

February 27, 2023

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

MINUTES

February 27, 2023

- 1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Board President, David E. Moll, in the Auditorium 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, David E. Moll, Bryan J. O'Donnell, Alfonso F. Rossi

Members Absent: G. Dane Miller

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cathy Taschner, Casey Blankenbiller, Dr. Melissa Brewer, Toni Crater, Jennifer Gabryluk, Jacqueline Rivas, Michael Sobczak
- 1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2023, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.
- 1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION**
Mr. Moll reported that the Board met on February 27, 2023, prior to the Board meeting, for legal matters and personnel matters.
- 1.5 RECOGNITION**
The Board is pleased to recognize the following individuals for their accomplishments:
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| <u>Senior County Orchestra</u> | <u>Senior County Band</u> |
| Chad Gangewere (grade 12) | Chad Gangewere (grade 12) |
| Megan Raifsnider (grade 12) | Thea Gangewere (grade 10) |
| | Seth Geiger (grade 12) |
| | Megan Raifsnider (grade 12) |
| <u>Senior County Chorus</u> | |
| Charlotte Baumgard (grade 12) | |
| Allison Harmuth (grade 12) | |
| Michael Orth (grade 12) | |
| Megan Raifsnider (grade 12) | |
| Samantha Wails (grade 12) | |
| <u>District Chorus</u> | <u>District Band</u> |
| Michael Orth (grade 12) | Megan Raifsnider (grade 12) |

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County All-Star Jazz Band:

Chad Gangewere (Grade 12)

Member of the Berks County All-Star Jazz Band playing trombone. Playing at two events: 3/29 at Double Tree; 3/30 at Miller Center, as part of Berks Jazz Fest.

Junior County Chorus - performance April 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Boyertown Jr. High West Middle School.

Andrew Kerper (grade 9)

Ian Lucky (grade 7)

Aaron Raver (grade 9)

Joshua Searfoss (grade 9)

Gracie Torres (grade 9)

Junior County Band - performance April 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Boyertown Jr. High West Middle School.

Ian Lucky (grade 7)

Andrew Kerper (grade 9)

Aaron Raver (grade 9)

Wrestlers

Ian Vitalo - Wrestling Sectional Champion at the 139 weight class and qualified for the District III Championship; Colin Stoudt (172), Ethan Yoh (189), Christian Davila (215) also qualified for the District III Championship at Liberty High School the weekend of March 4.

Basketball

Boys Basketball at the District III Playoffs on February 20 – loss to Middletown 47-45.
Congratulations on a great season!

Bowling

Caitlin Reichert qualified for the District III Bowling Championship and Eastern Regional Championship.

Swimming

Annie Gao runner-up in the 50 Free and 3rd in the 100 Back at the Central Penn League Swim Championships.

District III Swim Qualifiers - Cumberland Valley High School, March 3-4, 2023

Hunter Moyer	Annie Gao	Nya Solvino
Dominic Leone	Emily Gao	Charlotte Wallace
Owen Eisenhofer	Abbey Griesemer	Lieland Wisniewski
David Kramer	Jenny Kirby	
Gabe Martin	Angela Leshner	
Jack Gambler	Ashleigh Mask	
Ben Bitting	Paige McKim	
Nico Solvino	Megan Raifsnider	

National Jr. Honor Society - Induction Ceremony held on February 23, 2023 at the Middle School.

National Honor Society - Induction Ceremony held on February 26, 2023 at the High School.

Mrs. Lash noted that one of her former Pre-K students, Kellie Ann Mauger, has had her first children's book, "*Captain*", published at the age of 12 through Amazon Publishing.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – *David E. Moll*

Mr. Moll thanked the Board members for their service to the district which is valued and appreciated.

2.2 SECRETARY – Linda R. Lash

No report.

2.3 BERKS COUNTY I.U. BOARD – Linda R. Lash

Mrs. Lash reported that their last meeting was held on February 16. She also attended the COLA meeting on February 21 with Dr. Taschner. This was an excellent meeting with Mrs. Noelle Ellerson Ng, Associate Executive Director, Advocacy and Governance, AASA as the featured speaker. She provided updates regarding education policy, legislation, and advocacy from a federal perspective. They also discussed State Mandates and a summary of the revisions to the mandates.

2.4 BERKS CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – George H. Mertz III

Mr. Mertz recognized the following Schuylkill Valley BCTC *Students of the Quarter*: Clayton Kunkleman, Welding Technology; Mason Machemer, Video & Media Content Production; Paige Clayton, Health Occupations; Kayla Shaw, Computer Systems Networking & Security; William Harper, Horticulture; Aiden Konetsky, Sports Medicine & Rehabilitative Therapy. The BCTC students were one of the four Pennsylvania schools chosen to build a handle that would eventually be used on the NASA Space Station. A NASA engineer visited the BCTC campus and met with the instructors and students on how the handle would be designed and to review the progress of the machine shop. They submitted their entry to NASA and, if chosen, BCTC West will be producing these handles for the International Space Station. They now have partnership with RACC for dual enrollment of students; the budget for the BCTC was approved and will be sent out to the sending districts. BCTC was one of two CTC's in the state to get an award for high proficiency on the NOCTI scores. The BCTC East Open House has been scheduled for March 8. In addition, they also have the highest early enrollment at 1,908 projected students.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – David E. Moll

Mr. Moll reported that the committee meets quarterly and their next meeting is in March.

2.6 PA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION LIAISON – Linda R. Lash

No report.

2.7 SCHUYLKILL VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION – Robert M. Dempsey

Mr. Dempsey reported that their last meeting was on February 15 and they continue to seek individuals to fill their remaining five board seats. Through lack of communication with the IRS, the IRS has rescinded their 501(c)(3) due to the foundation not submitting tax returns, and they are currently working on having this status reinstated. Their next meeting will be held on March 15.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Grant Miller, Bern Township – POP Musical Rehearsals/Ticket Sales
Cody Snyder, Centre Township – Digital Safety
John Newton, Ontelaunee Township – String Program for the District
Jim Keiser, Chief NBRPD – National Night Out

4.0 BOARD

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT

Monthly Reports

5.1 The following monthly reports have been provided to the Board:

5.1.1 Enrollment Year-To-Date

5.1.2 Principals' Dashboard Reports

Other (Old/New Business)

- 5.2 Dr. Taschner explained that she sent out communication today regarding the "swatting" incident that occurred in Berks County and how to discuss these topics with children. She was on a call today with the district attorney, John Adams, and other county superintendents. Mr. Adams spoke about what has been happening across the Commonwealth and is working with local police. Dr. Taschner stated that we will continue to keep everyone informed, and as a reminder, the district has protocols in place to keep our children safe.

6.0 **POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Summary of Committee Deliberations – George H. Mertz III

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2023, in the Auditorium of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 6.1 Approves the adoption of the annual calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 6.2 Accepts, with regret and best wishes for the future, the resignation of Ms. Amanda Wessner, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective January 30, 2023.
- 6.3 Approves the employment of the following (all elections are contingent upon receipt and district approval of all necessary pre-employment forms, certification, state-mandated physical examinations, clearances, etc.):
- 6.3.1 Spring coach for the 2022-23 school year:
- Mrs. Tina Moll - Assistant Boys Tennis Coach - Volunteer
- 6.3.2 Substitutes for the 2022-23 school year:
- Ms. Julie Flowers - Guest Teacher
Ms. Dorothea Weeks - Social Studies 7-12
Mr. Evan Cannon - Guest Teacher, Paraprofessional
Ms. Karen Rios - Food Services Worker
- 6.3.3 Volunteers for the 2022-23 school year:
- Tayfun Denk - ES
Megan Schappell - ES
Abigail Sisco – HS
Novalee Machemer – HS
Joyce Marrero – ES & HS

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the adoption of the annual calendar for the 2023-2024 school year; and to accept, with regret and best wishes for the future, the resignation of Ms. Amanda Wessner, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective January 30, 2023; and to approve the employment in Items 6.3.1 through and including 6.3.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.3.4** Mentor for the 2022-23 school year at a stipend of \$1,175.00 for full year mentors and \$587.50 for half year mentors:

Mrs. Kelly Musket for Mrs. Kelly Kauffman - Half Year

- 6.3.5** Transfer of Ms. Magdalena Twardenga Koss, from 4 hours per day Part-Time Lunchroom Aide to 6 hours per day Part-Time Food Services worker, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Amanda Wessner, effective February 13, 2023.

- 6.3.6** Transfer of Ms. Tiffany Rollman, from Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional to Substitute Paraprofessional, effective January 31, 2023.

- 6.3.7** Transfers effective February 1, 2023:

- Mrs. Lisa Lawson, Food Services Supervisor at the High School to Food Services Supervisor at the Elementary school.
- Mrs. Jennifer Mateo, Food Services Supervisor at the Elementary School to Food Services Supervisor at the High School.

- 6.3.8** Approves additional co-curricular assignments for the 2022-23 school year.

- 6.4** Approves the request from Ms. Marianne Potts, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the High School, to use eight consecutive unpaid days from March 10, 2023 through March 21, 2023.
- 6.5** Approves a leave of absence for Ms. Krista Sayer, Special Education Paraprofessional at the High School, effective February 9, 2023, through February 19, 2023.
- 6.6** Approves a leave of absence for Ms. Linda Hettrick, Custodian, effective January 13, 2023, through February 10, 2023.
- 6.7** Approves a leave of absence for Mr. Hunter Beane, 4th Grade Teacher at the Elementary School, effective February 14, 2023, through April 1, 2023.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the employment in Items 6.3.4 through and including 6.3.8, as presented; and to approve the request from Ms. Marianne Potts, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the High School, to use eight consecutive unpaid days from March 10, 2023 through March 21, 2023; and to approve the leaves of absence in Items 6.5 through and including 6.7, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.8** Approves the revisions to the Act 93 Non-Certified Agreement. The revision includes the addition of the Director of Technology.
- 6.9** Approves the conference request from Miss Stephanie Deibler to attend the Pennsylvania State Athletic Director's Association State Conference on March 22-24, 2023, at a cost of \$745.00.
- 6.10** Approves new Policy 827: Conflict of Interest.
- 6.11** Approves the revisions to Policy 249: Bullying/Cyberbullying.
- 6.12** Approves the creation of a High School Agricultural Science teaching Position. NOTE: This position will be funded from the Ready to Learn Grant.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the revisions to the Act 93 Non-Certified Agreement. The revision includes the addition of the Director of Technology; and to approve the conference request from Miss Stephanie Deibler to attend the Pennsylvania State Athletic Director's Association State Conference on March 22-24, 2023, at a cost of \$745.00; and to approve new Policy 827: Conflict of Interest; and to approve the revisions to Policy 249: Bullying/Cyberbullying; and to approve the creation of a High School Agricultural Science teaching Position. NOTE: This position will be funded from the Ready to Learn Grant.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.13 Other (Old/New Business)

Mr. Bendigo requested that Policy 004: Membership be updated for review at the March meeting.

7.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Summary of Committee Deliberations – G. Dane Miller

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2023, in the Auditorium of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 7.1** Approves the donation from Ashley Furniture Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$600.00, for a frequency generator, Arduino Analog Sensor Package, and Optics Expansion Kit. These will upgrade the technology and lab capabilities in our high school physics classroom.
- 7.2** Approves the proposal from Transfinder for the Routefinder Pro to Routefinder Plus implementation, at a cost of \$9,425.00.
- 7.3** Approves the changes in graduation requirements, as presented.
- 7.4** Approves the development and implementation of a HS Agricultural Program to begin effective the 2023-24 school year. The program will be funded through the Ready to Learn Grant, and the curriculum and coursework will follow the FFA ag programming and be presented to the Board at a later meeting.
- 7.5** Approves the 2023-24 SVHS Program of Studies document, with changes as presented by Mrs. Rexrode.
- 7.6** Approves the statement of work from the BCIU for the Language Arts Curriculum. NOTE: This work will be paid for through the Ready to Learn Grant.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the donation from Ashley Furniture Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$600.00, for a frequency generator, Arduino Analog Sensor Package, and Optics Expansion Kit. These will upgrade the technology and lab capabilities in our high school physics classroom; and to approve the proposal from Transfinder for the Routefinder Pro to Routefinder Plus implementation, at a cost of \$9,425.00; and to approve the changes in graduation requirements, as presented; and to approve the development and implementation of a HS Agricultural Program to begin effective the 2023-24 school year. The program will be funded through the Ready to Learn Grant, and the curriculum and coursework will follow the FFA ag

programming and be presented to the Board at a later meeting; and to approve the 2023-24 SVHS Program of Studies document, with changes as presented by Mrs. Rexrode; and to approve the statement of work from the BCIU for the Language Arts Curriculum. NOTE: This work will be paid for through the Ready to Learn Grant.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.7 Approves the proposal from SapphireK12, Inc. for OneRoster API Integration prorated at \$241.15, including a one-time charge of \$75.00 for training. OneRoster API Integration will be invoiced annually at the regular rate of \$480.00.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the proposal from SapphireK12, Inc. for OneRoster API Integration prorated at \$241.15, including a one-time charge of \$75.00 for training. OneRoster API Integration will be invoiced annually at the regular rate of \$480.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Paul L. Bendigo

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2023, in the Auditorium of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 8.1 Approves/ratifies the payment of bills in the following amounts from January 13, 2023, to February 28, 2023, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$1,351,082.71
CAFETERIA FUND	\$78,648.68
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	\$432,062.96
MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND	\$12,157.55
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,873,951.90

- 8.2 Approves the exoneration of the school district tax collectors from collecting unpaid July 2022 Real Estate Taxes which are delinquent after December 31, 2022, and the Board approve submitting the taxes to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collections. There are 153 bills totaling \$478,211.15 (last year there were 180 bills totaling \$451,521.28).
- 8.3 Approves the district's share of the Berks County Intermediate Unit's annual operating budget for the 2023-24 school year, in the amount of \$33,937.44.
- 8.4 Approves the use of Vanco Education's system for the online collection fees.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from January 13, 2023, to February 28, 2023, as presented; and to approve the exoneration of the school district tax collectors from collecting unpaid July 2022 Real Estate Taxes which are delinquent after December 31, 2022,

and the Board approve submitting the taxes to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collections. There are 153 bills totaling \$478,211.15 (last year there were 180 bills totaling \$451,521.28); and to approve the district's share of the Berks County Intermediate Unit's annual operating budget for the 2023-24 school year, in the amount of \$33,937.44; and to approve the use of Vanco Education's system for the online collection fees.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8.5 Other (Old/New Business)

Mr. Moll noted that there will be a special budget meeting scheduled in March.

9.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met at 7:48 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2023 in the Auditorium of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 9.1** Approves Change Order #2-6-103916.0008 for the elementary school HVAC upgrade and high school rooftop unit project authorizing Shannon A. Smith Inc. to provide for additional equipment disconnects, at a cost of \$3,199.90, per Shannon A. Smith's change order dated January 26, 2023.
- 9.2** Approves the request from Northern Berks Regional Police Department for the Schuylkill Valley campus to be used for 2023 National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, and to waive the facility usage fees, pending receipt of the online Use of School Facilities information.
- 9.3** BE IT RESOLVED that the Schuylkill Valley School District hereby authorizes to approve the acceptance of responsible low-bid contract and approved Alternate Bid items, to award the following construction contract for the project known as Emergency Generator Upgrades for Schuylkill Valley School District, contingent upon receipt of bonds, insurance, and necessary agency approvals.

Contract No. 1. Electrical Construction – Pagoda Electrical, Inc. accept a base bid of \$895,000.00 and Alternate E-2:

E-2 Provide Individual Data Cabling: \$100,000.00

Rejecting all other alternates, for a final contract price of \$995,000.00

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST - \$995,000.00

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by George Mertz to approve the Change Order #2-6-103916.0008 for the elementary school HVAC upgrade and high school rooftop unit project authorizing Shannon A. Smith Inc. to provide for additional equipment disconnects, at a cost of \$3,199.90, per Shannon A. Smith's change order dated January 26, 2023; and to approve the request from Northern Berks Regional Police Department for the Schuylkill Valley campus to be used for 2023 National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, and to waive the facility usage fees, pending receipt of the online Use of School Facilities information; and to approve the resolution in Item 9.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.4** BE IT RESOLVED that the Schuylkill Valley School District, hereby authorizes to approve the acceptance of responsible low-bid contracts and approved Alternate Bid items, to award the following construction contracts for the project known as Indoor Swimming Pool Renovation at Schuylkill Valley Middle School for Schuylkill Valley School District, to be paid for from a portion of the bond issue that was secured by the District in 2020, contingent upon receipt of bonds, insurance, and necessary agency approvals.

Contract No. 1. General Construction – eciConstruction LLC accept Base Bid of \$1,868,000.00 and all Alternates as listed below:

AQ-1 Reconfigure Pool Bowl, Drains and Piping	\$326,800.00
AQ-2 New Diving Board and Foundation	\$ 31,800.00
G-1 Replace Doors and Frames	\$ 30,700.00
G-2 Wire Cable Balcony Guardrail	\$ 60,400.00
G-3 Painting of Existing Pool Area	\$ 10,800.00

for a final contract price of **\$2,328,500.00.**

Contract No. 2. HVAC Construction – Shannon A. Smith, Inc. accept Base Bid of \$339,234.00 and no alternates for a final contract price of **\$339,234.00.**

Contract No. 3. Plumbing Construction – Vision Mechanical, Inc. accept Base Bid of \$54,858.00 and no alternates for a final contract price of **\$54,858.00.**

Contract No. 4. Electrical Construction – Pagoda Electrical, Inc. accept Base Bid of \$80,000.00 and no alternates for a final contract price of **\$80,000.00.**

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST - \$2,802,592.00

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the resolution in Item 9.4, as presented.

Mr. Dempsey stated that in regard to the painting, the statement was made at the February 20 committee meeting that everything would be painted white. Mr. Rossi clarified that everything that is currently in white will remain white, and the accent colors will be repainted. Mr. Dempsey noted he was referring to the façade as the picture in the proposed rendering shows the façade as being painted red and he wanted it clarified that would be done. Mr. Blankenbiller asked if he was referring to the façade on the front side of the balcony on the drawing and Mr. Dempsey stated that was correct. Mr. Blankenbiller stated that it was currently blue and green and those two areas will be repainted and all of the blue and green acoustical panels that are on the walls get repainted. All of the white walls and white areas stay “as is” and do not get repainted as they are in good shape; all of the blue and green accents will get repainted. Mr. Dempsey thanked Mr. Blankenbiller for clarifying. Mr. Dempsey added that generally when doing some type of expenditure like this, is where the money is coming from to finance or fund this project. He doesn't believe this has been discussed publicly and that it should be part of the resolution as to where the funding is coming from. Mr. Rossi stated that he would make a friendly amendment to Item 9.4, adding that this would be paid from a portion of the bond issue that was secured by the District in 2020.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.5 Approves the settlement of the dispute arising from Change Order Request No. 1 by increasing MYCO Mechanical, Inc.'s contract sum by the amount of \$138,500.00, authorizing the Administration and Solicitor's Office to finalize the terms of the settlement in a written agreement, and authorizing Dr. Taschner to sign the written settlement agreement on behalf of the School District.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the settlement of the dispute arising from Change Order Request No. 1 by increasing MYCO Mechanical, Inc.'s contract sum by the amount of \$138,500.00, authorizing the Administration and Solicitor's Office to finalize the terms of the settlement in a written agreement, and authorizing Dr. Taschner to sign the written settlement agreement on behalf of the School District.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.6 **Other (Old/New Business)**

Mr. Rossi asked for further information on the auditorium chair that was mentioned by Grant Miller when he addressed the Board. Mr. Mertz stated that he is very disappointed with the amount of change orders that have come through for approval. Most of them were required but were missed by what he considers unsatisfactory review of the documents and bid packages, it gives a false sense of what the job will cost, and he finds it unacceptable. Mr. Rossi added that change orders are not an overpayment by the district, but are something that was missed during the bidding that the contractor was not able to account for up front. These items always had to be done however the pricing for it was missed. Overall, on our bond issue, we're doing really well. Even though we've had quite a few change orders on the current projects, we're still running at about 3-5% above the bid cost, and in all cases we're below what our estimated costs were when trying to secure the bonds.

10.0 **STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Nicoleen M. Kleffel

The Student Services and Activities Committee met at 8:11 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2023, in the Auditorium of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 10.1 Approves the HS cheerleading team to attend a competition. All costs for the trip will be paid by the participants and the SV Cheerleading Booster Club.
- 10.2 Approves an overnight trip for our Art HERstory class in the 2023-24 school year.
- 10.3 Approves the HS girls lacrosse team to attend the Olivet's Boys and Girls Club camp on March 10-12, 2023, for training purposes. All costs for the camp will be paid by the participants and the SV Girls Lacrosse Booster Club.
- 10.4 Approves the Star Readers program at the elementary school. Star Readers is the tutoring component of the Ready.Set.READ! initiative. Through the United Way, Star Readers partners with participating schools, teachers and parents in Berks County to provide supplemental tutoring assistance to early grade readers. Tutors provide their own materials to facilitate tutoring; this program is of no cost to the district.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.5** Approves the agreement with Buck Hollow Llamas Inc. for three (3) educational sessions at the elementary school on March 1, 2023, at a cost of \$425.00.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the agreement with Buck Hollow Llamas Inc. for three (3) educational sessions at the elementary school on March 1, 2023, at a cost of \$425.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.6 Other (Old/New Business)

Mrs. Lash stated that she has enjoyed many POP productions, encouraged everyone to attend their latest production at the end of March, and noted that the Board does support the arts at SV. Dr. Taschner read a note from Mrs. Makosch on her vision for this year's production and noted that they appreciate everything she is doing this year with POP. Dr. Taschner thanked Mr. Blankenbiller for reviewing the high school stage with our architect along with the lighting and sound. The review also included what it would cost to replace the high school auditorium seats and flooring, and a comprehensive review of the entire auditorium.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Moll announced that there would be an executive session immediately following the meeting for personnel and legal matters.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors