

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

MINUTES

May 16, 2022

1.0 **The Special Meeting was called to order at 8:19 p.m. by the Board President, David E. Moll, held online via Zoom Meeting Room.**

1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

1.2 **ROLL CALL**

Members Present (online): 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

Members Absent: Paul L. Bendigo

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Treasurer: John L. Reedy (not present)

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present (online): Dr. Cathy Taschner, Dr. Janet Heilman, Michael Billman, Casey Blankenbiller, Dr. Melissa Brewer, Robin Brightbill, Stephanie Deibler, Diane Kaag, Candice Kehres, Dr. Joshua Kuehner, Jenny Rexrode, Lacey Smey

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

No one addressed the Board.

3.0 **BOARD**

Add Motion

3.1 The Board is requested to consider and approve a motion to add an agenda item to consider and approve waiving Policy 006.1, Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications.

**Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to consider and approve a motion to add an agenda item to consider and approve waiving Policy 006.1, Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Policy Waiver

3.2 The Board is requested to consider and approve waiving Policy 006.1, Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications.

**Board Action: Moved by Robert Dempsey and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve waiving Policy 006.1, Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution

- 3.3** BE IT RESOLVED, that on March 21, 2022, the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District authorized the settlement of the real estate tax assessment appeal filed by R&F Reading, LLC, docketed at Berks County Court of Common Pleas No. 19-18246 regarding the property located at 629 Snyder Road, Ontelaunee Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Parcel I.D. No. 68540014438598 (the "Assessment Appeal"), as follows:

<u>Tax Period</u>	<u>Fair Market Value</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
07/01/2020	\$3,600,000	\$2,239,200
07/01/2021	\$3,400,000	\$1,914,200
07/01/2022	\$3,200,000	\$1,664,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that execution of the attached Stipulation and Order by John E. Muir, Esquire, is hereby ratified.

DULY RESOLVED, this 16th day of May, 2022 by the Board of School Directors of Schuylkill Valley School District, Berks County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

**Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the Resolution in Item 3.3, as presented.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**4.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE**

**4.1** 2022-23 Proposed General Fund Budget

The Board is requested to consider and approve the adoption of the 2022-23 Proposed General Fund Budget in the amount of \$42,995,392. The Proposed General Fund budget is recommended with no increase in taxes.

**Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the adoption of the 2022-23 Proposed General Fund Budget in the amount of \$42,995,392. The Proposed General Fund budget is recommended with no increase in taxes.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**5.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

**5.1** Project Management

**5.1.1** The Board is requested to consider and approve the updated proposal with EI Associates to develop the bid and provide project management for the Pool Restoration Project. The Basic Services for this Project will not be less than \$147,000.00.

**Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by George Mertz to approve the updated proposal with EI Associates to develop the bid and provide project management for the Pool Restoration Project. The Basic Services for this Project will not be less than \$147,000.00.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 5.1.2** The Board is requested to consider and approve the updated proposal with Trane U.S. Inc. to develop the bid and provide project management for the Middle School Controls Project, at a cost of \$421,800.00.

**Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the updated proposal with Trane U.S. Inc. to develop the bid and provide project management for the Middle School Controls Project, at a cost of \$421,800.00.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 5.1.3** The Board is requested to consider and approve the updated proposal with EI Associates to develop the bid and provide project management for the Generator Replacement Project. The Basic Services for this Project will not be less than \$127,400.00.

**Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the updated proposal with EI Associates to develop the bid and provide project management for the Generator Replacement Project. The Basic Services for this Project will not be less than \$127,400.00.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**


**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

  
Linda R. Lash, Secretary  
Board of School Directors