

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

MINUTES

July 27, 2020

1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Board President, G. Dane Miller, via Zoom Meeting Room.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1.2 ROLL CALL

Members Present (online): 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 (online): Michael T. Mitchell, Jr., Michael Billman, Casey Blankenbiller, Robin Brightbill, Kate Costenbader, Jeremy Crills, Stephanie Deibler, Brian Feick, Dr. Janet Heilman, Melissa Kelchner, Courtney Maguire, Changming Wang, Dr. Sarah Yoder, Jason Williams

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 22, 2020, and to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 30, 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 June 22, 2020 for negotiations, and on July 27, 2020 for personnel matters.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – G. Dane Miller

No report.

2.2 SECRETARY – Linda R. Lash

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash stated that they did not meet in July and the next meeting will be in August. She did attend the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance webinar the week of July 13 with Dr. Jill Hackman as the featured speaker on the topic of education. They discussed the reopening of schools and what that will look like. Things may change very rapidly and school districts will need to have a plan in place and then that may change to something else in a very quick timeframe.

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

Mr. Mertz reported that there is no July meeting but they will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, August 5 to discuss reopening.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *David E. Moll*

Mr. Moll reported that there is a Zoom meeting scheduled for July 30.

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

Mrs. Lash stated that she attended a webinar the week of July 13 sponsored by the PA Budget and Policy Center and run by Andrea Custis of the Coalition for PA Schools Work. Senator Casey discussed the HEROES Act and the funding for education, possibly \$3 trillion for education overall. During their weekly update with PSBA, they discussed liability coverage for school districts in case someone would get sick under our care, they received the revenue estimates report, and healthcare plans are due on the first day of school. Also, House Bill 364 passed in the House which is for stop-arm cameras on our busses and Senate Bill 836, which is in regard to EKG's for athletes, is now on the governor's desk to be signed. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Kathleen Murray, Ontelaunee Township, stated that on July 27 she had read a news article stating that Berks County COVID-19 cases are increasing again and she asked how quickly the district can pivot going in and out of these phases. She appreciates everything that everyone is doing and she stated that the district is doing a great job of trying to keep everyone informed. This is an incredibly difficult scenario for all of us and we want all the kids to go back, but with the news changing so rapidly she is concerned. Also, in regard to social distancing, what is going to be happening in the district's buildings. Mr. Mitchell stated that we will not know which phase we're starting in as we still have a month until school starts. We do have a plan in place whether we're green, yellow or red and we've had this up on our website since July 17. We don't have answers to all the questions as we'll need to wait for the current guidelines at the time we reopen. Social distancing is something that all the principals are working on. Currently at the high school, they've redone some classes to make sure that they could be social distanced. Principals are going into classrooms, measuring and moving desks around to see if they can get things the way they need to be with the number of students that they have in the classroom. All three schools are looking at ways to move students through the hallway safely within the guidelines. We'll have a plan to keep the students as safe as possible and we'll get it out to the community as soon as we know where we are. There is also the option to do the Schuylkill Valley online which is going to be exactly what the students will be getting in class. The teachers will record themselves teaching and we'll get the information out to the students if they do choose to stay home. Our goal is to educate everyone to the best of their potential but to keep everyone safe is the top priority. It is an ever changing scenario and we're learning by the day. We take every one of these decisions seriously as many of us have children in the district and we certainly want them back in school and we want them to be as safe as possible.

Donald Kichline, Mohrsville, stated that he has three children in the district. He understands a lot of work has been put into practices over summer as his son and daughter are both attending high school practices for soccer. He thanked the Board and athletic department for doing such a wonderful job but with sports there is constant contact between athletes. He asked how the students can social distance and be safe while playing sports. He looked for the information and it's vague on details for when we actually start playing. The PIAA seems to be vague on details leaving it up to the school district. His concern is that you have a number of school districts all making different choices yet at the same time all these student athletes will be mixing together. Mr. Mitchell noted that he and Miss Deibler have discussed this topic. The PIAA meets on August 3 and we're really hoping there are more consistent guidelines that are given to the district because Mr. Kichline's point is 100% on point. Everyone wants normalcy and their students back playing sports, but we do want to be safe. He asked for patience as he believes the PIAA will be coming out with some more consistent guidelines. If not, then we will have to

make the best decisions that we can by consulting medical professionals and come up with the safest way to return our kids to play if we can. We may need to look at this on a sport-by-sport basis. Miss Deibler noted that when the athletic plan was written, we wrote the plan based on how we were going to run summer workouts in which case our kids wouldn't be going into a competitive situation with student athletes at other schools. However, she fully expects that if fall sports do start, the PIAA will issue guidelines for each specific sport which details ways to incorporate social distancing and minimize contact among kids. If there is going to be a fall season the PIAA will have to have those guidelines completely secured. If we're going to be in a competitive situation with another school, we want to make sure that they have the same safety guidelines that we do. She believes it will be a situation where the PIAA is going to make the decision and then we're going to standardize how each sport is going to be run.

Julie Zimmerman, Centerport Borough, stated she has two students in the district and one will be starting kindergarten. She asked how will teachers be teaching kindergarten in regard to wearing masks and teaching phonics to the students. She also asked how BCTC will look, if it's a hybrid, and are parents going to be able to give input on days their students would attend. Mr. Mitchell stated that in regard to kindergarten, teachers will have the option of a face shield which will be easier to see the person's expression. There are also masks with clear inserts so that the mouth can be seen when speaking. The district has purchased many supplies through grants to have our teachers be in the best position to educate our students. This will all be taken into account, especially for our younger learners because they will have the hardest time if we have to go online. As far as the hybrid model, we are going to make every effort to keep siblings together, that way they can be home together and in school together to make it a little easier. In regard to the BCTC, we do not have information from them and are waiting to hear back from Dr. Kraft. Mr. Mitchell has forwarded several questions to Dr. Kraft and has not heard back. Mrs. Zimmerman thanked everyone for their hard work as this is no easy task. Mr. Mertz stated that the BCTC is having a special meeting on August 5 to go over their reopening plan.

Kelly Smith, Centre Township, asked how social distancing on the school busses will be handled. Mr. Mitchell answered that a meeting was held with Eshelman Transportation the week of July 20 and we will try to limit the amount of students in seats. We are still working on this and there will also be an upcoming parent survey. In the last survey, 68% of our population said they would be willing to drive their kids to school, which will help a great deal if people stick to that and are able to do it, because then we'll have even less students on the busses. If we're in the yellow hybrid model, we'll have half of the amount of students coming in. Once we get the numbers we'll be able to come up with a better plan to see exactly how many busses we need. Mr. Feick, Business Manager, stated that right now the plan is to have a maximum of two students per seat. If we go into the yellow phase, it will be one student per seat. The busses have 24 seats, so in the yellow phase this would allow for 24 students and one bus driver. The students will be required to wear masks in order to ride the bus.

4.0 BOARD

Policy Waiver

- 4.1 The Board is requested to consider and approve waiving Policy 006.1, Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve waiving Policy 006.1, Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Health and Safety Plan

- 4.2** The Board is requested to consider and approve the Schuylkill Valley School District Health and Safety Plan, as presented.

Mr. Mitchell stated that each time the plan changes, it will be posted on our website, Facebook page, and he will do a call home to inform everyone. The changes will be made in red on the plan so that everyone is up to date with what's going on. We want to keep everyone as informed as possible and if you have questions, please direct them to Mr. Mitchell. He may direct individuals to a building principal or Buildings and Grounds depending on what the question is about. We want everyone to be as informed as possible to make the best decision you can for your students in regard to returning to school. Mr. Miller added that the leadership team is doing a great job and that the website and social media platforms are being kept up to date on a very timely basis. Mr. Mitchell added that the administrative team has worked very hard and he acknowledged them for all of their hard work.

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution

- 4.3** The Board is requested to consider and approve a resolution of the Board of School Directors of Schuylkill Valley School District, Berks County, Pennsylvania authorizing and directing incurring of non-electoral debt through the issuance of one or more series of general obligation notes of the school district (referred to herein as the "notes") in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed thirty-four million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$34,900,000.00).

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by David Moll to approve the resolution of the Board of School Directors of Schuylkill Valley School District, Berks County, Pennsylvania authorizing and directing incurring of non-electoral debt through the issuance of one or more series of general obligation notes of the school district (referred to herein as the "notes") in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed thirty-four million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$34,900,000.00).

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution

- 4.4** The Board is requested to consider and approve the resolution declaring that the COVID-19 pandemic is an emergency within the meaning of Section 520.1 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by George Mertz to approve the resolution declaring that the COVID-19 pandemic is an emergency within the meaning of Section 520.1 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Instructional Time Template

- 4.5** The Board is requested to consider and approve the Emergency Instructional Time Template, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Robert Dempsey and seconded by George Mertz to approve the Emergency Instructional Time Template, as presented.

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

*These reports will be provided again beginning with the September 28 agenda.

Updates

5.2 Mr. Mitchell stated that the administrative team has been working non-stop on the Health and Safety Plan and they will continue to do so.

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, July 20, 2020, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 17, 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. Jessica Kramer, Full-Time Payroll & Taxes Secretary, effective date to be determined.

6.1.2 Ms. Diana Berstler, Part-Time Lunchroom Aide at the Elementary School, effective June 4, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by David Moll 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** Mrs. Sue Raynes, Special Education (Life Skills) Teacher at the High School, MS+30, Step 15, \$80,942, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Kate Costenbader, effective date to be determined.
- 6.2.2** Ms. Alexis Grimm, Elementary Education Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the Elementary School (assignment to be determined), BS, Step 2, \$50,663, to fill the new position created due to increased need, effective for the 2020-21 school year.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by David Moll to approve the employment in Items 6.2.1 and 6.2.2, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.2.3** Job description for the position of Business Manager.
- 6.2.4** Job description for the position of Director of Buildings and Grounds.
- 6.2.5** Job description for the position of Food Service Director.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the job descriptions in Items 6.2.3 through and including 6.2.5, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.2.6** Mrs. Lori Brenner, from Part-Time Food Services Worker, 5 hours a day, to Part-Time Food Services Worker, 5.5 hours a day, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Joan Minnich, effective with the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the employment in Item 6.2.6, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.2.7** a) Head Coaches for the 2020-21 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Item 6.2.7, excluding the position of Girls Volleyball Head Coach.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- b) Head Coaches for the 2020-21 school year – Girls Volleyball Head Coach only.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the employment in Item 6.2.7 for the position of Girls Volleyball Head Coach only.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: Bendigo, Mertz

Motion carried.

- 6.2.8** Fall Coaching Staff for the 2020-21 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Item 6.2.8, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.2.9** Appointment of the following individuals to the roles listed as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as revised on May 6, 2020:

- Title IX Coordinator & IX Decision Maker – Mr. Michael Mitchell
- Deputy Title IX Coordinator – Ms. Robin Brightbill
- Deputy Title IX Coordinator – Miss Stephanie Deibler

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the appointment of the individuals listed to the roles listed as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as revised on May 6, 2020.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.2.10** Ms. Lauren Yoder, Special Education Teacher – Emotional Support at the Middle School, MS+12, Step 4, \$60,441, to fill the newly created position approved at the June 22, 2020 Board meeting, effective pending release from current assignment.

- 6.2.11** 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 leave of absence of Mrs. Joanna Schlottman, effective with the start of the 2020-21 school year through approximately January 4, 2021.

- 6.2.12** Miss Katelyn Faux, Long-Term Substitute 4th Grade Teacher at the Elementary School, Bachelor's, Step 2, \$50,663, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mr. Daniel Shuman, Effective for the 2020-21 school year.

- 6.2.13** Substitutes for the 2020-21 school year.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the employment in Items 6.2.10 through and including 6.2.13, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.3** Approves the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 guest teacher training program renewal for the Schuylkill Valley School District, at an annual cost of \$500.00, and further, authorizes the Director of Human Resources & Communications to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 guest teacher training program renewal for the Schuylkill Valley School District, at an annual cost of \$500.00, 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.

- 6.4** Approves the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District and Schuylkill Valley Management relating to the addition of two positions.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by George Mertz to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District and Schuylkill Valley Management relating to the addition of two positions.

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 6:48 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 17, 2020.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 7.1** Approves the Flexible Instructional Day (FID) Plan submission to PDE, for a two-year period beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Robert Dempsey and seconded by David Moll to approve the Flexible Instructional Day (FID) Plan submission to PDE, for a two-year period beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.2** Approves the contract with New Story to provide Student #4089 alternative educational services for the 2020-2021 school year, at the rates provided, and further, authorizes the Acting Superintendent to execute the agreement.

- 7.3** Approves the agreement with Ms. Margaret Schobel for speech and language services, at the rate of \$156 per hour, from August 26, 2020 through June 8, 2021; and from approximately June 15, 2021 through August 13, 2021, and further, authorizes the Acting Superintendent to execute the agreement.

- 7.4** Approves the linkage letter with Service Access and Management, Inc. for the 2020-21 school year, to ensure that appropriate and agreed upon supports and services are being delivered, and further, authorizes the Acting Superintendent to execute the agreement.
- 7.5** Approves the agreement with Indiana University of Pennsylvania as an educational partner for their Student Teaching Internships, Practicum and Observations, effective July 27, 2020, for a period of five (5) years, and further, authorizes the Acting Superintendent to execute the agreement.
- 7.6** Approves the agreement with Cybersoft Technologies, Inc., to add the Campus store feature in SchoolCafé to receive non-food service payment from District families, and further, authorizes the Director of Instructional and Information Technology to execute the agreement.
- 7.7** Approves the addendum to the contract with EBS, which was Board approved on June 22, 2020, to extend the number of ESY speech hours for Lucy Stone to up to 14 hours per week. The additional hours are to cover speech services required for five additional students.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by David Moll to approve Items 7.2 through and including 7.7, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.8** Approves rescinding resolution 7.1, adopted by the Board on May 18, 2020, to approve the 2020-2021 non-refundable Chromebook Protection Plan.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by David Moll to approve rescinding resolution 7.1, adopted by the Board on May 18, 2020, to approve the 2020-2021 non-refundable Chromebook Protection Plan.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.9** Approves an optional non-refundable \$15 student device protection plan for the 2020-2021 school year, to be available to purchase for elementary school, middle school and high school students. Students who are approved for free or reduced lunch status will have the option to pay a reduced non-refundable \$5 student device protection plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Students who do not purchase the protection plan will be liable for all expenses for repair.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the optional non-refundable \$15 student device protection plan for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.10 Other (Old/New Business)

Mrs. Lash asked for a brief overview of kindergarten orientation. Mr. Crills stated that under the current conditions, the elementary school came up with a different approach this year for kindergarten orientation. They have a limited amount of students coming in 30-minute time periods throughout the day on July 29. One parent and a student will be able to enter the cafeteria where the parent will fill out a questionnaire at that time while a staff member will take the kindergarten student to a classroom. The teacher will do a normal assessment with them in

a limited capacity. When the assessment is complete, the student will be returned to the parent, and they will then disinfect and rotate to the next group. While the assessment is taking place, if the parent needs to see the school nurse, she will be available. Mrs. Schlottman, the kindergarten counselor, will be attending via Zoom if parents have any questions. Every student will be receiving a kindergarten bag with some tools and some guidance resources for next month while at home. Mr. Crills noted that normally they have an orientation that happens with groups of 25 students and they are able to do assessments and observations. The orientation for 2020 will be virtual using a website that has been set up by Mrs. Matthews, elementary counselor, which has great information and will be a virtual tour for kindergartners. The normal kindergarten orientation presentation will also be sent out to parents within the next week. Mr. Mitchell commended Mr. Crills, Mr. Williams, the kindergarten teachers and the elementary guidance staff for all of the extra time and planning that went into this process to try and give the students the best possible experience. Kindergarten is a difficult transition and compared to what we normally do, this is a lot different and he believes they have a nice plan and are to be commended.

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – David E. Moll

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 17, 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 June 12, 2020, to July 28, 2020, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$1,000,447.32
CAFETERIA FUND	\$4,171.64
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,250.00
TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUND	\$15,506.06
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$70,548.60
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,094,923.62

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from June 12, 2020, to July 28, 2020, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.2 Approves the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Reports for June 2020, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by George Mertz to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Reports for June 2020, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.3 Approves exonerating the school district tax collectors from collecting unpaid interim tax bills dated January 1, 2020, and that the Board approve submitting the taxes to Berks County Tax

Claim Bureau for collection. There are nine (9) bills totaling \$10,048.57 (last year there were five (5) bills totaling \$10,110.65).

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve exonerating the school district tax collectors from collecting unpaid interim tax bills dated January 1, 2020, and that the Board approves submitting the taxes to Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.4** Approves the creation of revenue accounts to accept non-food service payment from District families through SchoolCafé Campus store, and further, authorizes the Business Manager to create the revenue accounts.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the creation of revenue accounts to accept non-food service payment from District families through SchoolCafé Campus store, and further, authorizes the Business Manager to create the revenue accounts.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.5** Approves entering into a consortium with Fleetwood Area School District for the 2020-21 school year for the Title III grant, with Schuylkill Valley's share to be \$4,950, and further, authorizes the Acting Superintendent to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by George Mertz to approve entering into a consortium with Fleetwood Area School District for the 2020-21 school year for the Title III grant, with Schuylkill Valley's share to be \$4,950, and further, authorizes the Acting Superintendent to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

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 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 17, 2020.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 9.1** Approves the quote from Finch Services, Inc., for a replacement infield groomer, in the amount of \$14,638.50, 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 Alfonso Rossi to approve the quote from Finch Services, Inc., for a replacement infield groomer, in the amount of

\$14,638.50, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the proposal.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.2** Approves the quote from Lift, Inc., to replace the existing wood benches in the high school locker rooms, in the amount of \$4,183.71, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the proposal.

Mr. Rossi stated he is going to recommend a no vote on replacing the benches at the high school locker rooms because we are unresolved in regard to the layout. We don't want to move forward and send them money if we are going to change this. Mrs. Lash and Mr. Moll suggested tabling the item. Mr. Bendigo stated that they might come up with a totally different design and if it is tabled, at some point in time it should be addressed. We'd probably like to start all over and look at this with a clean slate. Mr. Miller stated that the recommendation from the Committee is to vote no on Item 9.2

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by George Mertz to replace the existing wood benches in the high school locker rooms, in the amount of \$4,183.71, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the proposal.

Yeas: Rossi

Nays: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, Raudenbush

Motion failed.

- 9.3** Approves the quote from Lift, Inc., to replace the middle school pool lockers by upgrading the existing lockers to composite, at a cost of \$63,100.18, 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 David Moll to approve the quote from Lift, Inc., to replace the middle school pool lockers by upgrading the existing lockers to composite, at a cost of \$63,100.18, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the proposal.

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

Nays: Raudenbush

Motion carried.

- 9.4** Approves the quote from The A.G. Mauro Company to replace middle school outside gym doors #19 and #20, at a cost of \$11,760.00, 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 from The A.G. Mauro Company to replace middle school outside gym doors #19 and #20, at a cost of \$11,760.00, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the quote.

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

Nays: Raudenbush

Motion carried.

- 9.5** Approves the quotes for installation of power to the high school tennis courts, from Pagoda Electrical Inc., at a cost of \$5,650.00, and from Geothermal Loop Installations, LLC, at a cost of \$3,700.00, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the quotes.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the quotes for installation of power to the high school tennis courts, from Pagoda Electrical Inc., at a cost of \$5,650.00, and from Geothermal Loop Installations, LLC, at a cost of \$3,700.00, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the quotes.

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 8:01 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 17, 2020.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 10.1** Approves the district's Music Health and Safety Plan, as presented.

Mrs. Lash asked if this was for the high school band only. Miss Deibler stated that this is primarily for marching band. Mr. Deininger met with Miss Deibler and Dr. Yoder last week and they reviewed Mr. Deininger's process and discussed how he could accomplish starting marching band with all the constraints that we're under with social distancing. This is what the plan is tailored to but chorus could use this as well. Mrs. Lash asked if we are still offering chorus and band indoors for the start of the year. Mr. Mitchell confirmed that specials are still being offered and the teachers and administrators in each building are working out how to make that happen. It might be more small groups but everyone is working on this, and if we're going to be in school, we're going to offer everything we offer.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the district's Music Health and Safety Plan, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.2 Other (Old/New Business)

Mrs. Kleffel noted that Board members should have received the official ballot for Pride of Schuylkill Valley voting. If the link does not work, let her know and she will send another email. They are looking to select five individuals and one service individual.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Moll thanked Central Administration, the teachers and everyone who is working in these trying times. He appreciates the good comments that we received from the community and he appreciates their support as well. We are all in uncharted waters and we've tried to think of all the "what if" scenarios and he just wanted to commend the administration and staff for all of the hard work that they've been doing. Mr. Mitchell added that our coaches have done a

phenomenal job getting our student athletes back out there as it's not easy. They're trying to get the kids ready for their fall season in a safe manner and they've had to make many adjustments. He commended them for doing a great job.

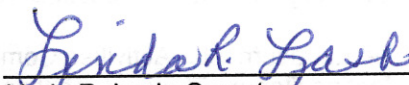
12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by David Moll, 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 8:08 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors