

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

MINUTES

June 30, 2020

- 1.0 **The Special Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by the Board President, G. Dane Miller, held online via Zoom Meeting Room.**

1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

1.2 **ROLL CALL**

Members Present (online): 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 (not present)

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cynthia S. Mierzejewski, Michael Billman, Casey Blankenbiller, Robin Brightbill, Brian Feick, Michael Mitchell

District Solicitor: Brian Boland

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

No one addressed the Board.

3.0 **BOARD**

3.1 Policy 006.1, Waiver

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

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by David Moll 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.

3.2 Resolution

The Board is requested to consider and approve the adoption of the resolution that Michael T. Mitchell, Jr. be appointed as Acting Superintendent of the Schuylkill Valley School District pursuant to 24 P.S. §10-1079 for a term not to exceed one year, beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021, at an annual salary of \$140,000, in accordance with the employment agreement between the parties.

Mr. Brian Boland, District Solicitor, stated that Mr. Mitchell is likely to get his test results on July 3 and will then be commissioned by the Pennsylvania Department of Education next week. He can then step into the role as a commissioned Superintendent, however §10-1079 of the school code allows the district to appoint an Acting Superintendent when your regular Superintendent position is vacant and you do not have a commissioned person in that slot. What §10-1079 of the school code requires is that you pass a formal resolution approving Mr. Mitchell as the Acting Superintendent for a period of up to one year. The agreement also states that Mr. Mitchell can opt out of this Acting Superintendent's contract as soon as he gets his commission from the commonwealth, and then jump into his regular agreement which runs until 2024. Mr. Boland will send a copy of the resolution, Mr. Mitchell's employment agreement, and a copy of Dr. Mierzejewski's resignation to PDE. PDE will then log in that our Superintendent is an Acting Superintendent and that there is no commission associated with it. Mr. Mitchell's Superintendent contract will still expire on June 30, 2024. Mr. Mitchell noted that all of his course work is complete, however his test was delayed due to the testing site being closed during the pandemic and the Superintendent test cannot be taken from home. He rescheduled the test for June 8 and apparently the results will not be available until July 3.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the adoption of the resolution that Michael T. Mitchell, Jr. be appointed as Acting Superintendent of the Schuylkill Valley School District pursuant to 24 P.S. §10-1079 for a term not to exceed one year, beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021, at an annual salary of \$140,000, in accordance with the employment agreement between the parties.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

4.1 Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Board is requested to consider and approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Schuylkill Valley School District and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 88, Local 1744, for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Schuylkill Valley School District and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 88, Local 1744, for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed unanimously.

5.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mrs. Lash noted that work had resumed on the tennis courts at the high school.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

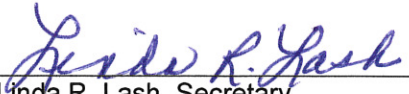
Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by George Mertz that, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors