

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

MINUTES

October 28, 2019

1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by the Board President, Kevin Raudenbush, in the LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room of the Schuylkill Valley High 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, Jay R. Melvin, George H. Mertz III, G. Dane Miller, Kevin Raudenbush, Alfonso F. Rossi

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Treasurer: Changming Wang

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cynthia S. Mierzejewski, Michael Billman, Robin Brightbill, Stephanie Deibler, Brian Feick, Dawn Harris, Missy Kelchner, Courtney Maguire, Melissa Rhoads, Changming Wang

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 23, 2019.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Raudenbush reported that the Board met in executive session on October 15, 2019, for real estate, on October 21, 2019, for confidential information, and on October 28, 2019, for a personnel matter.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – Kevin Raudenbush

No report.

2.2 SECRETARY – Linda R. Lash

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that at the next Board meeting she would have a personnel update on the BCIU.

2.4 BERKS CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – Jay Melvin

Dr. Melvin reported that they met on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, and everything is going well. The next meeting is the reorganization meeting in December.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – Paul L. Bendigo

Mr. Bendigo reported that at their last meeting they hired Rebecca Clouser as the new Director of Berks EIT. Ms. Clouser was previously the CFO at the Boyertown Area School District. Also, they have chosen Sandy Feet Software to replace the software for Berks EIT. This software is also used by Lancaster EIT. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5.

2.6 PA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION LIAISON – Linda R. Lash

Mrs. Lash reported that Dr. Mierzejewski, Mr. Feick and she attended the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference from October 16-18, 2019. There were many excellent workshops including one titled "Recapturing Charter School Students." She also attended several school safety workshops. The school that closely matched our district was Catasauqua as far as size. They have a School Resource Officer and this individual also has duties throughout the school year including summer work in the parks around the school district. Their safety initiative revolves around school-based behavioral health which includes bringing professionals into the district to work with the students. They've seen a large savings from out of school placements.

Mrs. Lash also attended the property tax elimination meeting held on October 22 at the Inn at Reading in Wyomissing with 800 people in attendance. There is a big push for this from certain political groups as well as realtors. In 2015 there were 91 sponsors for SB 76 which would eliminate school property taxes; currently there are 31 sponsors. They want the word to get out to other parts of our state that this is a good thing for all residents, however in other parts of Pennsylvania they are not having as much of an issue due to not being as heavily populated. Mr. Miller added that the legislators in attendance acknowledged there is not any iron clad way to get this accomplished in the near future. The problem with western and northern tier schools is that they're getting 80% of their budget from the state and this is where the inequities come into play.

Dr. Mierzejewski noted that PSBA has a new service that is free to members called "Crisis Communication Team." This is a team that's available if anything happens where communication assistance is needed. She has used this service and the staff was really helpful. This is another extra benefit we have with our PSBA membership.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mrs. Shelly Fox, Bern Township, read a letter from her daughter Morgan regarding concerns about the current girls' volleyball coach, Mr. Carl Lash. She stated that she has played volleyball for four years and shared that many times Mr. Lash's comments and temperament concerned her. She shared her experiences and how she dealt with his coaching style.

Mrs. Karen Kolasa, Leesport, expressed concern about the coaching style of Mr. Carl Lash in regard to her daughter. She had spoken with Mr. Mitchell, high school principal, who then interviewed the players and the coach regarding the issues that were expressed. There seemed to be some improvement after these meetings but it did not last. Mrs. Kolasa stated that this is not a personal attack on Mr. Lash but rather a personal effort to protect her daughter and all the other girls from this behavior. She has had two daughters involved in the volleyball program over the last seven years and feels that there has been no improvement in the treatment of players throughout that time. As a parent she is advocating for the children to be treated fairly.

Mrs. Jami Neuin, Bern Township, expressed concern about the behavior of Mr. Carl Lash who is the volleyball coach of her daughter Harlee. She stated that his style of coaching is belittling, hurtful and intimidating in nature. Mrs. Neuin witnessed Mr. Lash making derogatory comments

about his players during their game on September 7, 2019. She stated that as a parent she is speaking up on her daughter's behalf despite fear of repercussions. She emailed Mr. Mitchell and Miss Deibler on September 17 and Mr. Mitchell explained that protocol was to go to the coach first and if she felt the situation was not rectified, to contact him again. She felt she could not contact Mr. Lash and shared this concern with Mr. Mitchell who was then willing to discuss her concerns. She also learned that other parents were sharing similar concerns with Mr. Mitchell about Mr. Lash's behavior and communication with the team. Her understanding is that Mr. Mitchell and Miss Deibler spoke to a handful of varsity players, including her daughter, who expressed her concerns about Mr. Lash. Mrs. Neuin stated that her daughter noted there seemed to be some improvement for a time, but it was short-lived. Mrs. Neuin asked that the Board examine the information provided and come to a conclusion as to the future of the SV girls' volleyball program.

Mrs. Cathleen Phillips, Centre Township, stated that her daughter Jillian suffered a severe injury on September 19 during a varsity volleyball match which then required surgery. She asked that those employees that acted on behalf of the district on September 19 be held accountable and concede that things could have been handled so much better. She also asked for a written copy of the emergency medical action plan in place in the district at the time of her daughter's injury. Dr. Mierzejewski indicated that if one existed, she was not familiar with it, and she also indicated that when a parent requests an ambulance, it will be done. This was not the case with her daughter's injury. The athletic trainer suspected that she had a sprained ankle and Jillian was asked to move instead of having her injury stabilized. Mrs. Phillips stated that she repeatedly requested an ambulance after her daughter's injury. In addition, she repeatedly requested the supplemental athletic insurance information from the athletic office, only to finally receive it with the school's required information missing and no signature. Mrs. Phillips provided several envelopes of communications to the Board for their review. She asked that the district have a written emergency medical care plan to ensure consistent response in emergency situations. She also noted that she and her daughter have concerns with Mr. Carl Lash's communication style with the girls' volleyball team.

Mrs. Jean Fies, Bern Township, stated that she has two daughters on the district's volleyball team. Her oldest daughter felt she was excluded from the team and ended up walking out of a practice. Her husband contacted Mr. Lash to discuss the situation but Mr. Lash stated that he did not have time to talk and seemed angry that he was contacted. Mrs. Fies stated that they asked their daughter to go back to practice and apologize for walking out however she believed it didn't change anything. Mrs. Fies met with Miss Deibler to discuss Mr. Lash and how their daughter felt that she was not being treated fairly at practice. She feels that something is not right and that something needs to be changed.

Mr. Raudenbush thanked everyone for their comments. He stated that everyone's comments were heard and that the Board takes them very seriously.

4.0 BOARD

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT

Monthly Reports

5.1 The following monthly reports have been provided to the Board:

- 5.1.1 Enrollment Year-To-Date**
- 5.1.2 Principals' Reports**
- 5.1.3 Dropout Report**

Dr. Mierzejewski noted that in regard to our enrollment year-to-date, you can see that we have gone over the 2,100 student enrollment number. There is an item on the October 28 agenda to ask the Board to look at a feasibility study for the district and she believes this is crucial at this point in time. One of the priorities she would have for the study is for some immediate plans for

next year as we're moving into some of the larger numbers as shown on the current enrollment report. The elementary and middle schools are getting extremely full and we now have eight first grade classrooms. In November, Dr. Mierzejewski would like to look at our policy and possibly move our enrollment deadline from August 1 to September 1.

Updates

5.2

Mr. Michael Billman, Director of Instructional and Information Technology, stated that we have partnered with Ashley Furniture, Leesport, and through the Ashley Education Foundation we have the opportunity to take a team to Wisconsin which includes Mr. Cullen, high school technology engineering teacher, Mr. Emerson, middle school STEM teacher, and from the BCTC, Miss Taylor Feeney, Continuing Education Program Coordinator.

Ashley Education Foundation will be paying the travel and accommodation expenses for the team to travel to Arcadia, Wisconsin from November 5-7, 2019. Schuylkill Valley will be the first district outside of Wisconsin to visit and tour the facilities. The Ashley Education Foundation has partnered with schools in Wisconsin in many different areas in regard to STEM initiatives and it's great that we have the opportunity to travel there. The purpose of the trip is to seek funding for our STEM program, focusing on the VEX robotics at the high school and middle school, and furthering the STEM lab at the high school and share about our programs with the foundation. The three areas that will be the focus of the discussion and presentation to Ashley include supporting the VEX IQ at the middle school (the robotics program that they have and the articulation of a robotics program); further our VEX program (we have a robotics team at the high school led by Mr. Cullen); and also to support the development and design of engineering robotics. There has also been discussion of starting an iSTEM course at the high school. Mr. Billman noted that they will be asking for over \$200,000 in funding. During their visit, the team will be learning about the schools that Ashley is working with and visiting the mobile skills lab and advanced technology maker center. They are looking forward to this opportunity to learn from other schools and the programs that they're doing, and most importantly how the foundation can support the programs here in the district. Mr. Billman will follow-up with a report on the trip in November.

In addition, Mrs. Dawn Harris, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services, stated that the district has completed the McKinney-Vento Audit which is relatively new. The district is in the last round of the first cycle of monitoring. Our counselors were able to provide an abundance of evidence regarding what the district does for our families who experience homelessness. Our audit went very well but we will need to work on training and updating our policy. Overall the auditor was impressed with the work that our staff does to meet the needs of our families experiencing homelessness. Many larger districts do a lot of community outreach to support their families experiencing homelessness, however our district does not since our staff does all of the work in stepping in and providing gift cards, donating money and supplies, and arranging doctor visits for these families.

Dr. Mierzejewski stated that the buildings will be honoring veterans with various activities for Veterans Day on Monday, November 11. In addition, the district is receiving state data including the PVAAS data, Future Ready Index, and the School Performance Profile which will be out in the next ten days. She will give an update at the November committee meetings.

6.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Linda R. Lash

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 6:38 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2019, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

6.1 Accepts, with best wishes for the future, the resignation due to retirement of Mr. James Blatt, Head Custodian at the Elementary School, effective November 1, 2019.

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

6.2.1 Mrs. Mary Kate Raytek, Instructional Technology Coach at the Elementary School, effective on or before November 25, 2019.

6.2.2 Ms. Jacquelyn Pentz, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, effective October 8, 2019.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to accept with best wishes for the future, the resignation due to retirement of Mr. James Blatt, Head Custodian at the Elementary School, effective November 1, 2019; and to accept, with regret and best wishes for the future, the resignations in Items 6.2.1 and 6.2.2, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, 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 Mr. Mark Cuccaro, Head Custodian at the High School, at an hourly rate of \$20.18, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Jerry Hussmann, effective October 15, 2019.

6.3.2 Substitutes for the 2019-20 school year.

6.3.3 Volunteers for the 2019-20 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Jay Melvin and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the employment in Items 6.3.1 through and including 6.3.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3.4 Job description for the position of Director of Buildings and Grounds.

6.3.5 Co-curricular assignment change for the 2019-20 school year.

6.3.6 Mrs. Kathleen Kunkle, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$14.42, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Jacquelyn Pentz, effective October 15, 2019.

6.3.7 Mrs. Denise Shupp, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$12.50, to fill the newly created position, effective October 15, 2019.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the employment in Items 6.3.4 through and including 6.3.7, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.4** Approves a compensated leave of absence for the purpose of professional development for Mrs. Kathy Gwiazdowski, 2nd Grade Teacher at the Elementary School, for the second semester of the 2019-20 school year.
- 6.5** Approves authorizing the Administration to apply for Act 80 Exceptions for the teacher in-service days held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, Thursday, August 22, 2019, Friday, September 20, 2019, and Monday, October 14, 2019.
- 6.6** Approves the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 services agreement for electronic guest teacher training for the 2019-20 school year, in the amount of \$750.00, and further, authorizes the Director of Human Resources & Communications to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve a compensated leave of absence for the purpose of professional development for Mrs. Kathy Gwiazdowski, 2nd Grade Teacher at the Elementary School, for the second semester of the 2019-20 school year; and to approve authorizing the Administration to apply for Act 80 Exceptions for the teacher in-service days held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, Thursday, August 22, 2019, Friday, September 20, 2019, and Monday, October 14, 2019; and to approve the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 services agreement for electronic guest teacher training for the 2019-20 school year, in the amount of \$750.00, and further, authorizes the Director of Human Resources & Communications to execute the agreement.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.7** Approves the following conference requests:
- 6.7.1** Ms. Judy Strausser to attend the 2020 PDE Data Summit from March 16-18, 2020, in Hershey, PA, at an approximate cost of \$727.15.
- 6.7.2** Mr. Brian Feick to attend the 2020 PASBO Annual Conference from March 17-20, 2020, in Pittsburgh, PA, at an approximate cost of \$1,099.
- 6.7.3** Mrs. Diane Kaag to attend the 2020 PASBO Annual Conference from March 17-20, 2020, in Pittsburgh, PA, at an approximate cost of \$1,109.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the conference requests in Items 6.7.1 through and including 6.7.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.8** 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.):
- 6.8.1** Mrs. Robin Flammer, Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours a day at an hourly rate of \$9.75, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Cindy Goho, effective October 28, 2019.

6.8.2 Mrs. Victoria Bowman, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$13.00, to fill a newly created position, effective date to be determined.

6.8.3 Ms. Jennifer Shane, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional, at an hourly rate of \$12.84, to fill a newly created position, effective date to be determined.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the employment in Items 6.8.1 through and including 6.8.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.8.4 Winter coaches for the 2019-20 school year (excluding wrestling).

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Dane Miller to approve the winter coaches for the 2019-20 school year (excluding wrestling).

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.8.5 Winter coaches for the 2019-20 school year (wrestling only).

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the winter coaches for the 2019-20 school year (wrestling only).

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

Motion carried.

6.9 Approves the creation of an attendance incentive program to be implemented with the start of the 2020-21 fiscal year for all employee groups, pending approval of Memorandums of Understanding for Act 93, AFSCME, and SVEA employees, on a one-year trial basis concluding on June 30, 2021. Final program details will be presented for board approval at a later date.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Dane Miller to approve the creation of an attendance incentive program to be implemented with the start of the 2020-21 fiscal year for all employee groups, pending approval of Memorandums of Understanding for Act 93, AFSCME, and SVEA employees, on a one-year trial basis concluding on June 30, 2021. Final program details will be presented for board approval at a later date.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.10 Approves the conference request from Mrs. Dawn Harris to attend the Eastern Region PASCD Conference and the PAIU Trauma-Informed Practices Conference from November 6-7, 2019, in Center Valley and Lake Harmony, PA, at an approximate cost of \$510.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the conference request in Item 6.10, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.11** Approves the conference request from Mr. Michael Billman, Mr. Matthew Cullen and Mr. Howard Emerson to visit the Ashley Furniture Industries Headquarters in Arcadia, Wisconsin, from November 5-7, 2019, for the purpose of requesting funding for the district STEM program. Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the Ashley Education Foundation.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the conference request in Item 6.11, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Summary of Committee Deliberations – G. Dane Miller

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2019, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 7.1** Approves ratification of the agreement with Millersville University as an educational partner for their Field Experience and Student Teaching Programs, effective October 1, 2019, for a period not to exceed five years, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement.
- 7.2** Approves the request for permission for homebound instruction for Student #4305, on an intermittent basis dependent upon medical recommendation throughout the 2019-20 school year, per Policy #204: Attendance, and to provide the needed homebound instruction.
- 7.3** Approves ratification of the agreement with Green Valley Academy to provide educational services for Student #525 for a maximum of ten hours per week, from September 17, 2019, through June 5, 2020, at a rate of \$75 per hour, and further, authorizes the Director of Special Education and Pupil Services to execute the agreement.
- 7.4** Approves Student #4231 to remain in the school district until on or about January 20, 2020, per Policy 202: Eligibility of Nonresident Students.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the actions in Items 7.1 through and including 7.4, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Jay R. Melvin

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 7:34 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2019, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 8.1 Approves/ratifies the payment of bills in the following amounts from September 24, 2019, to October 29, 2019, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$961,242.33
CAFETERIA FUND	\$45,977.55
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$4,726.70
EDUCATION TRUST FUND	\$300.00
TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUND	\$1,935.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,014,181.58

- 8.2 Approves the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Reports for September 2019, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Jay Melvin and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from September 24, 2019, to October 29, 2019, as presented; and to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Reports for September 2019, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.3 Approves the disposal (sale) of the district's 1997 GMC Truck, Serial Number 4KDB41R7V50000130.

- 8.4 Approves paying the filing and advertising fees for the Schuylkill Valley Education Foundation, not to exceed \$500.00, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents.

- 8.5 Approves acceptance of a donation from the Schuylkill Valley Athletic Boosters, in the amount of \$5,000, to be used towards two (2) Halo Disinfecting Machines at the high school.

- 8.6 Approves acceptance of the grant from the Governor's Institute in the amount of \$10,000, to be used at the elementary school to establish a closer relationship with early learning centers in our neighboring geographic area.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the disposal (sale) of the district's 1997 GMC Truck, Serial Number 4KDB41R7V50000130; and to approve paying the filing and advertising fees for the Schuylkill Valley Education Foundation, not to exceed \$500.00, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents; and to approve accepting a donation from the Schuylkill Valley Athletic Boosters, in the amount of \$5,000, to be used towards two (2) Halo Disinfecting Machines at the high school; and to approve accepting the grant from the Governor's Institute in the amount of \$10,000, to be used at the elementary school to establish a closer relationship with early learning centers in our neighboring geographic area.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.7 Approves a refund to Ellen J. Weller of penalty and interest paid on 2018 real estate taxes, in the amount of \$477.34.
- 8.8 Approves the district-wide feasibility study to be conducted by EI Associates, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve a refund to Ellen J. Weller of penalty and interest paid on 2018 real estate taxes, in the amount of \$477.34; and to approve the district-wide feasibility study to be conducted by EI Associates, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met at 8:04 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2019, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019.

Items for Board Consideration

- 9.1 Approves the proposal from Lift, Inc., for an elevating dock at the high school, in the amount of \$13,307.86, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the proposal.
- 9.2 Approves the quote from Veritiv for three (3) Tomcat Carbon Edge Walk Behind Auto Scrubbers, with three (3) batteries and three (3) battery watering systems, at a cost of \$30,615.30, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the necessary documents.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the proposal from Lift, Inc., for an elevating dock at the high school, in the amount of \$13,307.86, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the proposal; and to approve the quote from Veritiv for three (3) Tomcat Carbon Edge Walk Behind Auto Scrubbers, with three (3) batteries and three (3) battery watering systems, at a cost of \$30,615.30, and further, authorizes the Director of Buildings and Grounds to execute the necessary documents.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.0 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Nicoleen M. Kleffel

The Extracurricular Activities Committee met at 8:15 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2019, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on November 11, 2019.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

There were no Committee recommendations.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Raudenbush announced that there would be an executive session immediately following the meeting for personnel matters.

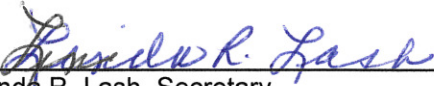
13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors