

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

MINUTES

August 1, 2022

- 1.0 **The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, Robert M. Dempsey, Linda R. Lash, George H. Mertz III, G. Dane Miller, David E. Moll

Board Member Alfonso F. Rossi was not physically present but participated and voted via speakerphone.

Members Absent: Nicoleen M. Kleffel, Brian J. O'Donnell

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Treasurer: John L. Reedy (not present)

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cathy Taschner, Dr. Janet Heilman, Michael Billman, Casey Blankenbiller

2.0 **PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No one addressed the Board.

3.0 **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

- 3.1 The Board is requested to consider and approve change order #1-2-103916.0008 in the amount of \$7,466.32. This change order is for removal of the base on the existing cabinets in classrooms and to install new rubber base on the left of the unit ventilators.

**Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Linda Lash to approve change order #1-2-103916.0008 in the amount of \$7,466.32. This change order is for removal of the base on the existing cabinets in classrooms and to install new rubber base on the left of the unit ventilators.**

Mr. Miller asked what the committee recommendation was on all four of the items on the agenda. Mr. Mertz stated that the committee is in favor of the four items. There was a question on Item 3.2, however this is an unforeseen circumstance as this was not done properly when the school was built (part of it was scope and part of it wasn't). Had it been done properly from the start it would not need to be on the agenda, but unfortunately, we can't go back to when the school was built. Mrs. Lash asked if this was due to the bases being worn or if something needed to be changed. Mr. Blankenbiller explained that normally when you have cabinets installed, the cabinets are screwed into the wall, screwed into each other and then shimmed up. When these cabinets were installed, instead of screwing them to each other, they placed 2x4's into the floor and screwed in through the cabinet into the 2x4, and then covered the 2x4 with the cove base.

In order to remove those cabinets, they had to pull the cove base off and it was ruined because it was glued on. There are 48 classrooms plus a few others that need new cove base on the left-hand side of the units that were removed. This change order is for Balton Construction at the elementary school.

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 3.2 The Board is requested to consider and approve change order #1-3-103916.0008 in the amount of \$10,990.94. This change order is for the supplementary steel and masonry infill to address a structural concern.

**Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve change order #1-3-103916.0008 in the amount of \$10,990.94. This change order is for the supplementary steel and masonry infill to address a structural concern.**

Mr. Blankenbiller noted that this change order is for Balton Construction at the elementary school.

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 3.3 The Board is requested to consider and approve change order #2-1-103916.0008 in the amount of (\$3,387.32). This change order is a credit for the relocation of the electrical panel.

**Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve change order #2-1-103916.0008 in the amount of (\$3,387.32). This change order is a credit for the relocation of the electrical panel.**

Mr. Blankenbiller noted that this change order is for Shannon A. Smith, Inc. at the high school.

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 3.4 The Board is requested to consider and approve change order #2-2-103916.0008 in the amount of \$2,113.86. This change order is to furnish materials and labor to install four additional B1 fixtures and the associated power feed. These fixtures are in the high school library and are used for emergency lighting.

**Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve change order #2-2-103916.0008 in the amount of \$2,113.86. This change order is to furnish materials and labor to install four additional B1 fixtures and the associated power feed. These fixtures are in the high school library and are used for emergency lighting.**

Mr. Blankenbiller explained that this will also be on another change order in a week or two. The high school library has existing fixtures that have a small halogen bulb inside the fixture so that when the power goes out the generator activates that bulb. The fixtures are 277 volts and the halogen bulb is 120 volts, therefore they can't use the fixtures that they spec'd during construction for emergency lighting. There were 16 of these fixtures initially and they went back and looked at the design on what is required by code for egress reasons and they're able to do 4 fixtures in the library because it's an open space. That is what this change order is for and there will be another one coming for the elementary school administrative office areas and the nurses suite. The same fixture was in there, unknown that there were two different electrical feeds feeding that voltage wise, so they weren't able to do what they needed to do with the fixtures that we had spec'd for the

LED lights. Mr. Bendigo asked who wrote the specs for that and Mr. Blankenbiller stated that it would have probably been Shamenek Engineering. We used the same fixtures as we did in the high school office. In the high school office, he added one fixture for that space because it was such a small space and we did those lights in-house. Mr. Blankenbiller noted that this change order is for Shannon A. Smith, Inc. at the high school.

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Moll announced that there would be an executive session immediately following the meeting for a personnel matter.

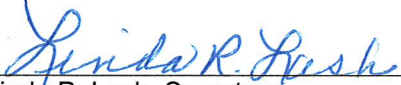
**5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

  
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Linda R. Lash, Secretary  
Board of School Directors