



Great Valley School District School Board Business Meeting Highlights September 22, 2026

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September 22, 2026 Business Meeting

Board members present: Rachel Gallegos, Neha Mehta, Thomas Richards, Lorie Sollenberger, Stacey Kahan, Tricia Bliven-Chasinoff
Absent: Wendy Litzke, Rebecca Spiess, Andrea Rizzo. **Administrators Present:** Daniel Goffredo, Sharee McGibboney, Stephen O'Toole, Andrea Dinsmore, Rithu George, and Marshall Hoffritz. **Others:** The lists of others in attendance are attached to the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentations

Student Council Report

Student Council reports will resume October 19, 2026.

Student Representative to the Board Report

Alex Li (12), one of the student representatives to the School Board, provided an update on activities and events during the opening weeks of the 2026-2027 school year at the High School. Alex reported that the annual Club Fair featured 40 student clubs, along with participation from the U.S. Air Force Academy. Alex shared that athletic teams have started the season successfully, including an undefeated varsity football team. Auditions for the fall play, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, have been completed and rehearsals are underway. Additional highlights included the National Honor Society activities, current events initiatives, the introduction of the new AP Chemistry teacher and the work of the GV Student Ambassadors. Alex concluded by announcing that the Homecoming Dance will be held on October 24th, with Spirit Week beginning on October 19th and culminating in the Pep Rally on October 23rd.

Executive Session

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

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 not in attendance to report.

Legislative Report

Mrs. Bliven-Chasinoff shared the meeting is scheduled for September 23rd.

Committee Reports

There are no reports.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Goffredo, Superintendent, provided an update on the launch of the Portrait of a Graduate initiative, which builds upon the AI Think Tank work conducted during the previous school year. He explained the initiative focuses on supporting the development of the whole child and highlighted recent AI for Education professional development. Dr. Goffredo also shared insights from the K.D. Markley's Mindfulness Day experience and discussed activities recognizing Hispanic American Heritage Month. He concluded by recognizing the September HEART Award recipients.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

Consent Agenda Items

The board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Routine Approvals

Minutes of August 10, 2026 Business Meeting
Treasurer's Report and Tax Collectors' Report
Invoices – attached

Program Approvals

There are no program approvals for September.

Facilities Approvals

Turf Maintenance Renewal with TruGreen for 2026-2027 school year at a total cost of \$25,311.45.

Technology Approvals

PowerSchool for Naviance subscription renewal for 3,363 user subscriptions at a total cost of \$16,475.42 for the 2026-2027 school year.

ePlus Bulk Services agreement renewal for technical consulting support at a total cost of \$10,000.

Instructure-Technical for five hours of consulting to continue to work through the new setup between Infinite Campus and Canvas, at a total cost of \$3,591.96.

Cengage AP Physics texts with updated text to include problem sets that better align with expectations of the AP exam at a total cost of \$8,338.

Zscaler Staff Security quote to enhance security for Technology Department staff when accessing work resources from outside the GVSD network for a two-year period at an annual cost of \$1,225.

Financial Approvals

Heggerty Subscription renewal for a one-year virtual subscription for Bridge to Writing and Bridge to Reading at a total cost of \$11,046.

Four additional Everway Unique Learning Systems licenses at a total cost of \$897.99.

Purchase of books for the General Wayne Elementary School Library from Junior Library Guild at a total cost of \$2,532.20.

Elementary Field trips for all students in kindergarten through sixth grade for the 2026-2027 school year, at a total cost not to exceed \$45,000 as presented.

Grade	Location(s) 26-27	Content Area	Unit of Study	Links
K	Milky Way Farms	Science	Animals	https://www.milkywayfarm.com/
	Elmwood Zoo	Science	Animals	https://www.elmwoodparkzoo.org/education/school-field-trips-group-programs/
1	Longwood Gardens	Science	Plants	https://longwoodgardens.org/education
	Highland Orchards	Science	Plants	https://highlandorchards.net/field-trips/
2	PA Helicopter Museum	Science	Air and Weather	https://www.helicoptermuseum.org/
	Legoland Discovery Center	Science	Balance and Motion	https://www.legolanddiscoverycenter.com/philadelphia/groups-schools/schools/
3	UMLY	Science	Structures of Life	https://ymcagbw.org/zoo-and-stem-field-trips-umly
	Riverbend	Science	Structures of Life	https://riverbendec.org/what-we-do/programs/field-trips
4	Paradise Farms	Responsive Approaches	Team Building	https://www.paradisefarmcamps.org/
5	Reading Public Museum	Science/Social Studies	Astronomy/ Ancient Civilizations (Western Hemisphere)	Reading Public Museum 100+ Years of Art & Culture
	Technical College High School (Pickering)	College and Career	Career Exploration	https://www.tchspickering.org/
6	Penn Museum	Social Studies	Ancient Civilizations (Eastern Hemisphere)	https://www.penn.museum/

Agreement with Buxmont Academy for guaranteed slots for the 2026-2027 school year at a discounted rate.

Consent Agenda Items

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Special Education Service Agreements with Camphill School for Students #320577, 240615, 230538.
 Donation to the GV Middle School Music Department of a Yamaha YCL-34 clarinet estimated value \$250
 and a Yamaha Tenor YTS-62 Saxophone estimated value \$1,200.

Personnel Approvals

The board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

ResignationsProfessional Staff

Meredith Borys, Grade 4 Teacher, Sugartown Elementary School, effective August 18, 2026.

Lisa Farber, School Nurse, General Wayne Elementary School, effective November 13, 2026.

Support Staff

Kellianne Miley, Administrative Assistant, Sugartown Elementary School, effective September 1, 2026.

Sally Whitton, Custodian, K. D. Markley Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective December 4, 2026.

Extra Duty Responsibility (EDR)

Jamie Maletz, Student Musical Producer, Great Valley High School, effective November 9, 2026

Jamie Maletz, Drama Guild Director, Great Valley High School, effective November 9, 2026

LeavesProfessional Staff

Employee #997209, Great Valley High School, requests an extension of unpaid leave from October 5, 2026 to October 16, 2026.

Employee #997193, Great Valley High School, requests unpaid leave from September 1, 2026 to September 29, 2026.

Employee #413294, Great Valley High School, requests Professional Compensated Leave for the 2027-2028 school year

AppointmentsProfessional Staff

Lucy Ruzzini, professional employee, Literacy Specialist, Sugartown Elementary School, (Nolan) (Step 10 and reflects a Master's Degree plus 30 on the 2025-2026 salary schedule), effective September 8, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Rebecca Staley, temporary professional employee, Grade 6 teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (Dammeyer), effective August 25, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Grace Anderson, temporary professional employee, Physical Education/Health Teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (Crabtree), effective approximately September 8, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Francesca DeBellis, temporary professional employee, Special Education Teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Geiser), effective October 12, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Jennifer Noll, temporary professional employee, Grade 5 teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center, (Mariani), effective September 15, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Agnes Paul, Long-Term Substitute, School Counselor, K. D. Markley Elementary School, (Hyman), effective August 18, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Tara Starita, Athletic Trainer, Great Valley High School, (new), effective approximately September 30, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Support Staff

Jenna Wesoff, 10-month Culinary Coordinator, Great Valley School District, (Hanlin), effective approximately September 8, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Christina Covey, full-time 12-month Administrative Assistant, Charlestown Elementary School, (new), effective approximately September 23, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background



checks).

Personnel Approvals

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Maria Shultz, full-time 12-month Administrative Assistant, Counseling Office, Great Valley High School, (Neely), effective October 1, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Elyse Gerwick, full-time 12-month Executive Administrative Assistant to Director of Business Affairs, Great Valley School District, (Sorial), effective October 19, 2026, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Briar Bones, full-time 12-month Administrative Assistant, Student Services, Great Valley District Office, (Oakes), effective approximately September 28, 2026, (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

Rasheed Lawson, Basketball, Assistant Girl's Coach, NF

Chelsea Klein, Field Hockey, Assistant Coach, NF

Michael DiPuppo, Lacrosse, Head Boy's Coach, NF

Stanley Walerski, Winter Track, Assistant Coach, (.5), F

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching

Margaret Kelly, Best Buddies Sponsor, (.5), F

Peter Ruckelshaus, Robotics Sponsor, F

Joseph Gregorio, Student Musical, Choral Director, NF

Joseph Gregorio, Student Musical, Orchestra/Pit, NF

Great Valley Middle School Non-Coaching

Timothy Leary, Robotics Sponsor, F

General Wayne Elementary School

Eric Schmidt, Elementary Forensics Sponsor (.5)F

Kimberly Wickham, Elementary Forensics Sponsor, (.5), F

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service

Jennifer Schaumburg, (.2) 8/19/26, 8/20/26 - total of 5 hours

Mentors

Jacqueline Gualtieri, mentor to Agnes Paul

Caitlin Carminito, mentor to Kyle Murphy

Sarah Gorr, shared mentor to Lucy Ruzzini

Jessica Aument, shared mentor to Lucy Ruzzini

Jennifer Bulger, mentor to Haley Maher

Meridith Bebee, mentor to Muoy Jobson

Molly Knouse, mentor to Sara Patti

Jean Spitofsky, mentor to Caroline Silveti

Christine Parthemore, mentor to Emily Cook

Layne Kennedy, mentor to Katherine Elken

Lisa Grant, mentor to Samantha Rowles

Amy White, mentor to Jessica Smith

Roseanna Fabii, mentor to Michelle Doe

Daniel Schemmer, mentor to Grace Anderson

Ryan Journey, mentor to Francesca DeBellis

Alexandra LaRosa, mentor Jennifer Noll

Personnel Approvals

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Great Valley High School and Great Valley Middle School Athletic Game Workers

Daniel Alper	Meredith Bebee	Michael Birenbaum
James Carminito	Charles Chiccino	Lara Cini
Meghan Daney	Marie Derby	Jonathan DeVirgilio
James DiFerdinand	Ann DiMedio	Diamand Donovan
Mark Durante	Matthew Ellis	Jane Garon
Emily Gillard	Michael Gregory	Paul Gring
Robert Johnson	Nicole Jones	Sherri Kratzer
Robert Lavelle	Tess Lutz	Laura Mack
Jeffrey Martin	Bernard McCauley	Laura McDonald
Gerald McGrath	William McNamara	Dave Moffett
Mary Morelli	Jeffrey Moyer	Laura Menzel
Lisa Nackers	Emily O'Connor	Marjorie Orłowski
Gary Phillips	Cynthia Rabideau	Meredith Rieger
Peter Ruckelshaus	Jeremy Rudolph	Cravonti Savage
Karen Scholz	Matthew Schultz	James Sellman
Nicole Sellman	Kimberly Schusko	Michael Trahey
Travis Turgeon	Alexander Venarchik	Stanley Walerski
Jared Zupito	Kenneth Rogers	Jeremy Rudolph
Emily O'Connor	Erik Beck	

Administrators Additional Duties Stipend

Elana Betts
 Nicole Lombardi
 Elise Powell
 Emily Braskey
 La'Keidra McDougal

Change of Status/AssignmentProfessional Staff

Alison Dammeyer, Grade 6 teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center to Literary Specialist (Primerano), General Wayne Elementary School.

Taylor Geiser, Autistic Support/Multiple Disabilities teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School to Autistic Support/Multiple Disabilities teacher (Hogan), Great Valley High School.

Katherine Auslander, Kindergarten teacher, General Wayne Elementary School to Grade 2 teacher (Van Cott), Sugartown Elementary School.

Rachel Macey, Kindergarten teacher, K. D. Markley Elementary School to STEAM teacher (DeMitis), K. D. Markley Elementary School and Charlestown Elementary School.

Michelle Mariani, Grade 5 teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center to Grade 4 teacher (Borys), Sugartown Elementary School.

Jessica Smith, Grade 5 teacher to Grade 6 teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center.

Michelle Hanna, Gifted Support teacher, Charlestown Elementary School and K. D. Markley Elementary School to K. D. Markley Elementary School.

Leslie Beauregard, Gifted Support teacher, Charlestown Elementary School, General Wayne Elementary School, and Sugartown Elementary School to General Wayne Elementary School and Sugartown Elementary School.

Marie Derby, Gifted Support teacher, Great Valley Middle School to Great Valley Middle School and Charlestown Elementary School.

Emily Beyer, Librarian, Great Valley 5/6 Center to Great Valley 5/6 Center, Charlestown Elementary School, and General Wayne Elementary School.

Ashlyn D'Andrea, ELD Specialist, General Wayne Elementary School and Great Valley Middle School to Great Valley Middle School and Great Valley High School.

Katherine Regula, Art teacher, General Wayne Elementary School and Sugartown Elementary School to General Wayne Elementary School.

Daniel Alper, Health/PE teacher, Sugartown Elementary School and General Wayne Elementary School to General Wayne Elementary School, Charlestown Elementary School, and Great Valley 5/6 Center.

Personnel Approvals

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Support Staff

Leslie Neely, Administrative Assistant to Technology Coordinator (Jinan), Great Valley High School, effective August 18, 2026.

Cheryl Worley, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Department to Human Resources Generalist (new), Great Valley School District, effective September 23, 2026.

George Harris, Maintenance Custodian, Great Valley 5/6 Center to Head Custodian, Sugartown Elementary School, effective August 24, 2026.

Justin Oakes, Administrative Assistant, Student Services Department to Confidential Administrative Assistant, Student Services Department, (R. Streeter), Great Valley District Office, effective September 23, 2026.

Kerry Cassell, 10-Month Clerical Aide to Senior Administrative Assistant, (Miley), Sugartown Elementary School, effective September 2, 2026.

Summer ServicesIEP

Jennifer Illig, 1.5 hours

Heather Stairs, 1.0 hours

Infinite Campus Turnkey Training, 5 hours each

Stephanie Bricker

Gregory Dippell

Gloria Lego

School Nurses

Muoy Jobson (3 days)

Caroline Silvetti (3 days)

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 September 2026. This change of status is to be recorded in the official minutes and requires no official action.

Daniel Alper, (.5), Great Valley Middle School

Staff Position

The board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Conversion of a main office support staff position at Sugartown Elementary School from a 10-month to a 12-month position.

Financial Approvals

The board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Great Valley Education Association for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029 subject to labor counsel's approval on the final wording.

Special education settlement agreement for Student #310020 – attached.

Special education settlement agreement for Student #290095 – attached.

Special education settlement agreement for Student #270551 – attached.

Special education settlement agreement for Student #280015 – attached.

Special education settlement agreement for Student #280072 – attached.



[Public Comments – Other Items](#)

Nicola Salvatico, resident and President of the Great Valley Education Association, thanked the Board for approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the good faith efforts. GVEA is bringing in new leadership. Board Members are always welcome at the table to observe negotiations.

[Adjournment](#)

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.