

Great Valley School District

School Board Work Session Meeting Highlights

May 11, 2026

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The May 11, 2026, work session was called to order by Board President Rachel Gallegos. **Board members present:** Tricia Chasinoff, Stacey Kahan, Wendy Litzke, Neha Mehta, Thomas Richards, Andrea Rizzo, Lorie Sollenberger, and Becky Speiss. **Absent:** None.

Recognition

Mr. Patrick Connors, one of the High School Assistant Principals, recognized Neava Jagtap, who was named the 2026 Coca-Cola Scholar. This scholarship, which had over 7,000 applicants, exemplifies service, academia, and leadership.

Andrew Cooke, the Advancement Coordinator for Boy Scouts of America Troop 76B recognized Mason Jiang and Siddhartha Alluri, who attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Steve D'Antonio, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 78, recognized Douglas Johnson, Oliver Lang, Varun Kartick, and Abhinav Jonnala, who also attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Pratibha Singh, Girl Scout troop 41914 leader, recognized Aarna Singh, who was awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Student Representative to the Board

Justin Sansone, a High School Student Representative, shared an update on the various events at the high school. The Prom Closet, which took place on March 25 and March 26, the Sports Marketing field trip to Lincoln Financial Field on March 25, and the Denmark Exchange program, which concluded on March 27. Justin also highlighted that April is Autism Awareness Month, the Spring Musical will take place on April 17-19, and the student council elections are slated to take place, followed by the class elections.

Superintendent's Update

Mrs. Sharee McGibboney, Director of Business Affairs, gave a brief update on the 2026-2027 budget. Within the budget, Mrs. McGibboney shared what a 3.5% tax increase would mean for taxpayers, the budgeted total revenue, the total budgeted expenditures, and the slated budget changes for the 2026-2027 school year. Lastly, Mrs. McGibboney shared that the district will continue to evaluate expenditures, analyze the 5-year forecast, and continue monitoring PDE updates. Mrs. McGibboney stated that May 4 is the next scheduled Finance Committee meeting.

Policy

Dr. Mehta shared that the next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2026.

Program

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the program items that are scheduled to be on the May 18 agenda for approval:

Student Overnight Trips for 2026-2027

Great Valley High School

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).



Program
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Great Valley High School – continued

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).

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 roundtrip; (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

Information

Monthly Enrollment Report – April 2026

Facilities

Mrs. McGibboney shared that the district will reschedule the Facilities Committee meeting.

Information

Facilities Use Report – April 2026



Technology

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the technology items on the May 18 agenda for approval:

Infinite Campus Workflow Module
Microsoft License Renewal

Finance

Mrs. McGibboney shared that during the March 23, 2026, meeting, the preliminary budget, district-wide technology and network infrastructure were discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2026.

Mrs. McGibboney reviewed the finance items on the May 18 agenda for approval:

2026-2027 Budget Review
Senior Stroll Trips
GHR Agreement Renewal
ProCare Contract Renewal
Valbridge Property Advisors Agreement
Reappointment of Solicitors, Wisler Pearlstine, LLC
Reappointment of Auditors, Barbacane, Thornton & Company
Student Athletic Insurance for 2026-2027
The Nemours Foundation Medical Service Agreement Renewal
Educational Services Contract
Fair Funding Resolution
Election of School Board Treasurer

Personnel Approvals

Dr. Goffredo reviewed the draft personnel items on the May 18 agenda for approval.

Dr. Goffredo also shared that the administration is recommending the establishment of a new role of a Director of Human Resources to replace the current Supervisor of Human Resources position.

Draft Agenda

Ms. Gallegos shared that the draft agenda is available for review.

Public Comments

The following community members made public comments:

N. Groch – Playgrounds at the elementary schools

Executive Session

Ms. Gallegos shared that the Board met in executive session to discuss legal and personnel items.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.