

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

MINUTES

August 15, 2022

- 1.0 The Special Meeting was called to order at 8:22 p.m. by the Board President, David E. Moll, held 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, Nicoleen M. Kleffel, Linda R. Lash, George H. Mertz III, G. Dane Miller, David E. Moll, Bryan J. O'Donnell, Alfonso F. Rossi

Board Member Robert M. Dempsey was not physically present but participated and voted via speakerphone.

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cathy Taschner, Dr. Janet Heilman, Michael Billman, Casey Blankenbiller, Dr. Melissa Brewer, Robin Brightbill, Diane Kaag, Dr. Joshua Kuehner, Dr. Shannon O'Donnell, Jenny Rexrode, Jason Williams

2.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Roxanne McMurtry, Centre Township – Elementary School HVAC Project
Kelly Steinke, Bern Township – Elementary School HVAC Project
Daniel Yobb, Ontelaunee Township – Elementary School HVAC Project
Lauren Matthews, SVEA President – Working Conditions for Staff

3.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

3.1 Employment

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.):

- 3.1.1** Mr. Jacob Ford, Social Studies Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the High School, \$52,053 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the sabbatical leave of Ms. Stacy DeMott, effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year through approximately January 18, 2023.
- 3.1.2** Miss Bailey Miller, Social Studies Teacher at the High School, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$52,053 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Jennifer Boyer, effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year.
- 3.1.3** Ms. Anna Neuhard, English/ELA Teacher at the Middle School, Master's, Step 3, \$60,392, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Abby Maulick, effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year.

- 3.1.4 Mr. Devin Schlottman, Full-Time Custodian, at an hourly rate of pay of \$14.00, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Steven Hoptley, effective August 8, 2022.
- 3.1.5 Mr. R. Keith Worrell, Jr., Chemistry Teacher at the High School, Bachelor's, Step 10, \$60,534 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Joanna Miller, effective pending release from current assignment.
- 3.1.6 Bus drivers utilized by Eshelman Transportation for the 2022-23 school year.
- 3.1.7 Bus routes established by Eshelman Transportation for the 2022-23 school year.
- 3.1.8 Employee transfers effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year:

Ms. Courtney Smith, Special Education Teacher at the Middle School to Special Education Teacher at the Elementary School.
- 3.1.9 Appointment of Dr. Janet C. Heilman as School Safety and Security Coordinator as per Act 44 of 2018, effective August 16, 2022. The School Safety and Security Coordinator is tasked with reviewing the school entity's policies and procedures, coordinating training, and resources for students and staff, coordinating school safety and security assessments, making reports to the Board of School Directors on current safety and security practices of the school, and serving as the liaison to the School Safety and Security Committee, PDE, law enforcement and other organizations on matters of school safety and security. Details on these duties can be found in Section 1309-B of Act 44.
- 3.1.10 Mrs. Amy Heinz, Special Education Secretary, at an hourly rate of \$16.72, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Cindy Roden.
- 3.1.11 Miss Cassidy Reel, Kindergarten Teacher at the Elementary School, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$52,053 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Jade Gery, effective pending release from current assignment.
- 3.1.12 Mrs. Stephanie Good, Special Education Teacher at the Middle School, Bachelor's, Step 2, \$53,163, (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Ms. Courtney Smith, effective date to be determined.
- 3.1.13 Miss Sheila Long, Music Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the Middle School, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$52,053, (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the sabbatical leave of absence for Mr. Scott Piergrossi, effective for the 2022-23 school year.

- 3.2 Approves the Agreement and Release for Employee #1719 as proposed, and further, authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Agreement and Release on behalf of the District.

Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Items 3.1.1 through and including 3.1.13, as presented; and to approve the Agreement and Release for Employee #1719 in Item 3.2, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

- 4.1 Approves the proposal from Sapphire Software for creation of Sapphire export files needed to implement Clever single sign-on and rostering, at a cost of \$800.
- 4.2 Approves the proposal from Supreme Asset Management and Recycling, for the recycling/disposal of TV's and VCR's, at a cost not to exceed \$1,980.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve proposal from Sapphire Software for creation of Sapphire export files needed to implement Clever single sign-on and rostering, at a cost of \$800; and to approve the proposal from Supreme Asset Management and Recycling, for the recycling/disposal of TV's and VCR's, at a cost not to exceed \$1,980.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

5.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

- 5.1 Approves ratification of the transportation contract extension proposal from Eshelman Transportation from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.
- 5.2 Approves ratifying the agreement with School Operation Services Group Inc., for administrative consulting services for the business office, from August 3, 2022 through December 30, 2022, as presented.

Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve ratification of the transportation contract extension proposal from Eshelman Transportation from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027; and to approve ratification of the agreement with School Operation Services Group Inc., for administrative consulting services for the business office, from August 3, 2022 through December 30, 2022, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

6.1 Change Orders

- 6.1.1 Approves Change Order #3-2-103916.0008 for the elementary school HVAC project authorizing Myco Mechanical to provide temporary HVAC units, at a cost of \$69,281.50, per Myco Mechanical's change order request dated August 3, 2022.

The District's approval of this change order is to ensure that students and staff have temporary heating and cooling due to the contractor's failure to meet equipment timelines as was warranted by the contractor. The approval of this change order does not waive or alter the District's right to recover payment, costs, and any related fees related to this or any previous change order.

Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Linda Lash to approve Change Order #3-2-103916.0008 for the elementary school HVAC project authorizing Myco Mechanical to provide temporary HVAC units, at a cost of \$69,281.50, per Myco Mechanical's change order request dated August 3, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

- 6.1.2** Approves Change Order #3-3-103916.0008 for the elementary school HVAC project authorizing Myco Mechanical to provide a kitchen office VAV diffuser and ductwork to replace the removed fan coil, at a cost of \$2,449.14, per Myco Mechanical's change order request dated August 3, 2022.

Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve Change Order #3-3-103916.0008 for the elementary school HVAC project authorizing Myco Mechanical to provide a kitchen office VAV diffuser and ductwork to replace the removed fan coil, at a cost of \$2,449.14, per Myco Mechanical's change order request dated August 3, 2022.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.1.3** Approves Change Order #1-1-103916.0008 for the elementary school HVAC project authorizing Balton Construction to provide HVAC louver infill in 55 locations to accommodate portable air conditioning units, at a cost of \$21,288.32, per Balton Construction's change order request dated August 1, 2022.

The District's approval of this change order is to ensure that students and staff have temporary heating and cooling due to the HVAC contractor's failure to meet equipment timelines as was warranted by the HVAC contractor. The approval of this change order does not waive or alter the District's right to recover payment, costs, and any related fees related to this or any previous change order.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve Change Order #1-1-103916.0008 for the elementary school HVAC project authorizing Balton Construction to provide HVAC louver infill in 55 locations to accommodate portable air conditioning units, at a cost of \$21,288.32, per Balton Construction's change order request dated August 1, 2022.

The District's approval of this change order is to ensure that students and staff have temporary heating and cooling due to the HVAC contractor's failure to meet equipment timelines as was warranted by the HVAC contractor. The approval of this change order does not waive or alter the District's right to recover payment, costs, and any related fees related to this or any previous change order.

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

Motion carried.

- 6.1.4** Approves Change Order #2-3-103916.0008 for the elementary school HVAC project authorizing Shannon A. Smith Inc. to furnish materials and labor to install 15 additional fixtures and associated branch circuits within the administration area, at a cost of \$6,732.12, per Shannon A. Smith's change order request dated July 29, 2022.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve Change Order #2-3-103916.0008 for the elementary school HVAC project authorizing Shannon A. Smith Inc. to furnish materials and labor to install 15 additional fixtures and associated branch circuits within the administration area, at a cost of \$6,732.12, per Shannon A. Smith's change order request dated July 29, 2022.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.0 STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

- 7.1** Approves the cooperative sponsorship sport agreement between the Schuylkill Valley School District and The King's Academy, effective with the 2022-2023 school year. The agreement will remain effective through the 2023-2024 school year after which it will be subject to review by both school districts and the PIAA. The agreement shall not extend beyond June 30, 2024, unless extended in writing signed by both parties.

Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Dane Miller to approve the cooperative sponsorship sport agreement between the Schuylkill Valley School District and The King's Academy, effective with the 2022-2023 school year. The agreement will remain effective through the 2023-2024 school year after which it will be subject to review by both school districts and the PIAA. The agreement shall not extend beyond June 30, 2024, unless extended in writing signed by both parties.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel 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 8:44 p.m.


Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors