

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

MINUTES

June 22, 2020

1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present (online): Dr. Cynthia S. Mierzejewski, Michael Billman, Robin Brightbill, Kate Costenbader, Stephanie Deibler, Brian Feick, Dr. Janet Heilman, Michael Mitchell, Changming Wang, Dr. Sarah Yoder, Jason Williams

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 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 15, 2020 for a school safety matter.

1.5 RECOGNITION

Retiring Staff

The Board extends sincere thanks and best wishes to retiring staff members for their service in education and to the Schuylkill Valley School district:

Elaine Balthaser	Health Assistant	24 years
Scott Hagy	Paraprofessional	18.5 years
Vernon Heffleger	Custodian	12.5 years
Patricia Kramer	English Teacher	32 years
Dr. Cynthia Mierzejewski	Superintendent	34 years
Joan Minnich	Food Service Worker	16.6 years
Patricia Miller	Library Aide	24 years
Dr. Deborah Schmeck	Gifted Teacher	41 years
Janet Scull	Speech Therapist	34 years
Marsha Townsend	4th Grade Teacher	21 years

SVSD Girls' District Championship Swim Team

The Board recognized the student athletes and coaches of the Girls' District Championship Swim Team. Coach Kyle Campbell prepared a video which was presented. He noted that the girls' team had four consecutive team district titles which is something that has never been accomplished in any sport in Schuylkill Valley history. The PIAA awarded state metals this year even though state competition was cancelled due to the pandemic. Marlee Rickert, senior, was awarded individual gold medals in the 100 back and 200 free. Megan Ehrnfeldt, sophomore, was awarded two sixth place medals in 100 fly and 500 free. Our medley relay and 200 free relay will be receiving state silver medals. Coach Campbell thanked the team for all of their hard work during the last four years. Marlee Rickert also thanked everyone for their support of the team and stated it was an honor representing the district. The Board congratulated the athletes and coaches on their winning season.

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 reviewed the budget and had projected savings of \$104,434 due to attrition. They will be restructuring their loans with RBC for cash relief for a few years and to push their debt out for a few years as well. BCIU board representatives were seated for their new terms effective July 1, 2020. Also, the National School Boards Association has named Anna Maria Chavez as their new Executive Director and CEO.

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

Mr. Mertz reported that their next meeting will be held on June 24 and they will be able to tour the new welding shop. BCTC will also be approving paperwork in order to take sealed bids on the student-built house located in Oley.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – David E. Moll

Mr. Moll reported that the committee will be meeting in July.

2.6 PA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION LIAISON – Linda R. Lash

Mrs. Lash stated that she attended a PSBA meeting regarding the effects of the COVID crisis which was very informative. She also attended school leaders' workshops led by Karen Devine, PSBA Member Services, which included a review of school health and safety plans and vaccination procedures for the upcoming school year which will remain unchanged. She also noted that there is a bus driver shortage in the state and some districts are already being notified that their bus drivers will not be returning in the fall. Act 1A for funding was passed for the entire year and schools were lucky in that they're being funded for the entire year and not for five months like the rest of the state budget. Act 13 states that school districts are not responsible for cyber charter bills for any children enrolled after March 13.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

An email from Ryan Stricker was read by Mr. Miller. Mr. Stricker is a representative of the Schuylkill Valley Youth Football and Cheerleading Association and inquired about the rules and regulations with COVID-19. They understand that the rules may be changing but would like to know if they could still use the field in front of the high school for youth practices. He also asked if they would be allowed to use the high school stadium for their three home games. If not, is it a possibility to use the junior high school field. Mr. Miller stated that at this point the need for deep cleaning and sanitizing and also the restriction of the number of participants makes it very

difficult to open our facilities at this juncture, however things can evolve and change very quickly. Miss Deibler would be the contact person to check in with as things change in the district. Mr. Stricker thanked the Board for taking his question and knowing that the district is reviewing the issues and problems with field use is appreciated.

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 David Moll and seconded by George Mertz 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.

Resolution

- 4.2 The Board is requested to consider and approve the adoption of the resolution to exempt from real property taxation the assessed value of improvements to deteriorated properties and the assessed valuation of new construction within an area designated, classified and determined by the Township of Ontelaunee in the amounts and in accordance with the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act ("LERTA"), 72 P.S. §4722 et seq., as presented, and further, authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the resolution on behalf of the District.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the adoption of the resolution to exempt from real property taxation the assessed value of improvements to deteriorated properties and the assessed valuation of new construction within an area designated, classified and determined by the Township of Ontelaunee in the amounts and in accordance with the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act ("LERTA"), 72 P.S. §4722 et seq., as presented, and further, authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the resolution on behalf of the District.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution

- 4.3 The Board is requested to consider and approve the adoption of the resolution calling for the general assembly to provide critical support and mandate relief benefitting public schools and students.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the adoption of the resolution calling for the general assembly to provide critical support and mandate relief benefitting public schools and students.

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 Dropout Report

Dr. Mierzejewski stated that our final enrollment for the 2019-20 school year was 2,099 students. This does not reflect what our opening enrollment might look like at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

Updates

5.2

Dr. Mierzejewski stated that to wrap up the 2019-20 school year, Mr. Billman and his staff have been spending a lot of time working on the collection of devices that were distributed. Devices will be available this summer to those students who need them to complete summer work. The approval for the Athletic Health and Safety Plan is on the agenda to cover sports workouts during the summer for the school-related pieces. We have had conversations around youth sports, as well as the other districts in the county, to ensure everything is safe and to make sure everyone is doing what they need to be doing. There is a committee looking at this and will be taking care of this process. For the opening of the 2020-21 school year, we must have a Health and Safety Plan that is approved by the Board. This must be organized by a pandemic committee with a pandemic coordinator who will be looking at the different options. There was a district survey that went out and the district would like to hear from parents. We don't know what we'll be required to do in the fall. With all of the planning that needs to be done, some of it falls on the district to make those plans, but we have to work around whatever requirements are there. We need to have multiple plans so we've asked parents for input on what that might look like and the opinions vary as to who wants what. Most would prefer face-to-face instruction for our students, but that's not always the best for the safety pieces.

Mr. Mitchell stated that they are trying to come up with a plan for every possible scenario no matter what phase we're in and we have to be prepared for any phase. Our team will be meeting frequently over the next few weeks to develop our Health and Safety Plan and will be getting input from local medical professionals. We've received 1,077 responses to the survey and will be reviewing the data and see how to best proceed. We will be putting a lot of time and effort into this process in the next few weeks so that we have a solid plan by August for any possible situation. We need to be ready to possibly move back to yellow and maybe even red with the way things are happening. We have to be prepared for every possible scenario.

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, June 15, 2020, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, July 20, 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 Ms. Andrea Sabo, Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, effective June 8, 2020.
- 6.1.2 Ms. Denise Shupp, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, effective June 8, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz 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. Kate Costenbader, from Special Education Teacher at the High School to Supervisor of Special Education, at an annual salary of \$80,000, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Dawn Harris, effective July 1, 2020.

6.2.2 Mrs. Elizabeth Oswald, Full-Time Health Assistant at the Middle School, at an hourly rate of \$23.00, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Ms. Elaine Balthaser, effective August 24, 2020.

6.2.3 Mentor for the 2020-21 school year at a stipend of \$1,175.00 for full year mentors and \$587.50 for half year mentors.

6.2.4 Mr. Hunter Beane, 4th Grade Teacher at the Elementary School, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$49,553, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Marsha Townsend, effective with the start of the 2020-21 school year.

6.2.5 Change of assignment of Mrs. Elizabeth Schucker, from 4th Grade Teacher at the Elementary School to Gifted Teacher at all buildings, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Dr. Deborah Schmeck, effective with the start of 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 6.2.5, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.3** Approves the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District and the AFSCME Employer Council 88 relating to the employment of the position of summer temporary student buildings and grounds worker.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by David Moll to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of School Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District and the AFSCME Employer Council 88 relating to the employment of the position of summer temporary student buildings and grounds worker.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.4** Approves the second reading and final adoption of new Policy 702.1: Crowdfunding.

- 6.5** Approves the second reading and final adoption of new Policy 718.1: Therapy Dogs.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the second reading and final adoption of new Policy 702.1: Crowdfunding; and to approve the second reading and final adoption of new Policy 718.1: Therapy Dogs.

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

Motion carried.

- 6.6** 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.):

- 6.6.1** Extended school year (ESY) staff, with teachers to be paid at the professional hourly rate of \$27, per the SVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement; paraprofessionals and substitute paraprofessionals to be paid at their regular hourly rate.
- 6.6.2** Mrs. Kelli Zimmerman, 4th Grade Teacher at the Elementary School, MS+18, Step 8, \$69,223, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Elizabeth Schucker, effective with the start of the 2020-21 school year.
- 6.6.3** Mrs. Kristi Harrison, Speech Therapist at the Elementary School, MS+12, Step 9, \$68,218, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Janet Scull, effective with the start of the 2020-21 school year.
- 6.6.4** Mr. Tanner Jerdan, Part-Time Temporary Buildings & Grounds Summer Worker, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective June 29, 2020, through no later than August 25, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the employment in Items 6.6.1 through and including 6.6.4, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.7** Approves issuing a professional employee contract to the following temporary professionals who have served three (3) years and have received satisfactory ratings from the Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with Section 1108 of the Pennsylvania School Code:

Jennifer Blessing
Rachel Himes-Dewalt
Sarah Kreider
Meghan Riley

- 6.8** Accepts, with best wishes for the future, the resignation of Ms. Conni DeAcosta, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, effective June 8, 2020.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the issuance of professional employee contracts in Item 6.7, as presented; and to accept, with best wishes for the future, the resignation of Ms. Conni DeAcosta, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, effective June 8, 2020.

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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, July 20, 2020.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 7.1** Approves the tuition agreement with Hogan Learning Academy LLC to provide Student #2982 education services for the 2020-21 school year, at the rate of \$420 per day, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement.
- 7.2** Approves the contract for services with Wilson School District to provide Student #1586 extended school year education services for 2020, at the rate of \$3,750.00, from June 30, 2020 through July 30, 2020, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement.
- 7.3** Approves the Bulk Services Agreement from ePlus Technology, Inc. for professional services, to provide support in the implementation of Trane HVAC network integration and other projects as needed, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00, to be paid from the Technology Reserve Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Instructional and Information Technology to execute the proposal.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and Kevin Raudenbush to approve the agreements 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 funding for the kindergarten and first grade initiative for the purchase of additional iPads, iPad cases, and related costs to ensure each kindergarten and first grade student has access to a school issued iPad, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00, to paid from the Technology Reserve Fund, \$30,000 paid from the 2020-2021 technology operational budget pending approval of the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget, for a total funding request of \$60,000.00, and further, authorizes the Director of Instructional and Information Technology to execute the purchases.

Board Action: Moved by Kevin Raudenbush and seconded by George Mertz to approve the funding in Item 7.4, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.5** Approves the contract for services with Mrs. Melney Reich to provide Student #3619 extended school year services at the rate of \$85 per hour, from June 23, 2020 through August 15, 2020, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement.
- 7.6** Approves ratification of the linkage letter and referral agreement with CONCERN to provide a continuum of services for adults and students including outpatient services, school-based outpatient, behavioral health services, and family based mental health services, from

April 20, 2020 through April 20, 2022, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the MOU.

- 7.7 Approves the High School Halo Vape Detectors project proposal from Communication Systems Integrators, LLC (CSi), not to exceed \$19,900.00 for the proposal provided, to be paid through the PA School Safety and Security Grant awarded to the district by the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and further, authorizes the Director of Instructional and Information Technology to execute the proposal.
- 7.8 Approves the proposal from Communication Systems Integrators, LLC (CSi) for the School District's video surveillance system, at a cost not to exceed \$56,133.00, to be paid from the Technology Reserve Fund, and further, authorizes the Director of Instructional and Information Technology to execute the proposal.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve Items 7.5 through and including 7.8, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.9 Approves the Education Technology Pool Counsel Joint Consortium Letter of Intent Agreement for 2020-21 to share consulting services provided by the law firm of Sweet, Stevens, Katz, & Williams, LLP, regarding technology-related legal issues in education, at a shared cost of \$650.00 annually, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement.
- 7.10 Approves the agreement with Educational Based Services (EBS) to provide extended school year services from June 23, 2020 through August 6, 2020, and further, to authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement.

- Occupational Therapist \$62 per hour, up to 7 hours per week
- Speech Language Pathologist \$64 per hour, up to 9 hours per week
- BCBA \$83 per hour, up to 5 hours per week

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Kevin Raudenbush to approve Items 7.9 and 7.10, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.11 **Other (Old/New Business)**
Mr. Billman noted that next month the meetings will be held in the Middle School LGI room. He is currently getting the equipment in place to have the meeting live-streamed. We now have a school board YouTube channel up and running to host the videos and also to watch them after they have taken place. The live-stream meetings will be "view only" and Mr. Billman will place the live-stream information on the district website. They plan to start testing the Middle School LGI sound system next week.

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – David E. Moll

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020, via Zoom Meeting Room, and at 7:20 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, July 20, 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 April 29, 2020, to June 24, 2020, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$1,208,281.81
CAFETERIA FUND	\$38,496.48
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS	\$8,700.00
TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUND	\$10,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$249,812.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,515,290.79

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from April 29, 2020, to June 24, 2020, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.2** Grants approval for business office personnel to process bills for payment up to and including June 30, 2020; the list of bills will be presented for ratification at the regular Board meeting in July 2020.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by George Mertz to grant approval for business office personnel to process bills for payment up to and including June 30, 2020; the list of bills will be presented for ratification at the regular Board meeting in July 2020.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.3** Amends and approves the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Reports for May 2020, as presented, and remove approved projects that were not completed prior to January 2020.

Board Action: Moved by Robert Dempsey and seconded by George Mertz to amend and approve the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Reports for May 2020, as presented, and remove approved projects that were not completed prior to January 2020.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.4** Approves the BCIU joint purchasing bids for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

General Supplies - \$47,765.44
Paper - \$8,994.75

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll to approve the BCIU joint purchasing bids for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.5 Approves the 2019-20 budget transfers in the amount of \$1,849,297.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by David Moll to approve the 2019-20 budget transfers in the amount of \$1,849,297.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.6 Approves the following depositories for the 2020-21 school year:

Fulton Bank
Tompkins/VIST Bank
PA School District Liquid Asset Fund
PA School District Liquid Asset Max Fund
PLGIT

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the depositories for the 2020-21 school year, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.7 Approves the insurance proposal from Alive Risk for the 2020-2021 school year, in the amount of \$8,891.00, and further, to authorize the Business Manager to execute the application.

- 8.8 Approves the insurance rates for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

- Liability - CM Regent - \$77,564
- Workers' Compensation - PICS Consortium - \$90,838

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the insurance proposal from Alive Risk for the 2020-2021 school year, in the amount of \$8,891.00, and further, to authorize the Business Manager to execute the application; and to approve the insurance rates for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.9 Approves the adoption of the 2020-2021 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$40,858,644, which does not include a real estate tax increase.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the adoption of the 2020-21 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$40,858,644, which does not include a real estate tax increase.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.10 Approves the tax structure for the 2020-2021 fiscal year as follows:

Real Estate Tax	27.82 mills
Real Estate Transfer Tax	½ %
Earned Income Tax	½ %

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by David Moll to approve the tax structure for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.11** Adopts a resolution authorizing homestead and farmstead real estate tax assessment reductions.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to adopt a resolution authorizing homestead and farmstead real estate tax assessment reductions.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.12** Approves the BCIU tax bill processing and mailing.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the BCIU tax bill processing and mailing.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.13** Approves accepting a donation from Mr. George Grauer, in the amount of \$1,500.00, for the Schuylkill Valley Scholarship Fund.

- 8.14** Approves accepting a donation from Mr. George Grauer, in the amount of \$1,500.00, for the Schuylkill Valley Scholarship Fund.

- 8.15** Approves accepting a donation from Jeff and Lisa Chillot, in the amount of \$1,748.65, for the purchase of safety goggles.

- 8.16** Approves accepting a donation from the Estate of Raymond E. Bauder, Jr., in the amount of \$7,805.90.

- 8.17** Approves accepting a donation from the Schuylkill Valley Elementary PTO, in the amount of \$1,000.00, for the purchase of iPad applications.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve accepting the donations in Items 8.13 through and including 8.17, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.18** Approves the transfer from the General Fund to the Cafeteria Fund to pay delinquent lunch accounts as of June 30, 2020, the amount not to exceed \$5,999.84.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by George Mertz to approve the transfer from the General Fund to the Cafeteria Fund to pay delinquent lunch accounts as of June 30, 2020, the amount not to exceed \$5,999.84.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.19** Approves accepting a scholarship from PSBA in the amount of \$1,250.00, to be awarded to a 2020 SVSD senior student.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve accepting a scholarship from PSBA in the amount of \$1,250.00, to be awarded to a 2020 SVSD senior student.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.20** Accepts Option 2 for financing 2020 bonds, as presented by PFM and Stifel at the June 15, 2020, Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by George Mertz to accept Option 2 for financing 2020 bonds, as presented by PFM and Stifel at the June 15, 2020, Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.21 Other (Old/New Business)**
Mr. Bendigo asked if the district had applied for any grants available under the CARES Act and Mr. Feick answered that we had applied for the CARES grant.

9.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020, via Zoom Meeting Room, and at 8:38 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, July 20, 2020.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 9.1** Approves the machinery maintenance agreement with Shop Specialties Inc., for the high school wood shop, for the 2020-21 school year, in the amount of \$1,800.00, and further, to authorize the building principal to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the machinery maintenance agreement with Shop Specialties Inc., for the high school wood shop, for the 2020-21 school year, in the amount of \$1,800.00, and further, to authorize the building principal to execute the agreement.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.2** Approves the change order for the high school tennis courts authorizing Miller Sports Construction to construct an ADA path and pavement and provide pavement marking, at a cost of \$23,740.00, per Miller Sports Constructions' change order request dated June 3, 2020, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute any documents necessary to carry out the change.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the change order for the high school tennis courts authorizing Miller Sports Construction to construct an ADA path and pavement and provide pavement marking, at a cost of \$23,740.00, per Miller Sports Constructions' change order request dated June 3, 2020, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute any documents necessary to carry out the change.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.3** Approves the quote from Dauphin Electric, for replacement pool area lights, at cost of \$10,500.00, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the quote.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the quote from Dauphin Electric, for replacement pool area lights, at cost of \$10,500.00, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the quote.

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 8:50 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020, via Zoom Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, July 20, 2020.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

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

Board Action: Miss Deibler, Athletic Director, noted that there were some minor changes to the plan and it was also reviewed by the district solicitor. Also, an online waiver form for parents has been designed. She will be doing her first Screencastify to explain the plan to parents and she will also talk about the registration process regarding physicals. In the next day or two they will get out a workout plan for our coaches to start on Monday.

Moved by Robert Dempsey and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the district's Athletic Health and Safety Plan, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

13.0 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 8:26 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors