

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

MINUTES

October 26, 2020

- 1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:10 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

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Treasurer: Changming Wang

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Michael T. Mitchell, Jr., Michael Billman, Casey Blankenbiller, Kate Costenbader, Dr. Janet Heilman, Melissa Kelchner, Dr. Joshua Kuehner, Changming Wang, Jason Williams

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 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 on October 26, 2020, prior to the Board meeting, for personnel matters.

1.5 RECOGNITION

The Board extends sincere thanks and best wishes to the following retiring staff member for his service in education and to the Schuylkill Valley School District.

Mr. Philip Yoder	Health & Physical Education Teacher	33 years
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Mr. Mitchell commended Mr. Yoder for his service to the district and his rapport with the students. He wished him the best of luck in his retirement and thanked him for everything he has done for the district.

Mr. Miller congratulated Luke Seymour (junior), on his second place finish in the BCIAA Cross Country finals on October 20 which took place on our campus. He also thanked Miss Deibler and Mr. Blankenbiller for their fine work in hosting an outstanding event.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – *G. Dane Miller*

Mr. Miller stated that a Board Retreat was held on Saturday, October 24, 2020, for discussion of the district's long-range planning.

2.2 SECRETARY – *Linda R. Lash*

No report.

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

No report.

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

Mr. Mertz reported that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *David E. Moll*

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that during the PSBA weekly buzz meeting, the discussion revolved around September being suicide prevention month; it is the leading cause of death in individuals ages 10-34. On October 14-15, she attended the virtual PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference. There were individual musical performances, an equity in education discussion, and breakout sessions in regard to schools and the pandemic. Senator Casey met with the group and discussed the food waivers until the end of the school year, IDEA funding, and the need for broadband connections throughout the state. The keynote speaker on October 15 was Dr. John Hodge, Urban Learning and Leadership Center, who spoke about equity from the child's perspective and what education can do to motivate the child. His focus was on the aspects of educating students socially, academically and morally. Mrs. Lash noted that she will be attending the PSBA Virtual Delegate assembly meeting on November 7.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one addressed the Board.

4.0 BOARD

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 Berks County has now moved into the substantial level of COVID cases. There are seventeen counties in the state that are at the substantial level and last week there were seven. The superintendents in Berks and Schuylkill Counties met on October 19 and October 26 with members of PDE and the DOH. The recommendation of PDE is if a county is in the substantial category they should be full online learning. However, the recommendation if you are moderate, which we've been in since the beginning, you should only be hybrid or full online learning. Many superintendents have been asking specific questions as if you're only talking about shutting down schools (as there is no talk about shutting down businesses or large events such as weddings), what data do they have that shows COVID-19 is being spread in schools. In Berks County, every school district that has cases, there is not one case that has led to another case in a school. We're planning on coming back on November 2 with grades 3-12

and we do not have that data. The Department of Health certainly has this data but they did not share it with the Superintendents' Group or didn't bring it to the meeting. They asked for the data at both meetings and are very frustrated as a group. Every school in Berks County is going ahead with whatever plan they had and no one is backing off now that we are in the substantial category. Schools are one of the safest places you can be, even though we have a large number of people, we have masks and the PPE materials. They have looked at zip code data and we're getting more positive cases, but the percent of positive cases is way down and this is why we're staying the course. It's time to educate our children as this is not going away. We're putting safety measures in place and sending children home when we see the symptoms. When we get a positive report, we contact trace on the conservative side of things and make sure we do not spread it. If we get some sort of outbreak, then we may have to look at something different.

Mr. Rossi asked what the requirement is to report when a school has a case. Mr. Mitchell stated that you call the Department of Health contract tracing office and report it. They are supposed to do the tracing, but the district does the tracing and we err on the side of caution. Most of the time the DOH will tell the family to quarantine. The students have the option to continue learning on-line even though we are returning to in-person learning. This will be the case as long as we're in a pandemic. Mr. Raudenbush noted that the CDC reported 99.1-99.4% of the positive cases recover 100%. Mr. Mitchell noted that he would report on the Future Ready Index in November.

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, October 19, 2020, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020.

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 resignations:

6.1.1 Mrs. Elizabeth Mancuso, Part-Time Reading Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, effective October 23, 2020.

6.1.2 Ms. Charissa Starke, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, effective October 23, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to accept, with best wishes for the future, the resignations in Items 6.1.1 and 6.1.2, as presented.

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 Appointment of Mr. Jason Williams as School Safety and Security Coordinator as per Act 44 of 2018, effective October 1, 2020. The School Safety and Security

Coordinator is tasked with reviewing the school entity's policies and procedures, coordinating training, and resources for students and staff, coordinating school safety and security assessments, making reports to the Board of School Directors on current safety and security practices of the school, and serving as the liaison to the School Safety and Security Committee, PDE, law enforcement and other organizations on matters of school safety and security. Details on these duties can be found in Section 1309-B of Act 44.

- 6.2.2 Mrs. Rebecca Veety, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, at an hourly rate of pay of \$12.73, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Diana Pietrowski, effective October 19, 2020.
- 6.2.3 Mrs. Sherry Aulenbach, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, at an hourly rate of pay of \$12.73, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Jennifer Shane, effective date to be determined.
- 6.2.4 Mrs. Samantha DeLong, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, at an hourly rate of pay of \$14.09, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Ms. Elia Evans, effective date to be determined.
- 6.2.5 Mr. Scott Horning, Part-Time Temporary IT Intern, for continued employment in support of the District's technology, at an hourly rate of pay of \$12.00, effective November 2, 2020, through the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year.
- 6.2.6 Ms. Dana Stout, Part-Time Lunchroom Aide, 3 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$11.00, to fill the new position created during the 2019-20 school year, effective date to be determined.
- 6.2.7 Substitute for the 2020-21 school year.
- 6.2.8 Department chairpersons for the 2020-21 school year.
- 6.2.9 Mentors for the 2020-21 school year at a stipend of \$1,175.00 for full year mentors and \$587.50 for half year mentors.
- 6.2.10 Ms. Vicky Sarzynski, Full-Time 12-Month Secretary at the Middle School, at an hourly rate of pay of \$16.83, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Lisa Dietrich, effective November 2, 2020.
- 6.2.11 Mrs. Tiffany Smith, Special Education Teacher at the Middle School, Master's, Step 14, \$71,438 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Carol Dunlap, effective on or before January 4, 2021.
- 6.2.12 Additional bus drivers utilized by Eshelman Transportation for the 2020-21 school year.
- 6.2.13 Additional Fall coaches for the 2020-21 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Items 6.2.1 through and including 6.2.13, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.2.14 Mr. Nicholas White, Full-Time IT Technician, at an hourly rate of pay of \$14.85, to fill the newly created position, effective date to be determined.

6.2.15 Mrs. Susan Hendricks, 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. Amanda Wessner, effective November 4, 2020.

6.2.16 Mrs. Candice Kehres, Assistant Principal at the Middle School, at an annual salary of \$85,000 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Courtney Maguire, effective date to be determined.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the employment in Items 6.2.14 through and including 6.2.16, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Approves of the following requests for a leave of absence:

6.3.1 Mrs. Christine Bendigo, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective September 16, 2020, through September 30, 2020.

Mr. Bendigo stated that he still has the question as to why the Board is approving the leave of absence requests and asked if any clarification was received. When he brought this up a year ago these were basically requests for unpaid leaves, and if an employee is taking sick leave or vacation, is the Board required to approve it. He wants to make sure the Board is doing this correctly. According to the interpretation from the solicitor a year ago, we're approving these to be consistent and fair with all of our employees. Mr. Mitchell will ask that Ms. Brightbill contact the district's solicitor. Mr. Miller noted that he would be meeting with Mr. Mitchell on October 28 and they can review it at that time and get back to Mr. Bendigo with an answer.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by George Mertz to approve the request for a leave of absence in Item 6.3.1, as presented.

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

Motion passed.

6.3.2 Mrs. Cherie Heffner, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective September 28, 2020 through approximately October 30, 2020.

6.3.3 Ms. Denise Hymes, Part-Time Classroom Paraprofessional at the High School, effective October 1, 2020, through October 30, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the requests for a leave of absence in Items 6.3.2 and 6.3.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Approves the following increases in pay:

6.4.1 Mr. Michael Billman, Director of Instructional and Information Technology, \$7,440.84, effective October 27, 2020, to align with his current responsibilities.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the increase in pay for Mr. Michael Billman, Director of Instructional and Information Technology, \$7,440.84, effective October 27, 2020, to align with his current responsibilities.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.4.2** Dr. Joshua Kuehner, Middle School Principal, \$6,000 (5% increase), effective October 27, 2020, in recognition of earning a Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the increase in pay for Dr. Joshua Kuehner, Middle School Principal, \$6,000 (5% increase), effective October 27, 2020, in recognition of earning a Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.5** Approves the second reading and final adoption of new Policy 309.1: Telework.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the second reading and final adoption of new Policy 309.1: Telework.

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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 7.1** Approves the adoption of the 2020-21 K-12 Art Curriculum, as presented at the September 14, 2020 Committee meeting.
- 7.2** Approves the transfer from the General Fund to the Technology Reserve Fund, in the amount of \$23,094.40, for reimbursement of expenditures for the kindergarten and first grade iPad initiatives which was approved on June 22, 2020.

NOTE: Expenditures are being paid from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency Grant that the district received.

- 7.3 Approves disposal of outdated school psychologist testing materials, in accordance with Schuylkill Valley School District's Disposal of Surplus Property, Equipment, Supplies and Textbooks Policy #706.1.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by George Mertz 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 change order for additional hours of professional services from CDW-G, Inc., in providing support in the implementation of AWS AppStream, at a cost not to exceed \$1,715.00, to be paid from the Technology Reserve Fund, per CDW Government, LLC change order request dated October 13, 2020, and further, authorizes the Director of Instructional and Technology to execute the change order.
- 7.5 Approves ratification of the Special Education Services Agreement between the Schuylkill Valley School District and the Berks County Intermediate Unit for the 2020-21 school year, and further, authorizes the Superintendent and Business Manager to execute the agreement.
- 7.6 Approves an addendum to the 2020-21 contract with EBS (Educational Based Services), which was Board approved on May 18, 2020, to replace Amy Walter with Sarah Blaise as the Occupational Therapist, commencing October 19, 2020 through June 11, 2021, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the addendum.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by George Mertz to approve Items 7.4 through and including 7.6, 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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020.

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 September 11, 2020, to October 27, 2020, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$717,163.71
CAFETERIA FUND	\$25,294.27
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$349,793.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,092,250.98

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from September 11, 2020, to October 27, 2020, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.2 Approves the destruction of financial records in accordance with PA School Code Section 518, and the Schuylkill Valley School District's Records Management Policy #800, as presented.
- 8.3 Approves the following depositories for the 2020/21 school year for the purpose of managing the 2020 General Obligation Notes:
- PNC Bank
 - TD Bank

- 8.4 Approves the exoneration of tax collectors from collecting unpaid interim tax bills and that the board approve submitting the taxes to Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection. There are eleven (11) bills totaling \$36,067.52 from 2019.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the destruction of financial records in accordance with PA School Code Section 518, and the Schuylkill Valley School District's Records Management Policy #800, as presented; and to approve the depositories for the 2020/21 school year for the purpose of managing the 2020 General Obligation Notes, as presented; and to approve the exoneration of tax collectors from collecting unpaid interim tax bills and that the board approve submitting the taxes to Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection. There are eleven (11) bills totaling \$36,067.52 from 2019.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.5 Approves the extension of the appointment of Herbein & Company as the school district auditors for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, at the annual cost of \$21,650, and for the 2022-2023 school year at the annual cost of \$22,300, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to sign the contract (audit engagement letter).

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the extension of the appointment of Herbein & Company as the school district auditors for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, at the annual cost of \$21,650, and for the 2022-2023 school year at the annual cost of \$22,300, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to sign the contract (audit engagement letter).

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.6 Approves accepting a donation from the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Women of the E.L.C.A., in the amount of \$200.00 for the Conner Kleffel Scholarship Fund.
- 8.7 Approves accepting the donation of a COVID-19 Safety Supply Starter Kit from AGiRepair including five social distancing floor decals, masks, five hand sanitizer bottles, five automatic sanitizer dispensers, and five sanitizer dispenser stands awarded through an application process.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve accepting the donations in Items 8.6 and 8.7, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

2019-20 Independent Audit Discussion

8.8 Mrs. Changming Wang reviewed the preliminary 2019-20 audit results.

Mrs. Wang stated that the district had an \$849,915 surplus in 2019-20 due to our actual revenue being higher than our actual expenditures. Currently our unassigned fund balance is \$3,832,999 or 9.46%. Compared to the actual budget amounts, our revenue decreased by \$211,180 (0.53%) and our expenditures decreased by \$1.7 million (4.20%), with a difference of \$849,915. Our fund balance as of September 30, 2020, has \$50,000 in the general fund committed fund balance; \$22 million for capital improvement projects; \$853,000 for miscellaneous capital projects (after approved projects); and \$168,192 in the technology reserve fund (after approved projects). At this time, we must transfer \$593,533 from the unassigned fund balance.

Mrs. Wang presented the Board with three options for consideration including Option 1: committing \$593,533 for cyber charter schools to the committed fund balance; Option 2: transfer \$100,000 to the technology reserve fund to fund 2020-21 projects and commit \$493,533 for cyber charter schools to the committed fund balance; or Option 3: transfer \$200,000 to the technology reserve fund to fund 2020-21 projects and commit \$393,533 for cyber charter schools to the committed fund balance. Mr. Miller asked if Mrs. Wang had a recommendation for the Board and she stated Option 2 which transfers \$100,000 to the technology reserve fund as in the past two years the funding was cut. Mr. Raudenbush asked how much was budgeted for cyber charter schools in 2020-21 and Mrs. Wang stated \$600,000 with an anticipated shortfall for 2020-21 of \$1.7 million. Mr. Miller asked if those funds are liquid that they could be moved elsewhere and Mrs. Wang stated that was correct and that Board action would be needed to move the funds.

Mr. Bendigo asked if we had looked at what our capital reserve fund was for the replacement of capital improvements such as parking lots. This was set up a few years ago and he is not sure that it was funded completely in last year's budget. A flow chart had been set up with how much should be funded each year so that the money was there when these projects were due and we would not have to raise taxes. He asked how this fund was shaping up moving forward. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Blankenbiller if he foresees most of the future capital projects coming out of the bonds and the capital projects fund being sufficient for the rest of the school year. Mr. Bendigo asked if the previous detail and funding was reviewed that had been set aside for replacing capital projects that had limited lifetimes such as paving, HVAC, and roofing and also if any funds needed to be set aside for projects moving forward. Mr. Blankenbiller stated that the list that he came across contains miscellaneous items, but nothing substantial. He believes we will be fine for a few years, but the district may want to set aside \$50,000-\$60,000 a year for turf replacement in ten years. Mr. Bendigo asked if we could refocus on what was voted on three years ago. Mr. Rossi added that the only useful thing on the prior list is the framework; the rest of the information needs to be repopulated with our current situation. Mr. Blankenbiller stated that moving forward anything that is brought to the Board in regard to large projects will be on the spreadsheet that he has provided.

8.9 In conjunction with closing the 2019-20 financial audit, the Board approves transferring \$100,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the Technology Reserve Fund to fund 2020/2021 projects; and approves committing \$493,533 for cyber charter schools to the General Fund Committed Fund Balance.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by George Mertz to approve transferring \$100,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the Technology Reserve Fund to fund 2020/2021 projects; and to approve committing \$493,533 for cyber charter schools to the General Fund Committed Fund Balance.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Information

8.10 Meeting with Herbein & Co. Auditors for the 2019-20 Audit Review, Friday, November 6, 2020 at 1 p.m. via Zoom.

8.11 Approves accepting a donation of 500 KN95 masks from Lowe's of Lehighton.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve accepting a donation of 500 KN95 masks from Lowe's of Lehighton.

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 7:40 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

9.1 Approves the preauthorization agreement from Trane for Phase II of the HVAC upgrades at the high school and elementary school, in the amount of \$88,860.00, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Projects Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the proposal (pending response from the district solicitor).

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to table the resolution.

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

Motion passed unanimously to table Item 9.1.

9.2 Approves the proposals from R.J. McCarville Associates, Ltd., for folding partition replacements as listed, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Projects Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the proposals (price adjustment to follow for additional soundproofing).

• Elementary School Gym	\$56,700.00
• Elementary School Cafeteria	<u>\$41,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$98,200.00

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Paul Bendigo to table the resolution.

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

Motion passed unanimously to table Item 9.2.

- 9.3 Approves the quote from Consolidated Electrical Distributors, for replacement of the middle school gym lights, at cost of \$6,200.00, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Projects Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the quote.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the quote in Item 9.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.4 Approves the proposal from Weatherproofing Technologies Inc., for the grandstand waterproofing, at a cost of \$13,902.73, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Projects Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the quote.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by George Mertz to approve the proposal in Item 9.4, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.5 Approves the quote from Levan Machine and Truck Equipment, for a snow plow, snow deflector and plow shoes, in the amount of \$6,591.12, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the quote.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the quote in Item 9.5, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Information

- 9.6 Ontelaunee Township: Issuance of Discharge Permit.

Mr. Blankenbiller noted that the district is required to file a permit with the township to discharge our sewage. In reviewing our files, the permit had expired so we renewed the permit; this is at no cost to the district. Mr. Bendigo stated that the permit is effective for three years but the township backdated the permit to be effective March 7, 2019, so it will only be effective for sixteen months. He asked if the township could date this to the current date. Mr. Blankenbiller stated that he would contact the township regarding the date.

- 9.7 Approves the proposal from King Sports Turf for renovations to the softball fields, at a cost of \$14,900.00 for both fields, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the proposal.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by George Mertz to approve the proposal in Item 9.7, as presented.

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 8:06 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

There were no Committee recommendations.

10.1 Other (Old/New Business)

Mr. Mitchell noted that the fall sports season is wrapping up and our field hockey team and boys' soccer team have qualified for the county playoffs. Also, the Frost Bowl will be held on Friday, October 30.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Miller stated that he has extended an invitation to Rep. Barry Jozwiak to attend our January committee meetings to brief the district on any state updates.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by George Mertz, 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 8:20 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors