

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

MINUTES

May 23, 2022

1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Nicoleen M. Kleffel, Linda R. Lash, David E. Moll, Alfonso F. Rossi

Members Absent: Robert M. Dempsey, George H. Mertz III, G. Dane Miller, Bryan 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, Dr. Melissa Brewer, Robin Brightbill, Diane Kaag, Jason Williams

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 25, 2022, and the special meeting of May 16, 2022, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Moll reported that the Board met in executive session on April 25, 2022, following the Board meeting, for negotiations, and on May 23, 2022, prior to the Board meeting, for negotiations.

1.5 RECOGNITION

SV Special Track and Field Invitational

On Tuesday, May 10, 2022, Schuylkill Valley students participated in the Schuylkill Valley Special Track and Field Invitational along with students representing Antietam, Brandywine Heights, Conrad Weiser, Oley Valley, Reading's 13th & Green Elementary, and BCIU's PAL Program for a total of over 145 athletes. Ms. Dana Carter, middle school learning support teacher, was present to recognize students who competed in the events and also presented a slideshow with highlights of the day. She thanked the Schuylkill Valley community for their continued support of this yearly event, and also the parents of the student athletes who participated.

Retiring Staff

The Board extends sincere thanks and best wishes to retiring staff members for their service in education and to the Schuylkill Valley School district:

Mr. James Campbell	Paraprofessional	12 years
Mr. Matthew Cullen	Technology Education Teacher	30.5 years
Mr. Jeffrey Evans	Social Studies Teacher	31 years
Mrs. Colleen Hodnik	Kindergarten Teacher	38 years
Ms. Marilyn Houghton	Paraprofessional	14 years
Mrs. Cynthia Roden	Special Education Secretary	21 years
Ms. Lisbeth Schreiber	Special Education Teacher	20 years
Mrs. Laura Shuman	Food Services Supervisor	21.5 years
Mrs. Jane Sigoda	5 th Grade Teacher	33 years

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – *David E. Moll*

No report.

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 May 19. The BCIU is in the process of installing WiFi on 147 of their buses funded through a grant. They are using Verizon and T-Mobile for their cell service to help bridge the gap for people that do not have internet service in the county.

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

No report.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *David E. Moll*

No report.

2.6 PA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION LIAISON – *Linda R. Lash*

Mrs. Lash reported that she virtually attended the liaison and board presidents' meeting. Mr. Nathan Mains, PSBA CEO, was the main speaker. He discussed PSBA joining with other states across the country to start a new organization with more information to follow. Last week's meeting was in regard to the PA State of Education Report for 2022. Survey information of 275 school districts (55% response rate) showed that 75% of districts anticipate staffing shortages to be their biggest challenge in 2022; 99% of school districts report experiencing a shortage of substitute teachers, while roughly 80% of districts reported shortages in instructional aides and drivers. The mandatory charter school tuition payments was one of the top sources of budget pressure for the third consecutive year for school districts. Pennsylvania ranks 7th out of the 50 states in public school enrollment with 1.73 million children enrolled in our schools. Pennsylvania ranks 40 out of 50 for decreasing enrollment between the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, with a decrease of only 1.62%.

2.7 SCHUYLKILL VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION – *Robert M. Dempsey*

Dr. Taschner reported that the foundation has put together a website with the help of Miss Danielle Sebulsky which will be available and will be linked to the SV website. Their 501(c)(3) documents are in order. They are planning a mixer to let the community know about the foundation and what it will be striving to do. She thanked Miss Sebulsky for all of her work on the logo and website.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Beth Hoover, Bern Township – District/Board Concerns
Stephanie Distasio, Bern Township – Staff Treatment/Valuing Staff
Kelly Steinke, Bern Township – Staff Turnover Rate/Staff Treatment

4.0 BOARD

Ratification of Action Taken

4.1 The Board is requested to recommend ratification of all action taken by the Board at the Board meeting held virtually on May 16, 2022.

PSBA 2022 Delegate Assembly Participant

4.2 The annual PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference will be held October 31 - November 1, 2022, and the PSBA Delegate Assembly will be held on November 5, 2022.

The Board is requested to consider appointing Mrs. Linda Lash as the PSBA delegate assembly participant representing the school district on November 5, 2022.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve ratification of all action taken by the Board at the Board meeting held virtually on May 16, 2022; and to appoint Mrs. Linda Lash as the PSBA delegate assembly participant representing the school district on November 5, 2022.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

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
- 5.1.3 Dropout Report

Superintendent's Update

5.2 Dr. Taschner stated that it's been an exciting month. There are numerous works of art by the students throughout our buildings and she encouraged everyone to visit our social media platforms to take a look at all of the great artwork. She has attended many concerts and is so impressed by the work of our music teachers and the talent of our students. There were also events for Girls on the Run, High School Students of the Month, and many athletic events including track and field at districts, and boys lacrosse making their first appearance in a playoff game. She attended the softball banquet on May 21 with a cafeteria full of families and coaches. She reminded everyone about the following events: 5th/6th grade concert on May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the HS Auditorium; the PowderPuff Game on May 24 at 7 p.m. in the stadium; and the 7th/8th grade concert on May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the HS Auditorium. On May 27, our high school students will be participating in the Mini-Thon from 2 p.m. to midnight. She noted that she can't speak highly enough about the many great things that happen in our district on a daily basis. They occur because of the efforts of teachers, parents, students, administrators, and even our Board members, who give their time to volunteer. Finally, we're looking forward to a great end of the year and an exciting graduation for the Class of 2022. Dr. Taschner thanked everyone for their continued support and efforts as we continue to move forward together.

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, May 16, 2022, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

6.1 Accepts, with best wishes for the future, the following resignation due to retirement effective with the last day of the 2021-22 school term unless otherwise noted:

6.1.1 Mrs. Cynthia Roden, Full-Time Special Education Secretary, effective June 30, 2022.

6.2 Accepts, with regret and best wishes for the future, the following resignations:

6.2.1 Mr. Zane Bachert, Special Education Teacher at the High School, effective with the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year.

6.2.2 Mrs. Danielle Neuin, 3rd Grade Teacher, effective with the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year.

6.2.3 Mr. Richard Rothenberger, Jr., Part-Time Lunchroom Aide at the Elementary School, effective April 28, 2022.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Paul Bendigo to accept with best wishes for the future, the resignation due to retirement in Item 6.1.1, as presented; and to accept the resignations in Items 6.2.1 through and including 6.2.3, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

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 Mrs. Arianna Bressler, Special Education Teacher at the High School, MS+12, Step 8, \$69,971, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Ms. LisBeth Schreiber, effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year.

6.3.2 Additional bus drivers utilized by Eshelman Transportation for the 2021-22 school year:

- Ms. Danielle Brady - Van
- Ms. Kimberly Grant - Van
- Mr. Brian Craze - Van
- Ms. Kelly Baumgartle - Van

6.3.3 Substitutes for the 2021-22 school year:

- Ms. Julia Stricker Paraprofessional
- Ms. Abigail Searfoss Paraprofessional
- Ms. Skylar Gerner Elementary Education PK-4
- Mr. Hunter Mountz Guest Teacher

- 6.3.4 Mentor for the 2021-22 school year at a stipend of \$1,175.00 for full year mentors and \$587.50 for half year mentors:
- Ms. Corriann Myers for Miss Danielle Green – Half Year
- 6.3.5 Additional Co-curricular assignment for 2021-22 school year:
- Mrs. Crystal Cammauf / Sophomore Class Advisor
- Note: Mrs. Cammauf was inadvertently left off the list of 2021-22 assignments.
- 6.3.6 The two-year appointment of Dr. Cathy L. Taschner, Superintendent of Schools, to the Executive Board of the Berks County Health Consortium.
- 6.3.7 Mrs. Susan Christman as the recording secretary to the Board of School Directors, to be paid \$125 per meeting for the 2022-23 school year.
- 6.3.8 Mr. John Reedy as the treasurer to the Board of School Directors for the 2022-23 school year.
- 6.3.9 Extended school year (ESY) staff, with teachers and homebound instructors to be paid at the professional hourly rate of \$27, per the SVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement; paraprofessionals and substitute paraprofessionals to be paid at their regular hourly rate:

- Stephanie Good – Teacher
- Danielle Green – Teacher
- Sue Raynes – Teacher
- Corriann Myers – Substitute Teacher
- Marlene Biros – Paraprofessional
- Deb Bittner – Paraprofessional
- Jo Ellen Pritz – Paraprofessional
- Krista Sayer – Paraprofessional
- Heather Weller – Paraprofessional
- Sharon Witman - Paraprofessional

- 6.3.10 Mr. Scott Horning, Part-Time IT Intern, at an hourly rate of \$14.75, for continued employment in support of the district's technology, and preparing and implementing live-streaming of the district's monthly School Board meetings, effective July 1, 2022, through the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year.
- 6.3.11 Head coaches (fall and winter only) for the 2022-23 school year.
- 6.3.12 Job Description for the position of Digital Media Intern.
- 6.3.13 Dr. James Whitaker, School Psychologist, Doc., Step 16, \$88,194 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Danielle Smyre, effective date to be determined.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the employment in Items 6.3.1 through and including 6.3.13, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.4 Approves the personal leave of absence for Mr. John Reedy, Director of Business Management and Operations, effective April 27, 2022, through June 1, 2022.
- 6.5 Approves the request from Mr. Anthony Deininger for a non-paid 90-hour Part-Time Internship from approximately May 31, 2022, to August 11, 2022, as part of Mr. Deininger's graduate student in instructional technology specialist certification program with Kutztown University.
- 6.6 Approves the agreement with Frontline Education for its Professional Learning Management product, at a total cost of \$4,900.00 for 2021-22, and \$6,600.00 for the period of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the personal leave of absence for Mr. John Reedy, Director of Business Management and Operations, effective April 27, 2022, through June 1, 2022; and to approve the request from Mr. Anthony Deininger for a non-paid 90-hour Part-Time Internship from approximately May 31, 2022, to August 11, 2022, as part of Mr. Deininger's graduate student in instructional technology specialist certification program with Kutztown University; and to approve the agreement with Frontline Education for its Professional Learning Management product, at a total cost of \$4,900.00 for 2021-22, and \$6,600.00 for the period of 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.7 Approves the childrearing leave request from Mrs. Paige Figueroa, English Teacher at the High School, effective May 12, 2022, through the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year.
- 6.8 Approves the Undergraduate Internship Affiliation Agreement between The Pennsylvania State University and the Schuylkill Valley School District, for the purpose of education and training undergraduate interns from the University, effective August 22, 2022 through December 9, 2022.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the childrearing leave request from Mrs. Paige Figueroa, English Teacher at the High School, effective May 12, 2022, through the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year; and to approve the Undergraduate Internship Affiliation Agreement between The Pennsylvania State University and the Schuylkill Valley School District, for the purpose of education and training undergraduate interns from the University, effective August 22, 2022 through December 9, 2022.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

7.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Summary of Committee Deliberations – G. Dane Miller

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 6:56 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 7.1 Approves the Ed Tech Pool Counsel Joint Consortium 2022-23 Letter of Intent Agreement to share consulting services, provided by the law firm of Sweet, Stevens, Katz, & Williams, LLP

regarding technology-related legal issues in education, at a shared cost of \$550.00 annually. The 2021-22 annual shared cost was \$615.00.

- 7.2 Approves the machinery maintenance agreement with Shop Specialties Inc., for the high school wood shop, for the 2022-23 school year, in the amount of \$1,800.00.
- 7.3 Approves the service contract with Don Kauffman’s Sewing Machines, for the middle school and high school, for the 2022-23 school year, at a cost of \$40.00 per machine for 35 machines, plus parts as needed.
- 7.4 Approves the request from Dr. Elizabeth Schucker to conduct a research study at the middle school, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the Ed Tech Pool Counsel Joint Consortium 2022-23 Letter of Intent Agreement to share consulting services, provided by the law firm of Sweet, Stevens, Katz, & Williams, LLP regarding technology-related legal issues in education, at a shared cost of \$550.00 annually. The 2021-22 annual shared cost was \$615.00; and to approve the machinery maintenance agreement with Shop Specialties Inc., for the high school wood shop, for the 2022-23 school year, in the amount of \$1,800.00; and to approve the service contract with Don Kauffman’s Sewing Machines, for the middle school and high school, for the 2022-23 school year, at a cost of \$40.00 per machine for 35 machines, plus parts as needed; and to approve the request from Dr. Elizabeth Schucker to conduct a research study at the middle school, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Paul L. Bendigo

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022.

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 April 1, 2022, to May 24, 2022, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$1,687,767.55
CAFETERIA FUND	\$62,920.47
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$9,398.22
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	\$27,667.61
TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUND	\$360.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,788,113.85

- 8.2 Approves the Unum Long-Term Disability Plan renewal for 2022-23.
- 8.3 Approves ratification of the professional services agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit to provide payroll services on behalf of the district, at the rate of \$60/hour, from April 25, 2022, through June 30, 2022, with the option to extend the agreement, as presented.

- 8.4 Approves the agreement between the Berks Career & Technology Center and the District to fully administer the 2022-2023 Free & Reduced Lunch program for applicable Schuylkill Valley students.
- 8.5 Approves the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District and Kades-Margolis Corporation relating to the implementation and enrollment for the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Flexible Spending Program for the Schuylkill Valley School District.
- 8.6 Approves the April 2022 budget transfers in the amount of \$332,340.

Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Linda Lash to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from April 1, 2022, to May 24, 2022, as presented; and to approve the Unum Long-Term Disability Plan renewal for 2022-23; and to approve ratification of the professional services agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit to provide payroll services on behalf of the district, at the rate of \$60/hour, from April 25, 2022, through June 30, 2022, with the option to extend the agreement, as presented; and to approve the agreement between the Berks Career & Technology Center and the District to fully administer the 2022-2023 Free & Reduced Lunch program for applicable Schuylkill Valley students; and to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District and Kades-Margolis Corporation relating to the implementation and enrollment for the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Flexible Spending Program for the Schuylkill Valley School District; and to approve the April 2022 budget transfers in the amount of \$332,340.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met at 7:39 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 9.1 Approves the purchase of paint and materials for the baseball dug outs, at a cost not to exceed \$800, conditionally on the provision of use of a waiver of liability should volunteers be used, and a review of contractor costs.
- 9.2 Approves the purchase of grandstands for the baseball field, at a cost not to exceed \$6,600 per grandstand.
- 9.3 Approves the engagement of EI Associates in the review of costs for electric, water and an ADA approved path to the baseball field, and electric and water for the softball field, and to explore costs for installing dugouts with storage at the junior high baseball and softball fields.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the purchase of paint and materials for the baseball dug outs, at a cost not to exceed \$800, conditionally on the provision of use of a waiver of liability should volunteers be used, and a review of contractor costs; and to approve the purchase of grandstands for the baseball field, at a cost not to exceed \$6,600 per grandstand; and to approve the engagement of EI Associates in the review of costs for electric, water and an ADA approved path to the

baseball field, and electric and water for the softball field, and to explore costs for installing dugouts with storage at the junior high baseball and softball fields.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.4** Approves the suspension of the requirement for all aquatic supervisors and lifeguards to be approved school district employees for rental of the pool from outside organizations from May 24, 2022 through October 31, 2022, per Policy 707, Use of School Facilities, Item #25.

Dr. Taschner noted that we are typically able to find lifeguards that are able to do this, however Bern Township has an aquatics program that is several weeks long and we can't find any of our own lifeguards who are able to do that at this time. Policy 707, page 5, states the lifeguards must be school district employees. We have two choices, one which is to not let the children use the pool, or two, which is to waive this provision of the policy. They do have lifeguards who are certified and can fulfill this, and they are willing to provide them at no cost to the district. This is temporary and it will allow the policy committee, in June, to go back and look at the policy to see what the provision was originally put in place for and to make a provision for situations like this, when someone from our district may not be able to do this in the summer.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the suspension of the requirement for all aquatic supervisors and lifeguards to be approved school district employees for rental of the pool from outside organizations from May 24, 2022 through October 31, 2022, per Policy 707, Use of School Facilities, Item #25.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.5 Other (Old/New Business)**

Mr. Rossi stated that he attended the Ontelaunee Township zoning hearing this evening in regard to a new development proposed along Snyder Road called *The Willows*. They're proposing construction of 333 homes, with a mix of single family homes, semi-detached dwellings and 111 townhomes. They were seeking waivers to reduce the lot size to increase the density of the development for some of the semi-detached homes. The townhomes are not a right-by-use, they're an exception that may be allowed for that zoning district for the township. Mr. Rossi spoke and expressed some concern over the increased density, the fact that the lower-cost housing has a larger impact on the district based on its density and the number of students, and the disproportionate amount of tax revenue from them. He spoke as a concerned Board member, not representing the Board. We should know that those things are coming our way and it could possibly impact the district's school buildings and our need for classrooms.

Dr. Taschner noted that there was discussion at the last meeting and the special meeting in regard to the proposals from EI Associates that "were not less than," and she will be bringing to the Board in June, that should the scope of any of those projects change, that the project must come back before the Board, and to make sure that the persons in charge of those projects understand that along with EI. The letters are being drafted and she'll bring those back to the Board in June to make sure there's no confusion that if the scope changes as a result of their issue and inspection, that it comes back to the Board for another round of approval. Mr. Bendigo thanked Dr. Taschner for getting this clarification on these proposals as it's very important that we restrict the growth of contracts that the district enters into.

- 10.0 STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Nicoleen M. Kleffel

The Student Services and Activities Committee met at 8:06 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 10.1 Approves the district's Student Code of Conduct for the 2022-2023 school year for the elementary school, middle school and high school, subject to any further revisions.

Mr. Jason Williams, Elementary Assistant Principal, reviewed some of the feedback that was received from faculty at the elementary school. Two items revolved around the dress code and specifying some items in regard to wearing flip flops in school. He looked back into the code of conduct and there were some specifications in regard to that, so he believes that was addressed. They also wanted to have it specified for slogans on t-shirts, but there was a part in the dress code that did specify what was appropriate and not appropriate for dress in school. He will review this with the staff to make sure they didn't miss those two pieces. Many of the questions are clarifying questions and when he has a chance to present it to the staff and have a discussion, a lot of the clarifying questions will be resolved. These questions don't involve any kind of major changes to the code of conduct. One of the other questions involved how many Level 1 or Level 2 infractions would it take to graduate into the next level of infractions, which is a good point and is something that needs to be discussed between the three assistant principals. They also wanted clarification on what a loss of privilege would be and examples of what that might look like and possible consequences for some of the levels. Mr. Williams will discuss this at a faculty meeting to clarify. They wanted to know how this would be communicated to the families and how we were going to present it to the students next year. This will be done mostly in large-group assemblies and classroom discussions. The last three involved our positive school-wide support system that we'll be taking a look at and pushing out next year. This is a big item and they had a lot of questions on this only because it's something that has not been 100% officially presented to the staff, but this will happen at the end of the school year. The PBIS initiative is going to be something very special and we're really pushing the positivity and what our desired expectations and behaviors are in school by modeling and positive reinforcement. There were a few questions in regard to this only because it's brand new to the staff.

Dr. Taschner asked Dr. Heilman if there was anything else from the middle school or high school that has changed since last week. Dr. Heilman stated that there was some feedback from the teachers for a few changes for both the middle school and high school code of conduct. The middle school added some additional language to their public display of affection to include hand holding, which would not be allowed; the high school clarified cell phone usage throughout the building by adding language stating "cell phone, ear bud, and AirPods use is only permitted during study hall, while in the cafeteria, or at a teacher's discretion." They talked about in-school suspension and they added language to say that students will surrender their phones at the beginning of the day when assigned in-school suspension. There were some other clerical changes that were noted and made in the high school code of conduct. Dr. Taschner asked if in reviewing the teacher feedback that was provided to the principals, has that feedback been included in the code of conduct. Dr. Heilman stated yes, the things that she talked about this evening came directly from that teacher feedback. Some of the feedback from the teachers, as Mr. Williams stated, will lead to clarification from the administration at the beginning of the year so there will be a better understanding from the teachers' perspective. It was very valuable to receive that information from the teachers to help them make a more usable document for our students, families and teachers. Dr. Taschner added that the dress code that's in the handbooks is for school. Should there need to be any other attention for dress code in athletics, that would be included in a separate athletic handbook that will be brought before the Board for review. Mr. Bendigo asked if any further revisions would come before the Board. Dr. Taschner stated that she will send those revisions back through the Board once they make the final clerical changes, she will send them so the Board has a copy and can see them. She's also asked Dr. Heilman to put the teachers' comments into a document so that the Board can see those as well.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the district's Student Code of Conduct for the 2022-2023 school year for the elementary school, middle school and high school, subject to any further revisions.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.2** Approves the proposal from Big Bright Bounces for the rental of one 95' inflatable obstacle course and one generator for middle school field days from June 7-9, 2022, at a cost of \$2,845.00.
NOTE: The cost of the entire rental will be paid from the student activities account.
- 10.3** Approves the tuition agreement with Hogan Learning Academy LLC, to provide school year education services and extended school year education services from August 22, 2022 through August 18, 2023, at the rate of \$435 per day.
- 10.4** Approves the agreement with the Richard J. Caron Foundation to provide student assistance program services, from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, selecting Option A, four (4) days per week, at a cost of \$33,592.
- 10.5** Approves ratification of the tuition agreement with Children's Home of Reading Day Academy to provide Student #3506 education services from April 6, 2022 through June 30, 2022, at the rate of \$216.32 per day.
- 10.6** Approves ratification of the client services agreement with Soliant Health, LLC, to provide supplemental staffing for the School Psychologist position from May 16, 2022 through June 10, 2022, at the rate of \$85.00 per hour.
- 10.7** Approves the following clubs after completion of their one-year trial period:
 - Book Club – High School
 - Dungeons and Dragons Club – High School
 - Mental Health Matters Project – High School
 - Panther Manufacturing Club – High School
 - Panther Project Club – High School
 - No Place for Hate Club – Elementary School

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the proposal from Big Bright Bounces for the rental of one 95' inflatable obstacle course and one generator for middle school field days from June 7-9, 2022, at a cost of \$2,845.00. NOTE: The cost of the entire rental will be paid from the student activities account; and to approve the tuition agreement with Hogan Learning Academy LLC, to provide school year education services and extended school year education services from August 22, 2022 through August 18, 2023, at the rate of \$435 per day; and to approve agreement with the Richard J. Caron Foundation to provide student assistance program services, from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, selecting Option A, four (4) days per week, at a cost of \$33,592; and to approve ratification of the tuition agreement with Children's Home of Reading Day Academy to provide Student #3506 education services from April 6, 2022 through June 30, 2022, at the rate of \$216.32 per day; and to approve ratification of the client services agreement with Soliant Health, LLC, to provide supplemental staffing for the School Psychologist position from May 16, 2022 through June 10, 2022, at the rate of \$85.00 per hour; and to approve the clubs in Item 10.7, as presented, after completion of their one-year trial period.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.8** Approves the letter of agreement between the Schuylkill Valley School District and Region 2: Berks County Intermediate Unit for the district to comply with the requirements and goals of Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the letter of agreement between the Schuylkill Valley School District and Region 2: Berks County Intermediate Unit for the district to comply with the requirements and goals of Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

- 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 negotiations.

- 13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors