

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

MINUTES

January 11, 2021

**1.0 The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 (via Zoom), Linda R. Lash, George H. Mertz III, G. Dane Miller, David E. Moll (via Zoom), Kevin Raudenbush, Alfonso F. Rossi (via Zoom at 6:37 pm)

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Treasurer: Michelle Kauffman (not present)

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Michael T. Mitchell, Jr., Michael Billman, Robin Brightbill, Kate Costenbader, Stephanie Deibler, Janet Heilman, Diane Kaag (via Zoom) Joshua Kuehner, Courtney Maguire, Changming Wang, Sarah Yoder

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

No one addressed the Board.

Employment

**3.0** The Board is requested to consider and approve 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** Football varsity head coach for the 2021-22 school year.

**Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the employment in Item 3.1.1, as presented.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Miss Deibler stated that Mr. Bruce Harbach was hired for this position. He stood out with his commitment to football including coaching on some level since the late '70's. He's coached at the collegiate level, West Chester University and Albright College, and also as the head varsity coach at Lancaster Catholic High School for 16 years. Mr. Miller and Mr. Mitchell thanked Mr. Jeff Chillot, former football varsity head coach, for his time, effort and dedication that he put into the program.

**3.1.2** Soccer boys' varsity head coach for the 2021-22 school year.

**Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the employment in Item 3.1.2, as presented.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Miss Deibler stated that Mr. Chris Geddio was hired for this position. This past season he served as SV's JV coach. He has an extensive playing career and for the past several years he's been working in the Muhlenberg soccer program. He's been an assistant varsity coach as well as a head junior high coach and seems to be a very good fit for the district. He is currently a teacher at Muhlenberg elementary and also co-owner of Berks Elite Training.

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

Mr. Dempsey recognized the passing of Mr. Ray Kadingo, former SV Board member from 1989-1993 and he had the pleasure of serving with him on our Board.

**5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush 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 6:40 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary  
Board of School Directors