

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

MINUTES

May 17, 2021

1.0 **The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:53 p.m. by the Board President, G. Dane Miller, in the LGI Room/Auditorium of the Schuylkill Valley Middle 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 (via Zoom)

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, Kate Costenbader, Stephanie Deibler, Diane Kaag, Candice Kehres, Phillip Kissinger, Dr. Joshua Kuehner, Courtney Maguire, Changming Wang

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

No one addressed the Board.

3.0 **BOARD**

3.1 Resolved by the Board of School Directors that Superintendent Michael T. Mitchell, Jr. is hereby placed on an Administrative Leave of Absence with full pay and benefits effective May 12, 2021, until further action by this Board.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the Resolution by the Board of School Directors that Superintendent Michael T. Mitchell, Jr. is hereby placed on an Administrative Leave of Absence with full pay and benefits effective May 12, 2021, until further action by this Board.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Resolved by the Board of School Directors that Dr. Janet C. Heilman is appointed Substitute Superintendent pursuant to 24 P.S. Section 10-1079 effective May 12, 2021, until further action by this Board. Be it further Resolved that Dr. Heilman shall receive an additional stipend of \$215.00 per calendar day in addition to her regular salary for the period she is serving as Substitute Superintendent.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the resolution by the Board of School Directors that Dr. Janet C. Heilman is appointed Substitute Superintendent pursuant to 24 P.S. Section 10-1079 effective May 12, 2021,

until further action by this Board. Be it further Resolved that Dr. Heilman shall receive an additional stipend of \$215.00 per calendar day in addition to her regular salary for the period she is serving as Substitute Superintendent.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 3.3 Resolved by the Board of School Directors that the resignation of Lucas Etchberger is hereby accepted and that the Board approves the Separation Agreement among Mr. Etchberger, AFSCME District Council 88, Local 1744 and the School District, as presented. Be it further Resolved that the appropriate officers of the Board are authorized to execute the Separation Agreement.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by George Mertz to approve the Resolution by the Board of School Directors that the resignation of Lucas Etchberger is hereby accepted and that the Board approves the Separation Agreement among Mr. Etchberger, AFSCME District Council 88, Local 1744 and the School District, as presented. Be it further resolved that the appropriate officers of the Board are authorized to execute the Separation Agreement.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 3.4 Resolved by the Board of School Directors that the April 26, 2021, conditional approval of the proposed agreement with Trane, Mid-Atlantic Region, for Phase II HVAC Upgrades is hereby rescinded, withdrawn and cancelled.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by David Moll to approve the Resolution by the Board of School Directors that the April 26, 2021, conditional approval of the proposed agreement with Trane, Mid-Atlantic Region, for Phase II HVAC Upgrades is hereby rescinded, withdrawn and cancelled.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 4.0 **OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- 5.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors