

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

**MINUTES**

**July 26, 2021**

**1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Board President, G. Dane Miller, 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, Kevin Raudenbush, Alfonso F. Rossi

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Treasurer: Michelle Kauffman (not present)

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Janet Heilman, Michael Billman, Casey Blankenbiller, Robin Brightbill, Stephanie Deibler, Candice Kehres, Lacey Smey, Changming Wang, Jason Williams

**1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 28, 2021, as presented.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Miller reported that the Board met in executive session on June 28, 2021, for personnel matters, and on July 19, 2021, for personnel matters.

**1.5 RECOGNITION**

The Board is pleased to recognize the members of the High School Track and Field Team. Coaches Todd Reinert and Crystal Cammauf reviewed the team's accomplishments for the season.

- Congratulations to our Girls Track and Field Team for becoming the PIAA State 2A Team Champs for 2021. First time in school history!
- Ashlyn Giles claimed two gold medals. She won the shot put and the discus. Ashlyn broke the state meet record in the discus with a throw of 165 feet and 4 inches. She is a two-time State Champion.
- Luke Seymour is a 2-time District Champion; at states he placed second in the 1600 and fifth in the 800.
- 400 relay team of Sam Lisa, Abby Searfoss, Annie Gao, and Madison Ziska placed third.
- Madison Ziska earned four state medals placing seventh in the 400, fourth in the long jump, and third in the 200.

**2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

**2.1 PRESIDENT – *G. Dane Miller***

No report

**2.2 SECRETARY – *Linda R. Lash***

No report.

**2.3 BERKS COUNTY I.U. BOARD – *Linda R. Lash***

Mrs. Lash reported that there was no meeting in July and their next meeting will be in August. She noted that the BCIU was having difficulty finding bus drivers, so they have raised their starting salary for bus drivers and van drivers.

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

Mr. Mertz reported that there was no meeting in July but they will have a meeting the first week in August.

**2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *David E. Moll***

Mr. Moll reported that their next quarterly meeting will be held in September.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that there were no weekly meetings in July but they will start monthly meetings in August. The PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference will be held on September 27-29, 2021 at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos.

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

Kenny Grauer, Centre Township, SV track coach, stated that he commended the parents for everything they were doing and that this is about their kids. Our School Board is one hundred percent for the kids. With everything that goes on, they have to go with policies, staff, teachers, kids, and the community. The Board must address all of this as it all goes together and they have all these different hats that they have to wear. For example, the stadium was done because of the School Board. The Panther Pride Stadium Committee did a lot but they needed help and the School Board provided that help. He encouraged the parents to keep doing what they're doing and reminded everyone that the School Board is an ally and he knows this first hand by how much was done with the stadium. The Board cares about the kids first and foremost.

Bethany Hoover, Bern Township, thanked the Board for actively listening to the high school field hockey players and their family members, and hiring Coach Lykens and giving him an opportunity to work with our children. He brings a lot of passion to the table and we are excited to see how the year unfolds. Additionally, she is saddened to hear about the actions of our former superintendent, which came to light today. No one should have their life, or the lives of their family members threatened. Being aware of these pending criminal charges, she hopes that the Board files a Persona Non Grata letter on the former superintendent, as she, and others, no longer feel safe with him being around our students, staff, or even allowed on any Schuylkill Valley grounds. These are serious charges and threats that can yield serious consequences. Furthermore, she hopes that the Board will look into the matter to see if any monies that were paid to him under his separation contract can be recovered. Ms. Hoover stated that she spoke at the May 24 School Board meeting and feels she was cut off. She will be discussing some personnel matters but will not mention any names. The Board has a duty to the students, parents, employees and taxpayers. As the Board, it is your responsibility to make yourself aware of, and even more importantly, follow through with certain issues occurring within the district. If you do not publicly acknowledge that you are aware of the issues going on, it only appears that you are trying to sweep them under the rug and not deal with them. How you address these problems is the official personnel matter. She has worked with numerous attorneys over the years and they all have agreed that you want to acknowledge the problem or

issue up front and get in front of it versus back peddling. In her opinion, there has been a lack of communication and acknowledgement of issues from the Board recently and the public is not happy with it. She is aware of a Black Lives Matter flag and a Gay Pride flag hanging in a middle school classroom. These flags are making children uncomfortable and upset and they serve no purpose in a classroom. The purpose of school is to educate, not indoctrinate. Since the May meeting, a parent reached out to her and advised her that they put the superintendent, Board, middle school principal, and the middle school teacher who has these flags hanging in their classroom on notice via written correspondence in February that the flags are making children uncomfortable and requested they be taken down. Others have reached out to her as well to tell her that they also spoke with the teacher and the middle school principal with their concerns about these flags, and yet again the flags remained. It appears it is in violation of some Board policies. She asked if the Board gave permission to the teacher to hang the flags and if so, why. Also, the Board and Administration have been on notice of these flags hanging since February, so why were the flags still hanging in May. If the flags continued to hang for well over three months, it is clear that this issue is not being handled. She asked where the breakdown is occurring and is it with the teacher, the Administration, or the Board. Who is policing the teachers and Administration to make sure they are not making children uncomfortable and also to make sure the rules that the Board has established are being followed. Rules need to be followed and if they are not, teachers and the Administration must be held accountable and disciplined for not following them. Additionally, there were videos of another middle school teacher circulating that were not appropriate. This teacher had an open TikTok account and had students as followers. There were middle school students who clearly could see, and many did, the inappropriate conversations that teacher was having. Adolescents have enough to deal with just growing up in this crazy world that they should not have these things being promoted by teachers in an open forum. These are delicate and sensitive subjects that parents need to discuss with their children when they feel the time is right. That same teacher filmed a video in the middle school library discussing an internship with an LGBTQ network. This video clearly is not school related and is in violation of School Board policy. Additionally, it clearly is not appropriate for teachers to have open social media accounts and students as friends or followers. If the Board does not have a policy for this, she encouraged the Board to get one written as soon as possible. What teachers do on their own time and in their own homes is their decision. However, when it is impacting children at school, and making them feel uncomfortable, parents and the public need to step in, which is what she is doing. There are children who are extremely upset and even scared to go to the middle school and deal with some of these teachers. No child should be uncomfortable within the walls of Schuylkill Valley and teachers, Administration and the Board need to be accountable.

Cyndi Dimovitz, Centre Township, an SV graduate as well as her two children, had some concerns she would like addressed. She asked what is the district's sexual harassment policy and who does it get reported to when you have a problem with sexual harassment. Do you report it to the Superintendent, and what if the Superintendent is the person that you have a problem with? Can you go to the Board and do you feel comfortable going to them, and will you get reprimanded if you do report it? Can you anonymously report harassment so that you will not be put in some position where you have to teach a subject that you've never taught before? She is hoping that the district does not just say that it's all taken care of and we can move on. She does not want this to happen again as this is a problem that we can't just sweep under the rug. We teach our children that we need to respect other people and we need to, as a Board and school district, respect other people. We need to prove that sexual harassment is not okay in this school district. You are supposed to have a policy that is transparent and that is easily found and updated. She asked if something happened, what are we doing for the people that it happened to, our community members that are coming back to this school district to teach. They may have been harassed for the last five to ten years and what are we doing to support them and make them feel comfortable to come back into the school and the classroom. She asked the Board to think about these things because they are really important as these are our kids. We need to show them that we mean business, and that sexual harassment is not okay.

Linda Pontician, Bern Township, stated that she has a daughter that graduated in 2019 and also has an incoming senior. She stated that she is very upset to hear the allegations and to hear first-hand accounts and to think that the teachers who nurtured our children throughout all their years in the schools had to deal with something so awful. It wasn't even just sexual harassment, there was other harassment including bullying. We preach over and over again that bullying is not allowed in our schools but it was happening. She implores the Board to look at the hiring process as we need the best. There are great teachers in this district, but just look and be thorough.

Kelly Brzezicki, Ontelaunee Township, stated that the things she has seen and heard going on in this school district are beyond unacceptable. The nepotism, the bullying and treating people unfairly if they don't get exactly what they want, it needs to stop. She hopes the Board will consider looking closely at all of the people in the district, especially some of the former people in the district, and make sure this doesn't continue to happen. We raise our children to treat women properly and with respect and she expects that the teachers and the Administration should be doing the same.

Kelly Steinke, Bern Township, stated that she was in attendance to comment on the Health and Safety Plan. She knows that the Board is voting on the plan and she hopes that we can continue to move in the direction that the plan looks like it is moving including masks being optional. She asked how quarantining will be handled and if it will be like the end of the year. Her household did not have to quarantine until the very end of the 2020-21 school year, and at that point it was their choice to do so. She thinks it should be the same for the 2021-22 school year and that parents should be given their parental choices back and masking should be optional. She also asked if vaccinations would be required. She had a conversation with Dr. Heilman and it was stated that it would not be required, but this is not in the Health and Safety Plan and this concerns her. She hopes that there will not be anything to segregate our children, and that if some are vaccinated and some are not, those that are unvaccinated will have to wear a mask. We should not be segregating students and she doesn't think we should be doing anything of the sort now. Parents know what is best for their children and should be able to make those decisions. She also mentioned masking on the busses and thinks it's absolutely absurd that her child wear a mask for 40 minutes on the bus to get to school, then have the option to wear it or not wear it during the day, and then have to wear it 40 minutes to go home. It doesn't make sense. She knows the Board is doing the best that they can with the guidelines that are set forth, but she really thinks that based on what the Secretary of Education said, the Board holds the power to do the right thing. Please allow our children to go back to normal and let them be kids.

Dave Golowski, Bern Township, stated his son graduated in 2014 and his daughter is attending the middle school. He is distressed to learn about what has happened with our superintendent and he is distressed to hear about school busses. Other districts are rewriting policies for school busses as busses are not public transportation. He doesn't want to see kids wearing masks in schools and he doesn't want to see vaccinations for kids in school. This will be tough but he knows the Board can succeed, as other districts have done, with rewriting policy to get the kids back to school. We can join other school districts in saying 'no'. There are many concerned parents who do not want masks or vaccines for their children. He does not want to see school board members replaced because of reasons like going with masks, or going with vaccinations, or that children were segregated in school. He believes that if the district has the right game plan the Board will be fine. He does not want to see masks; they should be optional. If other schools can do it, why can't Schuylkill Valley. The parents attended the meeting as they are concerned.

#### **4.0 BOARD**

##### Health and Safety Plan – Relinquish Current

- 4.1 The Board is requested to consider and approve relinquishing the current Schuylkill Valley School District Health and Safety Plan.

**Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Linda Lash to approve relinquishing the current Schuylkill Valley School District Health and Safety Plan.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Health and Safety Plan Dated July 26, 2021

- 4.2 The Board is requested to consider and approve the Schuylkill Valley School District Health and Safety Plan dated July 26, 2021.

**Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the Schuylkill Valley School District Health and Safety Plan dated July 26, 2021.**

Roll Call Vote

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution

- 4.3 Resolved the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District that the positions necessitated under Policy 103 and Policy 104 for Title IX enforcement are as follows:

- 1) Title IX Coordinator-Staff: Robin Brightbill, Director of Human Resources;
- 2) Title IX Coordinator-Students: Stephanie Deibler, Athletic Director;
- 3) Title IX Investigator: Robin Brightbill, Director of Human Resources;
- 4) Alternate Title IX Investigators: Building Principal for the building where the matter is being investigated;
- 5) Independent Decision Maker: Director of Pupil Services & Learning;
- 6) Independent person to handle appeals: Kate Costenbader, Supervisor of Special Education;
- 7) Compliance Officer: Superintendent of Schools.

Be it further Resolved that the standard to be employed by the School District in investigating and evaluating any claims under Policy 103 and Policy 104 shall be a Preponderance of the Evidence standard (more likely than not that the incident occurred as alleged). This standard shall govern all Title IX investigations.

**Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the resolution in Item 4.3, as presented.**

**Ms. Brightbill stated that the 2020 legislation has now rolled out to K-12 schools. There are new requirements which include updating the policies, updating to make sure the roles are clarified, and training the individuals responsible for Title IX enforcement and also everyone in the district. This training includes what the policies are, how to report things, what the meaning is of different verbiage within Title IX, and then making sure that all of this information is visible and easy to find on the district website. There will be annual training going forward for all of the parties involved. Mr. Rossi asked if a different building principal could be used for an alternate Title IX investigator other than the building principal where the incident was reported and Ms. Brightbill confirmed this could be done.**

Roll Call Vote

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

**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' Report
- 5.1.3** Dropout Report

\*These reports will be provided again beginning with the September 27 Board meeting agenda.

Superintendent's Update

**5.2** Dr. Heilman provided an update regarding preparation for the 2021-22 school year. She stated that with just a little more than a month until opening day, the SV administration team is busy preparing our schools for what will certainly be a very positive school year. Much thought and care goes into preparing for all of our students to return for a successful year. Building leaders are putting the finishing touches on schedules and class assignments. Our buildings and grounds crew, food service department and technology department are all working diligently to be ready for the new year. We are developing and designing professional development opportunities that will provide our faculty and staff with the tools they need to create meaningful lessons, design quality curriculum, and meet the needs of all of our students. We are certainly on the right track to a very positive and productive 2020-21 school year. We will welcome the class of 2034 and send off the class of 2022 while consistently focusing our efforts to provide a safe, nurturing environment in which each student is challenged to think, question and create. Dr. Heilman thanked all of the parents who attended the school board meeting, the board members for all of their work, and the faculty for continuing their efforts throughout the summer.

**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, July 19, 2021, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021.

***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 August 27, 2021 (date amended from June 28, 2021 Board meeting):**

**6.1.1** Ms. Eileen Coulehan, 1st Grade Teacher at the Elementary School.

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

**6.2.1** Ms. Cherie Heffner, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective June 4, 2021.

**6.2.2** Mr. David Barnett, Full-Time Custodian, effective July 16, 2021.

**6.2.3** Ms. Heather Billman, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective June 4, 2021.

**Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the amended resignation due to retirement in Item 6.1, as presented; and to approve the resignations in Items 6.2.1 through and including 6.2.3, as presented.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, Raudenbush, 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** Ms. Lacey Smey, Assistant Principal at the High School, at an annual salary of \$80,000 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Melissa Kelchner, effective date to be determined.
  - 6.3.2** Ms. Allison Schray, Long-Term Substitute School Counselor at the Middle School, Master's, Step 2, \$57,549 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the childrearing leave of Mrs. Janel Smith, effective for the 2021-22 school year.
  - 6.3.3** Ms. Elise Hoffa, Long-Term Substitute 3rd Grade Teacher at the Elementary School, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$50,803 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the leave of absence of Mrs. Danielle Neuin, effective with the start of 2021-22 school year through approximately November 24, 2021.
  - 6.3.4** Substitutes for the 2021-22 school year.
  - 6.3.5** Job description for the position of Cyber Academy Coordinator.
  - 6.3.6** Mrs. Kimberly Luigard, Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, 6.5 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$14.97, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Ms. Donna Fuerst, effective with the start of the 2021-22 school year.
  - 6.3.7** Ms. Tara Hoban, School Psychologist, MS+36, Step 5, \$71,245 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation Ms. Lisa Jacobson, effective pending release from current assignment.
  - 6.3.8** Mr. David Barnett, Full-Time Head Custodian at the Elementary School, at an hourly rate of pay of \$18.87, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Angela Lucas, effective July 19, 2021.
  - 6.3.9** Additional head coach for the 2021-22 school year.
  - 6.3.10** Fall coaches for the 2021-22 school year.

**Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by David Moll to approve the employment in Items 6.3.1 through and including 6.3.10, as presented.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.4** Approves issuing a professional employee contract to the following temporary professionals who have served three (3) years and have received satisfactory ratings from the Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with Section 1108 of the Pennsylvania School Code:

Kaitlyn Boyle  
Melanie LeRoy  
Chelsey Valentine

**Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the issuance of professional employee contracts in Item 6.4, as presented.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.5 Approves the second reading and final adoption of Policy 113.4: Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information, as revised.

**Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 113.4, Special Education Student Information, as revised.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.6 Approves rescinding Policy 248: Unlawful Harassment.

**Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve rescinding Policy 248: Unlawful Harassment.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.7 Approves rescinding Policy 348: Unlawful Harassment.

**Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve rescinding Policy 248: Unlawful Harassment.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.8 Approves the PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement for the 2021-22 school year.

**Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by George Mertz to approve the PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement for the 2021-22 school year.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 7.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

*Summary of Committee Deliberations – Kevin Raudenbush*



The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021.

***Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration***

**Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:**

- 7.1 Approves the amendment to the PA-EETEP Agreement between EduLink, Inc. and the Schuylkill Valley School District to include additional EduLink Modules, at a cost of \$4,149.00.
- 7.2 Approves the contract with New Story, to provide alternative educational services for Student #4909 for the 2021-2022 school year, at the rates provided.
- 7.3 Approves the Professional Services Proposal by Mr. Richard Kiker of Kiker Learning Instructional Technology and Design, for teacher professional development sessions for the 2021-22 school year in conjunction with Schuylkill Valley Cyber Academy course development, in the amount of \$29,000.00.
- 7.4 Accepts the donation of a class set of Official Foldscopes (paper microscopes) for the elementary school Discovery Classroom from Dr. Cindy Mierzejewski.
- 7.5 Approves the proposal from McGraw Hill LLC for a one-year subscription to the Wonders Reading Program, grades K-4, at a cost of \$13,077.96.
- 7.6 Approves the Wilson Language Training Professional Learning Service Agreement for the elementary school, to implement the Wilson Professional Learning and Teacher Support COMPASS Plan for 2021-2022, at a cost of \$11,000.00.
- 7.7 Approves the Professional Services Proposal from Albright College SRI, for teacher professional development sessions for the 2021-22 school year, in the amount of \$59,100.00.

**Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the actions in Items 7.1 through and including 7.7, as presented.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE**

***Summary of Committee Deliberations – David E. Moll***

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021.

***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 June 16, 2021, to July 27, 2021, as presented.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$1,363,902.72
<b>CAFETERIA FUND</b>	\$38,723.96
<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</b>	\$29,649.90
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND</b>	\$382,784.31
<b>TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUND</b>	\$1,462.50
<b>SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b>	\$2,500.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,819,023.39</b>

**Board Action:** Moved by David Moll and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from June 16, 2021, to July 27, 2021, as presented.

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 8.2 Approves exonerating the school district tax collectors from collecting unpaid interim tax bills dated October 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021, and that the Board approve submitting the taxes to Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection. There are fourteen (14) bills totaling \$38,858.45 (last year there were nine (9) bills totaling \$10,048.57).

**Board Action:** Moved by Robert Dempsey and seconded by David Moll to approve exonerating the school district tax collectors from collecting unpaid interim tax bills dated October 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021, and that the Board approve submitting the taxes to Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection. There are fourteen (14) bills totaling \$38,858.45 (last year there were nine (9) bills totaling \$10,048.57).

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 8.3 Approves accepting a donation from the Conner A. Kleffel Memorial Foundation, in the amount of \$1,000.00, for the Conner Kleffel Scholarship Fund.

**Board Action:** Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll to approve accepting a donation from the Conner A. Kleffel Memorial Foundation, in the amount of \$1,000.00, for the Conner Kleffel Scholarship Fund.

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 8.4 Approves the adoption of the 2021-2022 Food Service budget of \$995,974.

**Board Action:** Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the adoption of the 2021-2022 Food Service budget of \$995,974.

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 9.0 **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

*Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi*

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met at 7:55 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021.

***Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration***

**Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:**

- 9.1 Approves the proposal from All About Floors for the replacement of the middle school chorus room rug, in the amount of \$13,933.00, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund.
- 9.2 Approves the quote from Eleven Four Hundred Inc. for the replacement of the elementary school dishwasher, in the amount of \$36,500.00, plus installation not to exceed \$5,000.00, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund.
- 9.3 Approves the high school auditorium LED lighting upgrade at a cost of \$3,597.00 for the twenty-five (25) 400 watt replacements, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund. NOTE: Additional costs will be articulating boom lift and our man hours to complete the work. The lift is at a cost of no more than \$1,500.00 including delivery and pick up.

**Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the proposal from All About Floors for the replacement of the middle school chorus room rug, in the amount of \$13,933.00, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund; and to approve the quote from Eleven Four Hundred Inc. for the replacement of the elementary school dishwasher, in the amount of \$36,500.00, plus installation not to exceed \$5,000.00, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund; and to approve the high school auditorium LED lighting upgrade at a cost of \$3,597.00 for the twenty-five (25) 400 watt replacements, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund. NOTE: Additional costs will be articulating boom lift and our man hours to complete the work. The lift is at a cost of no more than \$1,500.00 including delivery and pick up.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**10.0 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

***Summary of Committee Deliberations – Nicoleen M. Kleffel***

The Extracurricular Activities Committee met at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021.

***Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration***

There were no Committee recommendations.

**11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mr. Miller announced that there would be a Special Board Meeting on Monday, August 2 via Zoom at 6 p.m.

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

July 26, 2021

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Linda R. Lash, Secretary  
Board of School Directors