

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

MINUTES

January 25, 2021

- 1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 (via Zoom), Nicoleen M. Kleffel, Linda R. Lash, George H. Mertz III, G. Dane Miller, David E. Moll (via Zoom), Kevin Raudenbush, Alfonso F. Rossi (via Zoom)

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Treasurer: Michelle Kauffman (not present)

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Michael T. Mitchell, Jr., Michael Billman, Casey Blankenbiller, Robin Brightbill (via Zoom), Kate Costenbader, Stephanie Deibler (via Zoom), Candice Kehres, Changming Wang, Jason Williams, Sarah Yoder

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by George Mertz to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2020, the reorganization/regular meeting of December 1, 2020, and the special meeting of December 14, 2020, 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 following the November 16, 2020 Board meeting, for personnel matters; on December 1, 2020 following the Reorganization/Regular Board meeting, for personnel matters; on December 14, 2020 following the Special Meeting, for personnel matters; and on January 11, 2021, prior to the Board meeting, for personnel matters.

1.5 PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Karen Devine, PSBA Director of Member Services, attended the meeting via Zoom. She shared that PSBA has Board Presidents' Panels that started in January and will run through April 14. PSBA's 2021 State Budget Recap is February 3 and is for all school directors; the governor is releasing his budget on February 2. The monthly exchange for all school directors is the third Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m. and she invited all school directors to attend for discussions with other members across the state. Advocacy Day will be held virtually on March 22 at no charge.

Also, she noted that January is School Director Recognition Month. This recognizes the challenging and vital work that Boards do on behalf of students, schools and families. As

volunteers and locally elected officials, school directors are invested in their communities as neighbors, friends, local leaders, parents and engaged citizens. January has been school director recognition month since our governing boards proclamation more than 35 years ago. This year, Governor Wolf has also proclaimed January as School Director Recognition month. Ms. Devine thanked our directors for all they do for public education.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – *G. Dane Miller*

Mr. Miller noted that each of the Board members have individual contributions and it's important that these are recognized. Mrs. Lash is the School Board Secretary, the BCIU Board Representative and the PSBA Liaison for the district. She attends many workshops on a weekly basis and is also the COLA Representative along with Mr. Dempsey. She notifies the Board of any happenings at the county, state and federal levels. He thanked Mrs. Lash for her efforts on behalf of the Board.

2.2 SECRETARY – *Linda R. Lash*

Mrs. Lash noted that she had forwarded the PSBA Insurance information to all Board members.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that they met on January 21 via Zoom. January is Student Artwork Showcase month which features a piece of artwork from each of the districts in Berks County. The theme this year was "Keeping Connected" in these extraordinary times. Senior Abby Kunkle's photo collage was selected to represent Schuylkill Valley. Abby has been accepted to the Applied Digital Design program at Kutztown University for the 2021 Fall Semester. They also viewed a Head Start video which was an overview of the IU's program. In Berks County there is a 695 student capacity for Head Start students. Also, the collective bargaining agreement has been finalized by the BCIUEA and is waiting for a vote as both sides are in agreement. The 14.5% employee contribution towards benefits remains the same. The BCIU is looking into John's Driving School for driver education. When this is finalized it would be available to all 18 school districts and would give SV students an additional resource for driver education. In February the district will receive our portion of the BCIU 2021-22 annual operating budget for approval. There is no increase to the budget for 2021-22.

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

Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Mertz has been the Vice President of the SV School Board for several years and he is fortunate to serve with him. It is great to have his experience to support what we do in the district and also to have him as our BCTC representative. He is also the chair of the Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee and a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Mr. Mertz noted that there was a brief meeting held in December to discuss budgetary items and negotiations for Act 93. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *David E. Moll*

Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Moll is a former SV School Board President and former president of the SV Sports Boosters. As the chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, he has been instrumental in helping to guide the district through multiple budgets and has played a big role in keeping our tax rate to what it needs to be to fund our schools properly.

Mr. Moll reported that the Tax Collection Committee had a brief meeting in December and he has forwarded the information to Mrs. Wang to include with the budget projections for 2021-22.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that she attended a weekly buzz meeting last week. They have been reformatted so that there is a topic for a half hour presented by a PSBA representative with a

question and answer period. They then break out into groups with discussion about the day's topic or any other questions the group may have. They have started a new program across the state for policy review and what a Board member's role is in regard to policies. She finds these meetings very beneficial and invited all Board members to attend.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one addressed the Board.

4.0 BOARD

Ratification of Action Taken

- 4.1** The Board is requested to recommend the ratification of all action taken by the Board at the Board meeting held virtually on December 14, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll to ratify all action taken by the Board at the Board meeting held virtually on December 14, 2020.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, Raudenbush, 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' Report
- 5.1.3** Dropout Report

Updates

- 5.2** Mr. Mitchell stated that we are in the process of contacting all of our cyber school families to try to get them to enroll in Schuylkill Valley's own cyber school which is going to start next year. We are well on our way to doing that and he will have more information as we get into February and March. The next two months are about making individual contacts, informing the public about our program and the advantages to Schuylkill Valley cyber school as opposed to other cyber schools that are out there. Also, at the February Committee meeting, Dr. Heilman will be providing a report on the status of curriculum writing. We've been able to get started again now that we're back in school and the COVID situation is getting a little more under control with vaccines.

6.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – George H. Mertz III

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 6:40 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021.

Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Bendigo was a previous Vice President of the Music League for many years. He is currently a member of the Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee as well as the Building and Grounds Committee, which is doing tremendous work with all of the ongoing district projects. He greatly appreciates Mr. Bendigo's work and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the district.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 6.1** Accepts, with best wishes for the future, the resignation due to retirement of Mr. George Riegel, Custodian, effective February 8, 2021.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by David Moll to accept, with best wishes for the future, the resignation due to retirement of Mr. George Riegel, Custodian, effective February 8, 2021.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.2** 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.):

6.2.1 Ms. Kelsey Amidon, Long-Term Substitute School Counselor at the Elementary School, MS, Step 1, \$54,705 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the childrearing leave of Mrs. Joanna Schlottman, effective January 4, 2021, through May 24, 2021.

6.2.2 Mrs. Lisa Lawson, from Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours a day, to Part-Time Food Services Worker, 6 hours a day, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Mary Haag, effective January 11, 2021.

6.2.3 Mr. Peter Lasopoulos, Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours a day at an hourly rate of pay of \$11.00, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Lisa Lawson, effective date to be determined.

6.2.4 Stipend of \$3,500 to Lisa Krockner and Danielle Smyre, School Psychologists, for the completion of time sensitive psychological evaluations that were not on their caseloads. The stipend will be divided as follows:

Lisa Krockner - \$1,505
Danielle Smyre - \$1,995

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the employment in Items 6.2.1 through and including 6.2.4, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.5 Job description for the position of Digital Content and Marketing Specialist.

6.2.6 Job description for the position of Occupational Therapist.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the job descriptions in Items 6.2.5 and 6.2.6, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.2.7** Miss Adrianna Hyland, Long-Term Substitute German & Social Studies Teacher at the High School, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$49,553 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the temporary change of assignment of Mr. Phil Kissinger, effective December 14, 2020, through February 26, 2021.
- 6.2.8** Volunteers for the 2020-21 school year.
- 6.2.9** Mrs. Brittany Cassidy, Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours a day at an hourly rate of pay of \$11.00, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Janelle Kasen, effective date to be determined.
- 6.2.10** Additional bus driver utilized by Eshelman Transportation for the 2020-21 school year.
- 6.2.11** Mr. Jesse Keim, Full-Time IT Technician, at an hourly rate of pay of \$15.94, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Mona Waller, effective date to be determined.
- 6.2.12** Mr. Tanner Jerdan, Full-Time Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$14.00, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. George Riegel, effective February 1, 2021.
- 6.2.13** Substitute for the 2020-21 school year.
- 6.2.14** Mrs. Kim Luigard, Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at the Middle School, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$49,553 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the leave of absence of Mrs. Jessica Dowd, effective approximately January 28, 2021, through the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the employment in Items 6.2.7 through and including 6.2.14, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.3** Approves the following childrearing leave of absence for the 2020-2021 school year:

Mrs. Joanna Schlottman, School Counselor at the Elementary School, effective January 4, 2021, through May 24, 2021.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by David Moll to approve the childrearing leave of absence in Item 6.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.4** Approves renewal of the agreement with National School Applications Network, Inc., for the PA REAP teacher application system at a total cost to the district of \$1,049.00, and further, authorizes the Director of Human Resources & Communications to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Robert Dempsey and seconded by George Mertz to approve the renewal of the agreement with National School Applications Network, Inc., for the PA REAP teacher application system at a total cost to the district of \$1,049.00, and further, authorizes the Director of Human Resources & Communications to execute the agreement.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.5** Approves renewal of the United Concordia Dental Insurance Renewal for the Schuylkill Valley School District dental insurance for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, which reflects no increase in premiums paid by the district, and further, authorizes the Director of Human Resources & Communications to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the renewal of the United Concordia Dental Insurance Renewal for the Schuylkill Valley School District dental insurance for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, which reflects no increase in premiums paid by the district, and further, authorizes the Director of Human Resources & Communications to execute the agreement.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.6** Approves the agreement with Mrs. Jessica Kramer for payroll consultant services, at an hourly rate of \$25.00, not to exceed \$2,000.00, from February 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021, and further, to authorize the Business Manager to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the agreement with Mrs. Jessica Kramer for payroll consultant services, at an hourly rate of \$25.00, not to exceed \$2,000.00, from February 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021, and further, to authorize the Business Manager to execute the agreement.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.7 Other (Old/New Business)**
Mr. Mertz stated that he has sent Policy 610 and Policy 613 to the Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee for review. He will set up a Zoom meeting for the final review.

7.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Kevin Raudenbush

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 6:57 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021.

Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Raudenbush is the chair of this Committee and is a former president of the parents' aquatics club, former president of the aquatics league, and also a former SV school board president. He has played a huge role in making sure our district is on the cutting edge of technological innovations. In the last eight years we have made many advances including a 1:1 Chromebook program with a robust network and we are very fortunate to have these systems in place in our district.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 7.1 Approves the standard agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams LLP, for the 2021-22 fiscal year, according to the schedule of fees and services outlined in their agreement, to be used for special education matters.
- 7.2 Approves ratification of the Linkage Letter/Referral Agreement with Salisbury Behavioral Health, LLC, for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years, to ensure that appropriate and agreed upon supports and services are being delivered, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement.
- 7.3 Approves the transfer from the General Fund, in the amount of \$100,000.00, to the Technology Reserve Fund, for reimbursement of expenditures for Chromebooks and Chromebooks cases which was approved on April 27, 2020. (Expenditures are being paid from the County of Berks 2020 Cares Act grant received).

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the actions in Items 7.1 through and including 7.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.4 Approves the Statement of Work from SHI International Corp. for professional services, to provide VMware upgrade support of the District's server infrastructure, at a cost not to exceed \$13,140.00, to be paid from the Technology Reserve Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Instructional and Information Technology to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by David Moll to approve the Statement of Work from SHI International Corp. for professional services in Item 7.4, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.5 Approves the Local Education Agency Letter of Agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit, for compliance with the roles and responsibilities of the Pennsylvania Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homeless Program.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the Local Education Agency Letter of Agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit in Item 7.5, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- Presentation: Tower Behavioral Health Facility
- 7.6 Mrs. Kate Costenbader, Supervisor of Special Education, stated that the Tower Behavioral Health Facility is being run in accordance with Acadia Healthcare. This facility is Berks County based through Tower Health and opened in July 2020. It is located across from the Reading Regional Airport which puts it within our district's boundaries. There is an adolescent facility and there is also an elementary component. They are looking at 13 beds initially, and then adding another 11 for a total of 24 for adolescents and there will be an equal amount for elementary. We do not have a start date for the elementary facility, however the adolescent facility will be opening on February 1, 2021. There are some implications for the district. According to Section 1306 of the Public School Code, these students do become Schuylkill Valley students for the

duration of their stay while they are staying within the facility receiving supports. Fortunately, we would be able to charge back to the resident school districts most if not all of the cost of programming that is provided to the students on its behalf. The obligations for our district raise a number of legal issues related to the educational program itself in that we have to send out acknowledgement of residence forms to those families as the students are residing within the hospital so that we can bill back to those districts to recoup some of those funds. It is our due diligence as the LEA to be able to represent these students and provide for them in the best way possible educationally while they are in the facility. The BCIU is willing to work with us to help us with the educational components, including staffing for teachers and psychologists, as well as billing back to the host districts. At this time, contract discussions are taking place and Mrs. Costenbader wanted to bring this to the Board's attention as to what is expected of the district. Her understanding is that this facility is meant to handle short-term stays based on insurance. The BCIU will be the liaison between the facility and the district in regard to an agreement.

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – David E. Moll

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021.

Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Dempsey is a former Board president and is currently a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. He was a long-time youth basketball coach and a member of the youth basketball board. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Dempsey for all he does for Schuylkill Valley and greatly appreciates him being on the Board.

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 November 4, 2020, to January 26, 2021, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$1,714,482.10
CAFETERIA FUND	\$60,812.48
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$15,460.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	\$6,475.00
TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUND	\$62,465.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,859,695.08

- 8.2 Approves exonerating the school district tax collectors from collecting unpaid July 2020 real estate taxes which are delinquent after December 31, 2020, and that the Board approve submitting the taxes to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection. There are 190 bills totaling \$615,328.46 (last year there were 174 totaling \$490,919.94).
- 8.3 Approves the BCIU Joint Purchasing Bid for copy paper for January - June 2021 in the amount of \$1,752.32.
- 8.4 Approves accepting a donation from The Benevity Community Impact Fund for the middle school in the amount of \$175.00.
- 8.5 Approves the mileage reimbursement rate of 0.56 cents per mile as per Internal Revenue Service Regulations, effective January 1, 2021.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from November 4, 2020, to January 26, 2021, as presented; and to approve exonerating the school district tax collectors from collecting unpaid July 2020 real estate taxes which are delinquent after December 31, 2020, and that the Board approve submitting the taxes to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection. There are 190 bills totaling \$615,328.46 (last year there were 174 totaling \$490,919.94); and to approve the BCIU Joint Purchasing Bid for copy paper for January - June 2021 in the amount of \$1,752.32; and to approve accepting a donation from The Benevity Community Impact Fund for the middle school in the amount of \$175.00; and to approve the mileage reimbursement rate of 0.56 cents per mile as per Internal Revenue Service Regulations, effective January 1, 2021.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.6 Approves waiving the 10% tax penalty in the amount of \$852.96 for tax parcel ID#36-4480-01-37-1943. The taxpayer paid the tax bill including the penalty on 12/11/2020.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve waiving the 10% tax penalty in the amount of \$852.96 for tax parcel ID#36-4480-01-37-1943. The taxpayer paid the tax bill including the penalty on 12/11/2020.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.7 Approves waiving the 10% tax penalty in the amount of \$99.13 for tax parcel ID#36-4472-00-00-2149. The taxpayer paid the 3rd installment on 12/30/2020.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve waiving the 10% tax penalty in the amount of \$99.13 for tax parcel ID#36-4472-00-00-2149. The taxpayer paid the 3rd installment on 12/30/2020.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.8 Approves ratification of the agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit to administer the district's Title I, Title II and Title IV grants for services for non-public students from August 1, 2020, through June 15, 2021.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Linda Lash to approve ratification of the agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit to administer the district's Title I, Title II and Title IV grants for services for non-public students from August 1, 2020, through June 15, 2021.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.9 Approves the tax collection agreement beginning January 2022, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the tax collection agreement beginning January 2022, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8.10 Information: Treasurer's Reports and Financial Reports for November/December 2020.

8.11 Approves exonerating the school district tax collectors from collecting unpaid April 2020 interims billed July 1, 2020, which are delinquent after December 31, 2020, and that the Board approve submitting the taxes to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection. There are 6 bills totaling \$15,034.77 (last year there were 4 bills totaling \$2,363.55).

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve exonerating the school district tax collectors from collecting unpaid April 2020 interims billed July 1, 2020, which are delinquent after December 31, 2020, and that the Board approve submitting the taxes to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection. There are 6 bills totaling \$15,034.77 (last year there were 4 bills totaling \$2,363.55).

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8.12 Approves the State Auditor General's Performance Audit Report and the Corrective Action Plan for fiscal years July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the State Auditor General's Performance Audit Report and the Corrective Action Plan for fiscal years July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019.

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 7:26 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021.

Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Rossi is the chair of this Committee, as well as an engineer, and we are very fortunate to have him on this Committee. He is a long-time youth sports coach and is very involved in the community. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Rossi for his service on the Board.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

9.1 Approves the proposal from Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., for the roof restoration/metal roof installation at the high school, in the amount of \$1,779,809.67, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Projects Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the proposals.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the proposal from Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., for the roof restoration/metal roof installation at the high school, in the amount of \$1,779,809.67, to be paid from the Capital

Improvement Projects Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the proposals.

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 7:41 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021.

Mr. Miller noted that Mrs. Kleffel is a local company owner and chair of this Committee. She is very involved in sports in the community and collaborates with Miss Deibler in helping the district navigate through the many changes due to the pandemic. Mr. Miller thanked Mrs. Kleffel for her many efforts for the district.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

There were no Committee recommendations.

10.1 Other (Old/New Business)

Mrs. Kleffel stated that she and Miss Deibler have been discussing the Pride of Schuylkill Valley activities and are currently looking at March to possibly coincide with homecoming.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mrs. Lash noted that the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place on Sunday, February 21. She asked Dr. Yoder how the separate groupings would work. Dr. Yoder stated that they are doing the ceremony in different sections to allow for family members to attend and to allow for photos to be taken. They didn't want to have all the students together at one time as this would limit the number of relatives that could attend. They are not sure of the length of each ceremony however it will be posted so that individuals can view the event.

Mr. Mertz noted that Mr. Miller is our current Board President and has previously served on our Board. He was a wrestling coach at Daniel Boone as well as a former principal, and he has volunteered with the wrestling team at SV. It is very helpful to have someone with an educational background on the Board and Mr. Mertz is pleased to serve with Mr. Miller.

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Miller announced that there would be an executive session immediately following the meeting for personnel matters.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

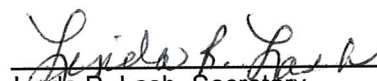
Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

January 25, 2021



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors