

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

MINUTES

September 28, 2020

- 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, 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, Robin Brightbill, Kate Costenbader, Jeremy Crills, Stephanie Deibler, Dr. Janet Heilman, Melissa Kelchner, Courtney Maguire, Changming Wang, Dr. Sarah Yoder, Jason Williams

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 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 August 24, 2020 for personnel matters. Mr. Miller announced that the Board would meet at the conclusion of the Board meeting to discuss personnel matters.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – G. Dane Miller

Mr. Miller stated that he, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Crills were involved in a Schuylkill Valley Incident Command System meeting held on September 22. The idea is to make it easier to facilitate collaboration between all of the first responders in the Schuylkill Valley School District. At this point, Chief Horner is the commander of the ICS.

2.2 SECRETARY – Linda R. Lash

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that the BCIU has announced their 2020 Outstanding Community Partner which was awarded to Mr. Daniel Fogarty, Director of Workforce Development and COO for the Berks County Workforce Development Board. Mr. Fogarty has championed the needs of the

community at the state and national levels, including his work for the disconnected youth in Berks County. Dr. Jill Hackman, BCIU, and Dr. Khalid Mumin, Reading School District Superintendent, are setting up an equity group discussion with Berks County superintendents. In addition, the BCIU currently has availability in their pre-k program.

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

Mr. Mertz shared photos of the BCTC student built home in Oley which sold for \$372,500. Their last meeting was held on September 23. The BCTC heavy equipment operations lab is a new program and they have space in the Oley quarry where they are going to teach students how to operate heavy equipment. There is also a heavy equipment simulator where students can work the controls as if they were digging a trench and other scenarios. They also toured the new welding training facility which has individual welding stations. The students in this program are receiving job offers at the end of the program.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *David E. Moll*

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash stated that all public school leaders are invited to participate in PSBA's fall Virtual Advocacy Day on Thursday, October 8, via Zoom. The day will center around contacting legislators to discuss critical issues affecting public education. Mrs. Lash will be attending the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference virtually on October 14-15. The PSBA Equity Summit will be held virtually on October 13 with the topic of centering equity in crisis and transformation. In regard to the Legislative Council meeting held in September, topics discussed included school code being addressed to clarify the 180-day issue so that everyone is on board with what constitutes a school day virtually, and guidance from PDE in regard to fire and security drills during the time that schools are held virtually. In regard to assessment testing, students will not be required to have the tests to graduate until 2022-23. Mandate waivers are still being discussed in regard to the federal testing mandate. The state must apply for a waiver to this mandate but Secretary DeVos has already stated there will be no waivers of testing requirements. Also, the Senate considered two important pieces of legislation that address the need to expand broadband access across Pennsylvania.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Carl Engleman, Centre Township, stated that he has two children in the district and has been practicing law in Berks County for over 20 years. He spoke about the issue of stadium attendance and stadium capacity. In the legal community there are differing opinions with respect to the impact of Judge Stickman's order on the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There is some opinion out there, that he believes is wrongfully relied on, that the 25/250 restrictions are still valid. He believes the prevailing school of thought is that Judge Stickman's order is the law of the entire Commonwealth at this point with respect to the constitutionality of the 25 indoor/250 outdoor restrictions being unconstitutional under the First Amendment. He respectfully requested that the Board increase capacity at the stadium for outdoor sporting events to the maximum deemed responsible given the COVID-19 pandemic that we're currently experiencing.

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 meetings held virtually on March 23, 2020; April 20, 2020; April 27, 2020; May 18, 2020; June 22, 2020; June 30, 2020; July 27, 2020; and August 17, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by George Mertz to ratify all action taken by the Board at the Board meetings held virtually on March 23, 2020;

April 20, 2020; April 27, 2020; May 18, 2020; June 22, 2020; June 30, 2020; July 27, 2020; and August 17, 2020.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 4.2** Revised Health and Safety Plan
The Board is requested to consider and recommend approval of the revised Schuylkill Valley School District Health and Safety Plan, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the revised Schuylkill Valley School District Health and Safety Plan, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT

- 5.1** Monthly Reports
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

- 5.2** Updates
Mr. Mitchell stated that on September 28 the district received our Future Ready Index scores which are view only at this time. He will be meeting with the principals and assistant principals to review them. Mr. Mitchell will have a report prepared for either the Board Retreat on October 24 or the Board meeting on October 26 as to where the district stands with the Future Ready Index.

6.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – George H. Mertz III

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 6:36 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 19, 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 due to retirement:
- 6.1.1** Ms. Carolyn Dunlap, Special Education Teacher at the Middle School, effective December 31, 2020.
 - 6.1.2** Ms. Donna Fuerst, Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, effective December 31, 2020.
 - 6.1.3** Mr. Philip Yoder, Health & Physical Education Teacher at the High School, effective on or before October 27, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to accept, with best wishes for the future, the resignations due to retirement in Items 6.1.1 through and including 6.1.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Accepts, with best wishes for the future, the following resignations:

6.2.1 Mr. Dwayne Brown, Full-Time Custodian, effective October 2, 2020.

6.2.2 Ms. Robin Flammer, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective June 4, 2020.

6.2.3 Mrs. Lori Johnson, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective June 4, 2020.

6.2.4 Mrs. Mary Kirk, Part-Time Lunchroom Aide, effective September 25, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Paul Bendigo to accept, with best wishes for the future, the resignations 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 Mrs. Victoria Molio'o-Bejarano, Part-Time Lunchroom Aide, effective August 31, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by George Mertz to accept, with best wishes for the future, the resignation in Item 6.2.5, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 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.):

6.3.1 Mrs. Charlene Henne, from Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours a day, to Part-Time Food Services Worker, 5 hours a day, to fill the vacancy created by transfer of Mrs. Lori Brenner, effective with the start of the 2020-21 school year.

6.3.2 Mrs. Amanda Wessner, from Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours a day, to Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours a day, to fill the vacancy created by transfer of Ms. Charlene Henne, effective with the start of the 2020-21 school year.

6.3.3 Mrs. Shelly Folk, from Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours a day, to Part-Time Food Services Worker, 5 hours a day, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Lori Johnson, effective with the start of the 2020-21 school year.

6.3.4 Mrs. Lisa Lawson, Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours a day at an hourly rate of pay of \$11.00, to fill the vacancy created by transfer of Mrs. Shelly Folk, effective with the start of the 2020-21 school year.

6.3.5 Mrs. Deana Pietrowski, 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. Robin Flammer, effective with the start of the 2020-21 school year.

6.3.6 Mrs. Lisa Dietrich, Full-Time 12-Month Secretary at the Middle School, to Full-Time 12-Month Payroll & Taxes Secretary at an hourly rate of pay of \$18.86, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Jessica Kramer, effective date to be determined.

6.3.7 Substitutes for the 2020-21 school year.

6.3.8 Volunteers for the 2020-21 school year.

6.3.9 Additional Fall coaches for the 2020-21 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Items 6.3.1 through and including 6.3.9, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3.10 Job description for the position of Accountant.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the job description for the position of Accountant.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3.11 Mrs. Victoria Molio'o-Bejarano, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, 5.95 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$12.73, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Conni DeAcosta, effective September 1, 2020.

6.3.12 Mrs. Jo Ellen Pritz, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, 5.95 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$12.73, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Andrea Sabo, effective October 5, 2020.

6.3.13 Additional bus drivers for the 2020-21 school year.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by David Moll to approve the employment in Items 6.3.11 through and including 6.3.13, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3.14 Mr. Jeremy Crills, Health & Physical Education Teacher at the High School, MS+42, Step 23, \$99,101, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Phil Yoder, effective September 29, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the employment in Item 6.3.14, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.4** Accepts the resignation of Mr. Jeremy Crills, Principal at the Elementary School, effective September 29, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by Robert Dempsey and seconded by David Moll to accept the resignation in Item 6.4, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.5** 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.):

- 6.5.1** Mrs. Courtney Maguire, from Assistant Principal at the Middle School to Principal at the Elementary School, at an annual salary of \$100,000 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Jeremy Crills, effective September 29, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Item 6.5.1, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.5.2** Ms. Allison Schray, ½ Day Long-Term Substitute School Counselor at the Middle School, Master's, Step 1, \$54,705 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the leave of absence of Mrs. Janel Smith, start date to be determined through approximately December 23, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Item 6.5.2, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.5.3** Revised IT Technician job description.

Please note that the previously approved job description was revised to reflect the current job description format including the addition of qualifications, physical demands, abilities, skills, etc. The essential duties and responsibilities were revised only for language usage issues/spelling.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by George Mertz to approve the revised IT job description, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.5.4** Mrs. Michelle Kauffman, Accountant, at an annual salary of \$55,000 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Ming Wang, effective October 19, 2020.
- 6.5.5** Mrs. Michelle Fulmer, Part-Time Lunchroom Aide, 3 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$11.00, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Mary Kirk, effective date to be determined.
- 6.5.6** Mr. Richard Rothenberger, Part-Time Lunchroom Aide, 3 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$11.00, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Diana Berstler, effective date to be determined.
- 6.5.7** Mrs. Deanne Johnson, Part-Time Lunchroom Aide, 3 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$11.00, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Victoria Molio'o-Bejarano, effective date to be determined.
- 6.5.8** Mrs. Rachel Wade, Long-Term Substitute Digital Citizenship Teacher at the Middle School, Master's, Step 1, \$54,705 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the leave of absence of Mr. Chuck Mohn, effective October 5, 2020, 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 6.5.4 through and including 6.5.8, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.6** Approves the leave without pay for Mrs. Cherie Heffner, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective with the start of the 2020-21 school year through September 25, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the leave without pay in Item 6.6, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.7** Approves ratification of the General Healthcare Resources staffing agreement for per diem nursing services for the 2020-21 school year, as executed by the Director of Human Resources and Communications.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Linda Lash to approve ratification of the General Healthcare Resources staffing agreement for per diem nursing services for the 2020-21 school year, as executed by the Director of Human Resources and Communications.

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 6:47 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 19, 2020.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 7.1** Approves ratification of the agreement with Mrs. Melney Reich for special education services for Student #3613 and Student #3702, at a cost of \$65 per hour, from August 26, 2020 through June 18, 2021, and further, authorizes the Acting Superintendent to execute the agreement.
- 7.2** Approves ratification of the tuition agreement with New Story to provide Student #4909 alternative educational services for the 2020-2021 school year, at the rates provided, and further, authorizes the Acting Superintendent to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve ratification of the agreements in Items 7.1 and 7.2, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.3 Other (Old/New Business)**
Mrs. Lash thanked Mr. Michael Billman and the IT Department for the publicity in the Reading Eagle in regard to the \$20,000 donation from Ashley Furniture to purchase equipment for the district's robotics program. She asked for the information to be sent to PSBA Success Starts Here for publication.

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – David E. Moll

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 6:51 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 19, 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 August 18, 2020, to September 29, 2020, as presented.

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| GENERAL FUND | \$966,790.17 |
| CAFETERIA FUND | \$20,910.49 |
| CAPITAL PROJECT FUND | \$349,874.85 |
| TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUND | \$12,512.50 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$1,350,088.01 |

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by David Moll to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from August 18, 2020, to September 29, 2020, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.2 Approves accepting a grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, ID 33797, in the amount of \$199,146.00, to be used for supplies and operating expenses for COVID-19 virtual and in-person instruction.

- 8.3 Approves accepting a donation from United Way of Berks County in the amount of \$2,700.00.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by George Mertz to approve accepting a grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, ID 33797, in the amount of \$199,146.00, to be used for supplies and operating expenses for COVID-19 virtual and in-person instruction; and to approve accepting a donation from United Way of Berks County in the amount of \$2,700.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.4 Approves the transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Project Fund in the amount of \$10,917.00. NOTE: This amount was the proceeds of sale from Buildings and Grounds equipment.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by David Moll to approve the transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Project Fund in the amount of \$10,917.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.5 Approves the transfer from the Capital Improvement Projects Fund, in the amount of \$931,254.68, to the Capital Project Fund, for reimbursement of expenditures authorized by the reimbursement resolution which was Board approved on April 27, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by George Mertz to approve the transfer from the Capital Improvement Projects Fund, in the amount of \$931,254.68, to the Capital Project Fund, for reimbursement of expenditures authorized by the reimbursement resolution which was Board approved on April 27, 2020.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.6 Approves ratification of the 2020-21 IDEA-B (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Subgrant Agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit for the period of July 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, for a total amount of \$339,828.70, to be passed through the Berks County Intermediate Unit, and further, authorizes the Acting Superintendent to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by George Mertz to approve ratification of the 2020-21 IDEA-B (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Subgrant Agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit for the period of July 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, for a total amount of \$339,828.70, to be passed through the Berks County Intermediate Unit, and further, authorizes the Acting Superintendent to execute the agreement.

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 6:56 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 19, 2020.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 9.1** Approves the payment of the invoice from R. L. Sensenig Co., to provide labor and material to flash five (5) new roof curbs at the high school, at a cost of \$11,040.17, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the invoice.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by George Mertz to approve the payment of the invoice from R. L. Sensenig Co., to provide labor and material to flash five (5) new roof curbs at the high school, at a cost of \$11,040.17, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the invoice.

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 7:19 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, in the Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 19, 2020.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

There were no Committee recommendations.

- 10.1** The Board is requested to consider and approve the following motion:

As Governor Wolf's capacity directives have been ruled unconstitutional by a federal judge and other districts are now increasing their seating capacities within safe limits, the SV Board of School Directors is asked to consider the following for adoption:

Maintains 6' social distancing but does not count players, coaches, and game workers in the following totals:

Stadium - 355

HS Gym - 77

Portable Bleachers – 19

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the resolution to increase stadium capacity in Item 10.1, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.2** The Board is requested to consider and approve the motion to not have spectators outside the stadium fence at this time.

Mr. Miller asked if the Board should just give direction regarding this topic. Mr. Raudenbush stated that the Board should just give direction as he cannot see why people are not allowed to stand outside the fence to watch the game. Mr. Miller and Mrs. Kleffel agreed. Mrs. Lash asked if the spectators outside the fence would be masked. Mr. Raudenbush stated we could require this but it would also need to be reinforced by security. Mr. Mitchell added that it's very difficult to police activity outside the fence as it's a very large area with many kids attending without supervision. Miss Susan Focht, Leesport, commented that in her opinion the people outside the fence should obey the face mask directive from the Board. Mr. Bendigo added that his opinion is to have signs when people enter the property that they are required to wear a mask at all times. He is not in favor of policing individuals outside the fence. Mr. Chillot, HS teacher and varsity football coach, added that at half-time the players leave the stadium but are not allowed inside the building, so they stay in the back of the building. If people will be allowed outside the fence, then the team will stay inside the stadium. Mr. Mertz asked if an area could be roped off for the team and Mr. Chillot said he would just stay inside the stadium.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the motion to not have spectators outside the stadium fence at this time.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Dempsey, Lash, Miller, Moll, Rossi

Nays: Bendigo, Kleffel, Mertz, Raudenbush

Motion carried.

- 10.3 Other (Old/New Business)**

Mr. Bendigo noted that the public will need to be notified regarding not having spectators outside the stadium fence. He asked if a number would need to be established for each area in the district in which people congregate once we start holding events in these areas. We would have to determine the capacity for each venue and vote on it as the Board did for the stadium, gym and bleachers. Mr. Mitchell stated that would be up to the Board as the state is not mandating this, but it may be good practice. Mr. Miller noted that the Board has time on these issues as this changes quickly from day to day. Mr. Bendigo added that the Board was discussing sports but there are other events once students return to school, such as band concerts, so the Board should not wait until the last minute. Mr. Miller stated that this could be addressed at the October meetings.

Mrs. Lash asked if vouchers would still be handed out for the new seating capacities in the stadium. Miss Deibler stated that for our stadium events, the best thing would be to stay with vouchers so parents would be guaranteed seats for the games. She would also like to see some of the student body attending games as this is an important part of the high school experience.

- 11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Miss Susan Focht, Leesport, representing the Schuylkill Valley Alumni Marching Unit, let everyone know that they will be holding a sub sale.


12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by David Moll 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 8:15 p.m.


Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors