

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

MINUTES

February 14, 2022

1.0 The Special Meeting was called to order at 8:55 p.m. by the Board President, David E. Moll, in the LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room 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, G. Dane Miller, David E. Moll, Bryan J. O'Donnell, Alfonso F. Rossi

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Treasurer: Michelle Kauffman (not present)

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cathy Taschner, Dr. Janet Heilman, Michael Billman, Casey Blankenbiller, Robin Brightbill, Diane Kaag, Candice Kehres, Dr. Joshua Kuehner, Courtney Maguire, John Reedy, Jenny Rexrode

2.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Amanda Knoblauch, Ontelaunee Township - Masking
Kelly Steinke, Bern Township – Masking on buses

3.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Employment

3.1 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 Miss Danielle Green, Special Education Teacher at the Elementary School, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$50,803 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Shane Silas, effective pending release from current assignment.

3.1.2 Ms. Janet Scull, Speech and Language Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the Elementary School, Master's Step 1, \$55,955 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the leave of absence of Mrs. Kristi Harrison, effective approximately March 14, 2022, through the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year.

Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the employment in Items 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- Engagement Letter: Fox Rothschild LLP
3.2 Approves the engagement letter with Fox Rothschild LLP in order to retain them to represent the district and serve as special counsel in matters relating to student issues, personnel issues, or other school district legal issues in which special counsel may be needed, at the rates provided.

Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Dane Miller to approve the engagement letter with Fox Rothschild LLP in order to retain them to represent the district and serve as special counsel in matters relating to student issues, personnel issues, or other school district legal issues in which special counsel may be needed, at the rates provided.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- Agreement: Aya Healthcare Inc.
3.3 Approves the agreement with Aya Healthcare, Inc., to provide supplemental staffing at the hourly rates provided, effective March 1, 2022, for a period of three years, pending approval from the district solicitor.

Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve agreement with Aya Healthcare, Inc., to provide supplemental staffing at the hourly rates provided, effective March 1, 2022, for a period of three years, pending approval from the district solicitor.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

- Bond Refinancing
4.1 Resolved by the Board of School Directors to authorize the refinancing of a portion of the General Obligation Bonds of 2014 into a tax-free bank note in accordance with the proposal received from Adams County National Bank, dated February 9, 2022, with a minimum net local effort savings of \$100,000.00. Further, to authorize PFM Advisors, LLC to act as the District's Financial Advisor, Stifel, Nicolaus and Company, Inc. to act as placement agent, and Kozloff Stoudt as solicitor and Georgeadis Setley as note counsel in the transaction.

Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Paul Bendigo that the Board of School Directors authorize the refinancing of a portion of the General Obligation Bonds of 2014 into a tax-free bank note in accordance with the proposal received from Adams County National Bank, dated February 9, 2022, with a minimum net local effort savings of \$100,000.00. Further, to authorize PFM Advisors, LLC to act as the District's Financial Advisor, Stifel, Nicolaus and Company, Inc. to act as placement agent, and Kozloff Stoudt as solicitor and Georgeadis Setley as note counsel in the transaction.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

5.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

6.0 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, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.


Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors