

SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
929 Lakeshore Drive  
Leesport, PA 19533-8631

MINUTES

May 15, 2023

1.0 The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:57 p.m. by the Board President, David E. Moll, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1.2 ROLL CALL

Members Present: Paul L. Bendigo, Robert M. Dempsey, Nicoleen M. Kleffel, Linda R. Lash, George H. Mertz III, G. Dane Miller, David E. Moll, Bryan J. O'Donnell, Alfonso F. Rossi

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cathy Taschner, Casey Blankenbiller, Dr. Melissa Brewer, Robin Brightbill, Stephanie Deibler, Dr. Joshua Kuehner, Jenny Rexrode, Jacqueline Rivas, Michael Sobczak, Kristen Wallace

2.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

2023-24 Proposed General Fund Budget

2.1 The Board is requested to consider and approve the adoption of the 2023-24 Proposed General Fund Budget in the amount of \$43,060,394. The Proposed General Fund budget is recommended with no increase in taxes.

**Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the adoption of the 2023-24 Proposed General Fund Budget in the amount of \$43,060,394. The Proposed General Fund budget is recommended with no increase in taxes.**

Mr. Dempsey asked what document would be made available to the public for the 2023-2024 Proposed General Fund Budget. Dr. Taschner stated that the document that is in front of the Board, the Proposed General Fund Budget in the .pdf version, which is the PDE-2028, was available to the public when the May 15 agenda was posted. Mr. Dempsey noted that it's one thing for the Board to understand what they're seeing as far as the \$43 million budget, but in the past, we've offered more information to the public in regard to where the revenue is coming from and where the expenditures are going, and we also provided pie charts and graphs. He believes it was easier for people to understand where the parts of the budget were going. If there's some way we can do that and provide that information to the public like we have in the past, he would recommend it. Dr. Taschner stated that they can have something for the May 22 Board meeting. Mr. Miller added that this is the best budget presentation he's seen in his time on the Board and all of the data is there. Mr. Moll agreed with Mr. Miller but stated that some people prefer to see the data on charts and graphs.

Roll Call Vote

**Yeas: Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Budget Transfer

- 2.2 The Board is requested to consider and approve a \$1.4 million transfer from the Unassigned General Fund Balance to the Capital Reserve Fund Balance, effective June 30, 2023.

**Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve a \$1.4 million transfer from the Unassigned General Fund Balance to the Capital Reserve Fund Balance, effective June 30, 2023.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

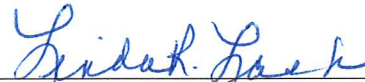
- 3.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo that, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



---

Linda R. Lash, Secretary  
Board of School Directors