Great Valley School District
School Board Business Meeting Highlights
October 19, 2026

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

Presentations

Student Council Report

General Wayne Elementary School Student Council introduced themselves with their roles. Student representatives shared that the October 14 Soup Night raised $5,000 for Four Diamonds and served more than 450 attendees. Students also highlighted goal-setting efforts, Spirit Week participation, and year-long kindness initiatives.

Great Valley 5/6 Center Student Council shared highlights from the start of the school year at the 5/6 Center, including pep rally, spirit days, PTO Back-to-School Night, donations from GV organizations, a student-painted mural, and a Girl Scout-donated coffee cart. They also reported on upcoming gratitude activities, fall parties, House Cup competitions, and participation in Adopt-A-Family.

Student Representative to the Board Report

Alex Li (12), one of the student representatives to the School Board, provided updates on Senior Sunrise, Homecoming events, fall athletics, and seniors recognized. Alex noted varsity football's undefeated 8-0 record, football player highlight, GVHS's feature on Fox 29, the National Art Honor Society's PennDOT plow painting project, an AI Club guest speaker, upcoming performances of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,* recognition of 2027 National Merit Semifinalists, and the upcoming PSAT testing date.

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 shared the next meeting is at the Child & Career Development Center Great Valley Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 21 and highlighted the center's benefits to the Great Valley Community.

Legislative Report

Mrs. Bliven-Chasinoff shared the Legislative Council met on September 23 to discuss the recently enacted state budget and School Code changes (HB 1505). Reviewed updates related to bullying and cyberbullying, elementary recess requirements, student health data privacy, social media literacy, cyber charter accountability, and related staffing impacts. Emerging topics: student cell phone bans and responsible use of AI.

Committee Reports

Learning and Innovation Committee met on October 12, 2026. Dr. Rizzo reported on the new approach of Q&A format. The committee focused on responsive approach to citizenship, AI and what is happening and balance between print/digital. There is ongoing support for live Social Studies curriculum. Next meeting is November 9. Communications Committee met on October 8, 2026. Ms. Litzke

Committee Reports - continued

Communications Committee met on October 8, 2026. Ms. Litzke reported about the 2nd Annual Report and opportunities to share with about 13,000 people including a new Instagram account. Updating the Website: homepage module added to provide feedback to the district on mobile device and technology has information on K-6 tech use. Finally, she discussed *Portrait of a Graduate*. Next meeting is January 28.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Goffredo, Superintendent, provided an update on the inaugural *Portrait of a Graduate* stakeholder meeting. Ms. Gallegos spoke as a panelist about opportunities and student input. Dr. Goffredo also highlighted First Responders and GV's gratitude for all they do, recognized *Digital Citizenship Week* and *National School Lunch Week* (Food Services work directly with local farms and healthy food*)* then acknowledged the October HEART Award recipients.

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 September 22, 2026 Business Meeting
Treasurer's Report and Tax Collectors' Report
Invoices – attached

Program Approvals

There are no program approvals for October.

Facilities Approvals

Windview Athletic Fields - Athletic Field maintenance Proposal submitted by Windview Inc. for the High School baseball field at a total cost of $17,250.
Johnson Controls - for the replacement of two Cooling Towers and heat exchanger serving the building-wide HVAC system at Great Valley Middle School, at a total cost of $498,595.

Transportation Approvals

The administration recommends the approval of the list of Atlas and First Alt drivers for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Technology Approvals

Breakout EDU Renewal for 12 months, at a total cost of $99.
Discovery Education-Pivot Interactive digital licensing renewal for 30 students from November 20, 2026 to June 30, 2028, at a total cost of $294.74.
World Book Renewal for an online encyclopedia for elementary school libraries, at a cost of $6,147.10.
BrainPOP ELL Renewal for the 2026-2027 school year at a total cost of $2,409.92.
Safe Share Quote at a cost of $12,720 for the 2026-2027 school year.
Custom Computer Infinite Campus Graduation Planner training at a total cost of $700.
Purchase of two Ricoh printers for the 5/6 Center, at a total cost of $8,694.

Financial Approvals

VantageSportz subscription renewal for the 2026-2027 school year at a total cost of $1,400.
Charlestown Elementary Scholastic News 2 subscription renewal for the 2026-2027 school year at a total cost of $608.87.
CentralReach subscription renewal for 26 committed seats, at a total cost of $3,338.40.
Riverside Insights subscription for Woodcock-Johnson V (WJV) for the 2026-2027 school year at a total cost of $6,784.40.

Financial Approvals

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Be a Part of the Conversation renewal for the 2026-2027 school year District Speaker Series at a cost of $8,820.
Educational Service Agreement with Hoffman Academy for student 290157.
Educational Service Agreement with LearnWell for student 300860.
Educational Service Agreement with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for student 310508.
2027-2028 per pupil budget at $298.36/weighted student at the Secondary Schools and $205.13/weighted student at the Elementary Schools. The allocation for these budgets is an increase from the 2026-2027 school year.
Requests to Establish a Student Activity for Great Valley High School: Jewish Student Union and Team One Love Club.
Special Education Settlement Agreements.

Personnel Approvals

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

Resignations

Professional Staff

Pamela Crump, Special Education teacher, Great Valley High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective December 31, 2026

Support Staff

Michael Jacobs, full-time Head Custodian, Great Valley High School, effective October 23, 2026.
Charlene Hassing, Business Office Accountant, Great Valley District Office, effective November 2, 2026.

Rescission

Support Staff
Dino Rasso, Plumber/Maintenance Technician Great Valley School District, requests to rescind his retirement that was to be effective January 20, 2027.

Leaves

Professional Staff

Employee #755453, IST teacher, Sugartown Elementary, requests Child Rearing Leave from November 10, 2026 to the end of the first semester of the 2026-2027 school year.
Employee #996775, English Language Development teacher, Great Valley Middle School and General Wayne Elementary School requests a Professional Compensated leave during the 2027-2028 school year.

Appointments

Professional Staff

Support Staff
Amy Pearson, 12-month Administrative Assistant, Sugartown Elementary School, (Cassel), effective November 4, 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) 2026-2027 school year (F-Faculty, NF-Non-Faculty), (*Due to the current negotiations of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), an adjustment may be made for EDR stipend. If so, they will be adjusted accordingly.)

Great Valley High School Coaching
Travis Turgeon, Baseball, Head Coach, F
Thomas Esterly, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.33), F

Personnel Approvals

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Mark Fischer, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.33), F
Dustin Kasper, Baseball, Assistant Coach, (.08), F
Jeffery Dill, Basketball, Grade 9 Girl's Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).
Gary Phillips, Basketball, Grade 9 Boys' Coach, F
Margaret Kelly, United Bocce, Assistant Coach, F
Jake Carsley, Basketball, Assistant Boys' Coach, NF
Margaret Kelly, Unified Bocce, Assistant Coach, F
Thomas August, Lacrosse, Assistant Boys' Coach, NF
Robert Capozzoli, Lacrosse, Assistant Boys' Coach, NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks).

Great Valley High School Non-Coaching
Sean Kenny, Marching Band: Percussion Instructor, NF
Janelle Brandberg, Drama Guild Director, (.6), NF, (pending completion of all administrative and legal requirements and contingent on satisfactory background checks)**.**
Ann Search, HOSA Sponsor, NF Janelle Brandberg, Student Musical Producer, (.5)
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Great Valley Middle School Coaching
Stephen Jones, Baseball, Head 7th Grade Coach, NF
Daniel Alper, Soccer, Head 7th Grade Boys' Coach, F
Mackenzie Clancy, Softball, Head 7th Grade Girls' Coach, F
Kathryn Olafson, Softball, Head 8th Grade Girls' Coach, F

Great Valley Middle School Non-Coaching
Michael Birenbaum, Math Counts Sponsor #2, F

Great Valley 5/6 Center
Grace Anderson, Intramurals Sponsor #1, F
Grade Anderson, Intramurals Sponsor #2, F

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

Salary Adjustments

Part-time Staff for Additional Service
Jennifer Schaumburg, (.2) 8/19/26, 8/20/26 - total of 5 hours

Homebound Instructors
Molly Heigh

Post Season Play Golf, Great Valley High School
Owen Brown, 3 days, F
Alexander Venarchik, 3 days, F

Mentors
Layne Kennedy, mentor to Kyle Murphy, annual stipend, F

Change of Status/Assignment

Professional Staff
Kaitlyn Anderson, English Language Development teacher, Great Valley 5/6 Center and Charlestown Elementary School to Great Valley Middle School and General Wayne Elementary School.

Salary Advancements
Additional coursework and/or additional degree, retroactive to the first workday of the first semester of the 2026-2027 school year.

Personnel Approvals

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NAME	2526 TRACK	2627 TRACK	BUILDING
Auslander, Katherine	Master's	Master's + 15	Sugartown Elementary School
Alper, Daniel (.5)	Bachelor's + 15	Master's	General Wayne Elementary School
Ayers, Kathleen	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	Great Valley 5/6 Center
Bird, Margaret	Bachelor's + 30	Master's	General Wayne Elementary School
Buffa, Taylor	Master's	Master's + 15	Great Valley 5/6 Center
Calfapietra, Paige	Bachelor's + 30	Master's	Sugartown Elementary School
Ciccotelli, Caroline	Master's	Master's + 15	Sugartown Elementary School
Clancy, Mackenzie	Bachelor's	Bachelor's + 15	Great Valley 5/6 Center
Crisi, Carlyn	Bachelor's	Bachelor's + 15	Great Valley 5/6 Center
DeGrave, Julia	Bachelor's + 15	Master's	K. D. Markley Elementary School
Dietz, Elidari	Master's + 60	Doctorate	Great Valley Middle School
DiLiberto, Dana	Master's	Master's + 15	Great Valley 5/6 Center
Dore, Cara	Bachelor's + 30	Master's	Charlestown Elementary School
Draper, Louisa	Bachelor's	Bachelor's + 15	Great Valley 5/6 Center
Dugan, Stephanie	Bachelor's + 30	Master's	Sugartown Elementary School
Egleston, Paul	Master's + 45	Master's + 60	Great Valley High School
Esterly, Tom	Master's + 45	Master's + 60	Great Valley High School
Feeko, Erica	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	Great Valley 5/6 Center
Galletti, Lauren	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	K. D. Markley Elementary School
Geiser, Taylor	Master's + 30	Master's + 45	Great Valley High School
Gerber, Corinne	Master's + 30	Master's + 45	Charlestown Elementary School
Gillard, Emily	Bachelor's + 15	Master's	Great Valley Middle School
Groh, Rebekah	Master's + 30	Master's + 45	Great Valley High School
Gualtieri, Jacqueline	Master's	Master's + 15	Sugartown Elementary School
Hallinan, Shannon	Master's	Master's + 15	Sugartown Elementary School
Hanna, Michelle	Master's + 45	Master's + 60	K. D. Markley/Charlestown Elementary School
Henwood, Eve	Master's + 30	Master's + 45	K. D. Markley Elementary School
Hernandez-Sanchez, Roberto	Master's + 45	Master's + 60	Great Valley Middle School
Himmelberger, Jamie	Master's + 45	Master's + 60	Great Valley District Office
Hober, Amy	Master's	Master's + 15	K. D. Markley Elementary School
Juelke, Thomas	Bachelor's + 30	Master's	Great Valley High School
Kahl, Helena	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	Great Valley 5/6 Center
Kater, Gabrielle	Master's	Master's + 15	Charlestown Elementary School
Keefer, Jamie	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	Charlestown Elementary School
Kelly, Erin	Bachelor's	Bachelor's + 15	General Wayne Elementary School
Kennedy, Abigail	Master's + 45	Master's + 60	Great Valley High School
Kennedy, Layne	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	General Wayne Elementary School
Kheradi, Jessica	Master's + 45	Master's + 60	Great Valley Middle School
LaRosa, Alexandra	Master’s	Master’s + 15, Step 5	Great Valley 5/6 Center
LaValley, Danielle	Master’s	Master’s + 15, Step 9	Great Valley 5/6 Center
Lieberman, Jona	Bachelor's + 30	Master's	Great Valley High School
Macey, Rachel	Master's + 30	Master's + 45	K. D. Markley Elementary School
Machamer, Carly	Master's + 45	Master's + 60	K. D. Markley Elementary School
Madonia, Claudia S	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	Great Valley 5/6 Center
Maley, Stephanie	Master's + 30	Master's + 45	K. D. Markley Elementary School

McKeon, Morgan	Bachelor's	Bachelor's + 15	Great Valley 5/6 Center
McLoughlin, Amanda	Master's + 45	Master's + 60	Great Valley Middle School
Moddrel, Lauryn	Bachelor's + 15	Master's	Great Valley High School
Neary, Kelly	Master's	Master's + 15	Great Valley High School
Nhong, Kimmie Di	Bachelor's + 15	Master's	Charlestown Elementary School
O'Connor, Clare	Bachelor's	Bachelor's + 15	Charlestown Elementary School
Oh, Katy	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	Great Valley District Office
Paynter, Cassandra	Master's	Master's + 15	General Wayne Elementary School
Pearson, Gabrielle	Bachelor's + 30	Master's	General Wayne Elementary School
Prevost, Sarah	Master's	Master's + 15	Sugartown Elementary School
Reichle, Katelyn	Bachelor's + 15	Bachelor's + 30	Sugartown/Charlestown Elementary School
Rhodes, Ava	Bachelor's + 15	Master's	Great Valley 5/6 Center
Rollo, Allison	Bachelor's + 15	Master's	Great Valley High School
Romano, Nicole	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	Great Valley 5/6 Center
Rowles, Samantha	Bachelor's	Bachelor's + 15	Great Valley Middle School
Schmidt, Eric	Master's + 45	Master's + 60	General Wayne/Sugartown Elementary School
Shick, Emily	Master's	Master's + 15	K. D. Markley Elementary School
Shields, Ryan	Master's + 30	Master's + 45	K. D. Markley Elementary School
Silvetti, Caroline	Master's	Master's + 15	K. D. Markley Elementary School
Siwa, Alexander	Bachelor's + 15	Master's	Great Valley High School
Spritzer, Zoe	Bachelor's	Bachelor's + 15	Great Valley High School
Steinmetz, Sean	Master's + 30	Master's + 45	K. D. Markley Elementary School
Streeter, Alyson	Bachelor's + 15	Master's	Sugartown Elementary School
Sullivan, Christopher	Bachelor's + 30	Master's	Great Valley Middle School
Swope, Laurie	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	Great Valley Middle School
Vandevander, Caitlin	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	Great Valley High School
Verna, Anthony	Master's + 45	Master's + 60	Great Valley High School
Walerski, Stanley	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	Great Valley High School
Watkins, Amanda	Master's	Master's + 15	Sugartown Elementary School
Wildasin, Natalie	Bachelor's	Bachelor's + 15	Sugartown Elementary School
Wilson, Amy	Master's + 30	Master's + 45	K. D. Markley Elementary School
Wright, Macy	Bachelor's	Bachelor's + 15	Sugartown Elementary School
Zalkind, Jacquelyn	Master's + 15	Master's + 30	Great Valley 5/6 Center

Policy Approvals

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

001	Name and Classification
002	Authority and Powers
003	Functions
004	Membership
007	Distribution
009	Review of School Board Policies
100	Comprehensive Planning
101	Great Valley Mission Statement

105.3	Academic Standards
246	Student Wellness, AG
249	Bullying/Cyberbullying, AG
619	District Audit Public
627	District Initiated Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeals
711	Integrated Pest and Vegetation Management, AG
803	School Calendar
822	Automated External Defibrillator and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Facilities Approvals

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

The sale of 55 Bacton Hill Road.

Public Comments – Other Items

S. Lawrence – Board and District oversight of school-sanctioned clubs.
S. Lambert (Chairman) and C. Smith (Board Member) East Whiteland Township Board of Supervisors – expressed strong interest in 55 Bacton Hill Rd property.

Other Board Comments

Ms. Spiess encouraged the greater community to attend athletic events, noting that she has recently attended several games and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.