

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

MINUTES

December 14, 2020

- 1.0 The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by the Board President, G. Dane Miller, held online via Zoom Meeting Room.**
- 1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
- 1.2 ROLL CALL**
Members Present (online): Robert M. Dempsey, Nicoleen M. Kleffel, Linda R. Lash, George H. Mertz III, G. Dane Miller, David E. Moll, Kevin Raudenbush, Alfonso F. Rossi

Members Absent: Paul L. Bendigo

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Treasurer: Changming Wang

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present (online): Michael T. Mitchell, Jr., Michael Billman, Casey Blankenbiller, Robin Brightbill, Kate Costenbader, Stephanie Deibler, Dr. Janet Heilman, Changming Wang, Dr. Sarah Yoder
- 2.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
No one addressed the Board.
- 3.0 BOARD**
- 3.1** The Board is requested to consider and approve waiving Policy 006.1, Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve waiving Policy 006.1, Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications.

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

Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE**
- 4.1** The Board is requested to consider and approve the Act 1 resolution which states that 2021-2022 real estate taxes will not increase more than the Act 1 index of 3.6% or 1 mil.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the Act 1 resolution which states that 2021-2022 real estate taxes will not increase more than the Act 1 index of 3.6% or 1 mil.

Roll Call Vote
Yeas: Mertz, Miller, Moll, Raudenbush, Rossi, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash

Motion passed unanimously.

- 4.2** The Board is requested to consider and approve waiving the 10% tax penalty in the total amount of \$615.38 for tax parcel ID #27-4399-03-22-6057 and ID #27-4399-03-21-9628.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by George Mertz to approve waiving the 10% tax penalty in the total amount of \$615.38 for tax parcel ID #27-4399-03-22-6057 and ID #27-4399-03-21-9628.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Information

- 4.3** PDE PlanCon Part K: Project Refinancing/Acknowledgement of Receipt for Bond Issue.

5.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Resignations

- 5.1** The Board is requested to consider and accept, with best wishes for the future, the resignation of Mr. Michael Casciano, Network Administrator, effective December 18, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by David Moll to accept, with best wishes for the future, the resignation of Mr. Michael Casciano, Network Administrator, effective December 18, 2020.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.2** The Board is requested to consider and approve the Resignation and Settlement Agreement between the School District and Phillip Klahold II, and further, authorizes the appropriate Officers of the Board to execute the Settlement Agreement, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the Resignation and Settlement Agreement between the School District and Phillip Klahold II, and further, authorizes the appropriate Officers of the Board to execute the Settlement Agreement, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Employment

- 5.3** 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.):

- 5.3.1** Mr. Brent Meitzler, from Technology Support Specialist to Network Administrator, at an annual salary of \$61,214.40 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Michael Casciano, effective December 21, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the employment in Item 5.3.1, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.3.2** Mrs. Mona Waller, from IT Technician to Technology Support Specialist, at an hourly rate of pay of \$19.10, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mr. Brent Meitzler, effective December 21, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the employment in Item 5.3.2, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.3.3** Mr. David Barnett, Custodian, at an hourly rate of pay of \$14.00, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Dwayne Brown, effective December 16, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the employment in Item 5.3.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.3.4** Co-curricular assignment change for 2020-21 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the employment in Item 5.3.4, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.3.5** Mrs. Michelle Kauffman as the treasurer to the Board of School Directors for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the employment in Item 5.3.5, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.3.6** Additional Winter coaches for the 2020-21 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the employment in Item 5.3.6, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

- 6.1 The Board is requested to consider and approve of the agreement with Mr. Michael Casciano for information technology consultant services, at an hourly rate of \$50.00, not to exceed \$2,000.00, from December 21, 2020 through February 19, 2021, and further, to authorize the Director of Instructional and Information Technology to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the agreement in Item 6.1, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Miller noted that Luke Seymour, junior, was selected as an all-county athlete.

8.0 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

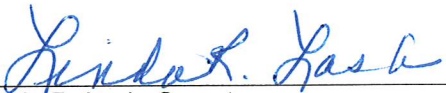
9.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel that, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.


Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors