senior Stroll at the following elementary schools in June 2026. The addendum to the staffing agreement with GHR Healthcare LLC, doing business as GHR Education, for the 2026–2027 school year. The addendum will be in effect from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

ProCare to provide various staffing services for the 2026–2027 school year. le.

Agreement with Valbridge Property Advisors to identify and appraise properties that may be under-assessed in accordance with board policy #627.

The reappointment of Wisler Pearlstine, LLC, for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Reappointment of Barbacane, Thornton, & Company as the District's auditing firm for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 fiscal years.

Student Athletic Insurance for the 2026-2027 school year from Alive Risk Direct, underwritten by Axis Insurance Company, in the amount of \$6,947; and Catastrophic Program \$525.

Proposal with The Nemours Foundation Medical Service Agreement, for sideline medical coverage for all home varsity football games for \$500 per event.



Consent Agenda Items
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Financial Approvals – continued

Contract with LearnWell Education for student 290548 to High Focus Centers - Paoli Partial Hospitalization Program at a cost of \$57.95 per hour for a total of ten hours per week.

Contracts with Cottage Seven Education, LLC for 2026 extended school year program for students 340341 and 310654. The per diem rate for each student is \$130 for 20 days for a total program cost for each student of \$2,600.

Contracts with George Crothers Memorial School for 2026 extended school year (ESY) for student 300260. Base Tuition with Intensive Supports at a cost of \$10,107.36. One-to-One Staffing Supplement at a cost of \$4,975.20. The total cost for 2026 ESY is \$15,082.56.

Contract with Royer-Greaves for 2026 extended school year program for student 300839. Tuition rate is \$632.50 per diem for 20 days, at a cost of \$12,650. One-to-One service rate is \$291.50 per diem for 20 days, at a cost of \$5,830. The total cost for this student is \$18,480.

Special education settlement agreements for Student #230306.

Special education settlement agreements for Student # 330310.

The Fair Funding Resolution calling on the state to increase public education funding.

Financial Approvals

Mrs. McGibboney reported that the proposed budget is available for public inspection on BoardDocs, the district website, and at the front desk of the administrative office.

The board voted 7 to 0 to elect Wendy Litzke as Treasurer for a 1-year term from July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Personnel Approvals

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

ResignationsProfessional Staff

Rebecca Staley, Long-Term Substitute teacher, Grade 2, Sugartown Elementary School, effective May 13, 2026.

Stacey Bortnichak, School Nurse, K. D. Markley Elementary School, effective August 17, 2026.

LeavesProfessional Staff

Employee #933539, K. D. Markley Elementary School, requests FMLA from approximately April 27, 2026 to May 20, 2026.

Employee #747936, Great Valley Middle School, requests FMLA from approximately August 31, 2026 to November 20, 2026.

Employee #997209, Great Valley High School, requests unpaid leave from approximately August 18, 2026 to October 2, 2026.

Employee #996942, Great Valley High School, requests FMLA from approximately August 18, 2026 to January 14, 2027.

Support Staff

Employee #996661, Great Valley School District, requests FMLA from approximately April 29, 2026 to May 12, 2026.

AppointmentsProfessional Staff

McKenna Goldstein, ESY (Extended School Year), Grade 4 Learning Support Instructor, Great Valley 5/6 Center, effective approximately June 22, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Haley Maher, Grade 8 Mathematics teacher, Great Valley Middle School, (Search, Ann), effective August 18, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Muoy Jobson, School Nurse, Great Valley High School, (Morse), effective August 18, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).



Personnel Approvals
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Appointments

Support Staff

Michael Kudel, full-time 12-month Maintenance/Custodian, Great Valley 5/6 Center (Fanning, S.), effective approximately May 19, 2025, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Extra Duty Responsibilities, 2026-2027 school year (F – Faculty, NF – Non-Faculty), Great Valley High School Coaching
Great Valley High School Coaching

Emilia Connors, Field Hockey, 9th Grade Coach, F

Gary Phillips, Football, Head Coach, F

Dustin Kasper, Football, Assistant Coach, (.5), F

Robert Lockhart, Football, Assistant Coach, NF

Andrew Milburn, Football, Grade 9 Head Coach, NF

Owen Brown, Golf, Head Coach, F

Alex Venarchik, Golf, Assistant Coach, F

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

Bernard McCauley, Academic Challenge Sponsor, F

Lindsay Hogan, Best Buddies Sponsor, (.5), F

Carolyn White, Best Buddies Sponsor, (.5), F

Katie Domizio, Chamber Singers Director, F

Erin Catalano, Class Sponsor, Junior, (.5), F

Lynne Lighthill, Class Sponsor, Junior, (.5), F

Paul Egleston, Class Sponsor, Senior, (.5), F

Anne Dale, Class Sponsor, Sophomore, (.33), F

Mark Durante, Class Sponsor, Sophomore, (.33), F

Salary Adjustments

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

Meredith Bebee, 15 days, F

Stefanie Dill, 15 days, NF

Homebound Instructors

Sherri Kratzer

Morgan McKeon

Marie Derby

Chris Sullivan

Lisa Miller

Summer Services

Infinite Campus Turnkey Training, 5 hours each

Karen Young

ESY Substitute Instructor, 6/22/26 – 8/6/26, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Monday – Thursday

Karen Scholz

ESY Nurses, 6/22/26 – 8/6/26, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Monday – Thursday

Jean Spitofsky

Amanda McLoughlin

ESY Instructors, 6/22/26 – 8/6/26, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Monday – Thursday

Laura Mack

Keith Wyner

Natalie Hartman

Roseanna Fabii

Anna Rojewska

Andrew Schreiber

Jacquelyn Zalkind

Stephanie Dugan

Maggie Kelly

Amanda Watkins

Personnel Approvals

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Summer Services – continuedESY Coordinator, 6/22/26 – 8/6/26, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Monday – Thursday**Jacquelyn Mack**Scheduling Support, Great Valley Middle School, not to exceed 40 hours**Brenda Roy**Summer Orientation Leaders, Great Valley Middle School, 4 hours each for planning and 3 hours for a day of orientation work (for incoming GVMS students)**Eli Dietz****Emily Gillard****Laura Mack****Emily Amodei****Chris Nystrom**Summer Orientation Staff, Great Valley Middle School, 3 hours each, (for incoming GVMS students)**Laura Rostick****Marie Derby****Michael Birenbaum****Marj Orlowski****Adam Search****Greg Dippell****Bettina Scibilia****Amanda McLoughlin****Karen Scholz****Sherri Kratzer**Food Service Preparation for 2026-2027 School Year, not to exceed 144 hours (6 weeks)**Jenifer Halin**Summer Student Workers Returning to Summer Custodial positions in 2026**John Cabrera****Colton Manning****Owen Powell****Norma Gomez****Kayleigh Smith****James Taylor****Jason English****Lesli Zhunio****Lisbet Zhunio****Nathaniel Kontra****Jennifer Zuniga****Brian Zuniga**Summer Student Workers New for Summer Custodial positions in 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).**Tyler Draper****Gabriela Lucero-Molina****Brandon Tang****Giovanni Trejo****Andy Chacon Zuniga****Christopher Cabrera****Edinson Castro Penaranda****Manaf Nashed****Andrew Culbertson**Summer Health Class for 11th and 12th Grade Students (paid from student tuition for the course), up to 600 hoursELD (English Learning Differences) Camp*ELD Summer Camp Coordinator* will coordinate all aspects of the 2025 ELD Summer Camp in collaboration with the Teaching and Learning Department. (Paid from Title III funding and Ready to Learn Grant funding), up to 250 hours*ELD Summer Camp Instructors*

Work to plan and facilitate engaging learning opportunities for multilingual learners across a variety of content areas and experiences. (Paid from Title III funding and Ready to Learn Grant funding), up to 2,160 hours

K-12 English Language Arts*K-6 ELA Collaborative Curriculum Team* to focus on articulating whole group and small group learning targets to continue to support the implementation of the GVSD Comprehensive Literacy Framework with a focus on differentiated whole group and small group instruction, up to 600 hours

Personnel Approvals

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Summer Services – continuedK-12 English Language Arts – continued

Grades 5-9 Vocabulary Instruction Collaborative Team to support the development of an instructional framework, curriculum, learning targets, formative and summative assessments, and resources aimed at enhancing vocabulary instruction. This initiative will involve the systematic articulation of a vocabulary scope and sequence for Grades 5-9, up to 150 hours

GVHS Digital Media Communications to prepare content and technical systems, allowing for intentional curriculum writing and revision to keep the course aligned with evolving journalism standards, digital platforms, and district expectations. The work will also support students who enroll in successive years by strengthening mentorship, preserving institutional knowledge, and ensuring a cohesive, future-ready digital media program, up to 30 hours

English Language Development

K-12 Targeted ELD Curriculum and Resource Development: Grade 1; MS; HS - Align grade level content area standards (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies) against WIDA Language standards. Create unit planners reflecting content and language objectives, key language uses, interpretive and/or expressive skills, language functions, and features along the continuum by language proficiency. Evaluate materials and resources to support the curriculum, up to 300 hours

ELD Teacher on Assignment, to support and enhance K-12 English Language Development processes, professional learning, and instructional practices, up to 20 days

Grades 7-12 ELD Screening Administration, up to 30 hours

K-12 Math

Grade K-6 Math to develop and/or revise units of study to align to updated core resource materials and to develop assessment rubrics, up to 400 hours

Algebra I Support Resource Development Team to create differentiated resources that increase access to Algebra I content for all students, including our multilingual learners, up to 150 hours

K-12 Science

K-12 Science Curriculum Collaborative Team: The summer work will focus on deepening understanding of the PA STEELS standards through continued professional learning, with an emphasis on three-dimensional instruction, performance expectations, and alignment across grade bands. Building on this foundation, the team will begin developing coherent course sequences and unit progressions that reflect priority standards, ensuring vertical alignment and conceptual coherence from kindergarten through high school, with a focus on identifying key phenomena and essential questions, up to 350 hours

HS Social Studies

Grades 9 and 11 Social Studies to support the curriculum development of new learning plans for units 6–7 the Modern US History & Government (11th grade). Both Modern US History & Government and World History I (9th grade) courses will also revise existing unit plans, learning plans, and resources across each course. Additionally, teachers will collaboratively design and revise social studies inquiries that align with course content, up to 120 hours

HS Business Education

Personal Finance to review current course curriculum to ensure alignment to the updated PA guidance specific to the Personal Finance requirements and plan for potential revisions or enhancements, up to 30 hours

World Language

Spanish for Heritage Learners Level 3 to support the curriculum development of the new Spanish for Heritage Learners course at the high school for the 2026-2027 school year, up to 100 hours

The board voted 7 to 0 to establish the new Director of Human Resources' role to replace the current Supervisor of Human Resources position.



Policy Approvals

The board voted 7 to 0 to approve the 1st Reading of the following policies

Policy 218.1	Weapons
Policy 904	Public Attendance at School Events
Policy 701	Facilities Planning
Policy 703	Sanitary Management
Policy 704	Maintenance, AG
Policy 706	Property Records
Policy 706.1	Disposal of District-Owned Property
Policy 707	School Facilities Use, AG
Policy 708	Lending of District-Owned Equipment
Policy 710	Use of Equipment and Facilities by Staff
Policy 711	Integrated Pest and Vegetation Management, AG
Policy 718	Service Animals in Schools, AG
Policy 811	Bonding
Policy 812	Property Insurance
Policy 813	Other Insurance
Policy 814	Copyright Material, AG
Policy 817	Energy Management, AG
Policy 822	Automated External Defibrillator (AED) / Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
Policy 828	Reporting Waste and Wrongdoing in District Operations (Whistleblower), AG
Policy 627	District-initiated Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeal

Public Comments – Other Items

The following community members made public comments on other items:

C. Jacobs – community gardens off Bacton Hill Road

Other Board Comments

Dr. Rizzo acknowledged the hard work of Mr. Dippell, who is the Middle School Music teacher, and his hard work to put on the Middle School concert.

Ms. Gallegos stated that she attended the K. D. Markley Elementary Spring Fair and that the event was wonderful and seamless.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.