

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

MINUTES

August 26, 2019

- 1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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: Robert M. Dempsey, Nicoleen M. Kleffel, Linda R. Lash, George H. Mertz III, G. Dane Miller, Kevin Raudenbush, Alfonso F. Rossi

Board Member Paul L. Bendigo was not physically present but participated and voted via speakerphone.

Members Absent: Jay R. Melvin

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 (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Brian Feick, Dawn Harris, Courtney Maguire, Melissa Rhoads, Changming Wang

- 1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 22, 2019, and to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 8, 2019, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Raudenbush reported that the Board met in executive session on August 8, 2019, for personnel matters and a special education matter, and on August 19, 2019, for personnel matters.

- 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:

Carol J. Adams	5th Grade Teacher	11 years
Bethany L. Carlson	Reading Paraprofessional	15 years

William E. Gampe	Biology Teacher	31.5 years
Janice B. Garipoli	Special Education Paraprofessional	19.9 years
Jerry V. Hussmann	Head Custodian/HS	26 years
Jaclyn K. Kunkle	Attendance Secretary	21 years
David A. Smith	Chemistry Teacher	39 years
Craig A. Strunk	Director of Buildings and Grounds	30 years

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 stated that she attended the BCIU Start of the Year Breakfast and program at Muhlenberg High School on August 20. A former student of the IU system in Pennsylvania spoke about how the IU helped him to overcome his disabilities and how he was able to start his own public speaking business while in high school. There was also a presentation from Dr. Edward Michalik who was chosen as the BCIU's Outstanding Community Partner for 2019.

2.4 BERKS CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – *Jay Melvin*

Mr. Mertz noted that the next meeting is on Wednesday, August 28.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *Paul L. Bendigo*

Mr. Bendigo reported that the next meeting is in September.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that there is a lack of substitute teachers across the state which is a huge issue. One of the reasons is due to the lower number of students majoring in teacher education and other factors include the low pay of substitutes and a better employment market. Some schools are using temporary agencies and others across the state are starting to use emergency certification.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mrs. Lyn Delcamp, Mohrsville, stated that she attended the meeting for her son. They are requesting special education services for him for out of district placement. It is nothing the school has done, but the environment does not work for him. She hoped that this would be approved.

Mr. Brian Horner, Northern Berks Regional Police Department Chief, thanked the district for hosting a very successful National Night Out on August 6. He presented a certificate of appreciation to the Board for their support of NBRPD. He also noted that during the opening week of school, their department conducted Operation Safe Schools and were at various schools to greet the students on their first day and also followed the busses to check for traffic violations. Chief Horner asked if the Board would consider hosting National Night Out in 2020.

4.0 BOARD

PSBA Officer Elections

4.1 The Board is requested to consider and recommend the election of officers for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association for the following positions:

- President-Elect

- Vice President
- Central At Large
- Advisor: Section 1, Section 3, Section 5, Section 7
- PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees – there are currently two seats open and two candidates.
- Forum Steering Committee – choose up to three incumbents for a 2-year term.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to elect Art Levinowitz, President-Elect; David Hein, Vice President; Julie Preston, Central At Large; Sabrina Backer, Section 1 Advisor; Ron Cole, Section 3 Advisor; Marsha Pleta, Section 5 Advisor; Tricia Steiner, Section 7 Advisor; Kathy Swope and Mark Miller, PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees; and Crystal Mance, Jaime Lynn Zimerofsky and Jennifer Davidson, Forum Steering Committee.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Settlement Agreement and Release

- 4.2** The Board is requested to consider and approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between the parents, individually on their own behalf and on behalf of their minor child, Student #3006, as proposed, and further, authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release on behalf of the District.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release in Item 4.2, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Settlement Agreement and Release

- 4.3** The Board is requested to consider and approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between the parents, individually on their own behalf and on behalf of their minor child, Student #2825, as proposed, and further, authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release on behalf of the District.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release in Item 4.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Settlement Agreement and Release

- 4.4** The Board is requested to consider and approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between the parents, individually on their own behalf and on behalf of their minor child, Student #4126, as proposed, and further, authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release on behalf of the District.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Dane Miller to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release in Item 4.4, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, 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' Reports
- 5.1.3 Dropout Report

*These reports will be provided again beginning with the September 23 agenda.

Dr. Mierzejewski noted that August 26 was the first day of school. In regard to enrollment, we have been getting registrations constantly all through last week and into this week. Overall, as of August 26, we have 2,085 students in the district which is slightly higher than our final day last year in June when we had 2,062. It's always a little higher the first day and then it evens out as we go along. Our elementary numbers and middle school numbers stayed about the same. The change came at the high school due to class numbers being high. In 9th grade we have 161 students and we graduated 147 students in 2019. Dr. Mierzejewski also noted that there was information given to the Board regarding New School Director Training in regard to Act 55 of 2017. Starting with this year's elections, any new Board members who are newly appointed or are back after some time off from the Board will need to complete the initial four-hour training program. Board members that were re-elected have a two-hour training requirement. This requirement also needs to be reflected in Policy 004: Membership, so she will be revising the policy and hopes to bring it to Board in September.

Updates

- 5.2 Dr. Mierzejewski stated that August 26 was the first day of school and due to the transition with our transportation coordinator position, we were a little late in getting some of the bus schedules out. Mr. Feick has been answering numerous phone calls regarding transportation, and Mr. Billman has been assisting Eshelman Transportation with the bus software. In addition, new teacher orientation was held on August 19 and 20, and opening day for the entire staff was held on August 21.

Dr. Mierzejewski also noted that she and Mr. Dempsey continue to work on getting a district foundation off the ground. Mr. Lou Shucker, attorney, will assist the district with the legal pieces, and Courtney Nein and Kevin Cavanna at Good Life Financial Advisors will assist with some of the financial pieces and marketing. They are looking for volunteers for the committee who could possibly do some of the accounting work and also an executive director as employees and board members cannot fill these positions. Dr. Mierzejewski stated that an education foundation is technically a separate entity from the school district and is a non-profit. Not only do they look at the school district, but they look at the whole school community. Their goals are various but basically a foundation benefits the school district and the community in which it resides. Once a foundation is established there can be fund raising, scholarship money can flow through the foundation, and usually some type of goals are set so the foundation has a focus around their fund raising. Goals can include technology, grants for students or grants for teachers for their classrooms, or STEM and robotics. The foundation board decides the goals and the Board can advise the foundation if requested. This would be a great benefit to the district and our students.

On behalf of the SVEA, Mr. Chillot thanked Mrs. Kleffel for the lunch she provided to the district staff. The staff asked Mr. Chillot to convey that the lunch was much appreciated by everyone.

6.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Linda R. Lash

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 7:34 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2019, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

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

- 6.1.1** Ms. Justine Leshner, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective June 7, 2019.
- 6.1.2** Mrs. Maggie Drake, Assistant Principal at the High School, effective August 21, 2019.
- 6.1.3** Ms. Cindy Goho, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective June 7, 2019.
- 6.1.4** Ms. Carol Ulrich, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective June 7, 2019.
- 6.1.5** Ms. Georgene Zeiner, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, effective June 7, 2019.
- 6.1.6** Ms. Tiffany Rollman, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, effective June 7, 2019.
- 6.1.7** Ms. Colleen Bond, Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher at the High School & Middle School, effective with the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year.
- 6.1.8** Ms. Nancy Bliesath, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the High School, effective August 19, 2019.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to accept, with regret and best wishes for the future, the resignations in Items 6.1.1 through and including 6.1.8, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, 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. Andrea Sabo Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$14.17, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Tiffany Rollman, effective August 21, 2019.
- 6.2.2** Mr. Brent Meitzler from IT Technician to Technology Support Specialist, at an hourly rate of \$19.00, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Andrew Heinrich, effective September 1, 2019.
- 6.2.3** Community aquatics staff for the 2019-20 school year.
- 6.2.4** Mentors for 2019-20 school year at a stipend of \$1,175.00 for full year mentors and \$587.50 for half year mentors.
- 6.2.5** Additional Fall coaching staff for 2019-20 school year.

6.2.6 Substitutes for the 2019-20 school year.

6.2.7 Volunteers for the 2019-20 school year.

6.2.8 Mrs. Deborah Mair, Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, at an hourly rate of \$13.34, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Janice Garipoli, effective August 26, 2019.

6.2.9 Mrs. Rita Ernst, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$13.57, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Georgene Zeiner, effective August 21, 2019.

6.2.10 Mrs. Melissa Kelchner, Assistant Principal at the High School, at an annual salary of \$105,000 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Maggie Drake, effective August 26, 2019.

6.2.11 Mrs. Victoria Peters, Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the High School, at an hourly rate of \$12.67, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Nancy Bliesath, effective August 21, 2019.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Dane Miller to approve the employment in Items 6.2.1 through and including 6.2.11, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.12 Bus drivers utilized by Eshelman Transportation and the bus routes established for the 2019-20 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Item 6.2.12, as presented.

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

Abstain: Raudenbush

Motion carried.

6.3 Approves the second reading and final adoption of Policy 138: Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners, as revised.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 138: Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners, as revised.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Approves the second reading and final adoption of Policy 335: Family and Medical Leaves, as revised.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 335: Family and Medical Leaves, as revised.

Mr. Dempsey stated that he would be voting no on resolution 6.4 for two reasons. The first being

that our solicitor was questioned about this and his advice was not to revise the policy as the Board proposed. Second, the definition of sick days in the school code is not in alignment with what is being proposed in this revision.

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

Nays: Dempsey

Motion carried.

- 6.5** Approves the second reading and final adoption of Policy 706.1: Disposal of Surplus Property, Equipment, Supplies and Textbooks, as revised.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Dane Miller to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 706.1: Disposal of Surplus Property, Equipment, Supplies and Textbooks, as revised.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.6** Approves the second reading and final adoption of Policy 808: Food Services, as revised.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 808: Food Services, as revised.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.7 **CONFERENCE REQUESTS**

- 6.7.1** Approves the conference request from Mr. Brian Feick, to attend the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference, from October 16-17, 2019, in Hershey, PA, at an approximate cost of \$698.00.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the conference request in Item 6.7.1, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.7.2** Approves the conference request from Mr. Brian Feick, to attend the ASBO International 2019 Conference, from October 25-28, 2019, in National Harbor, MD, at an approximate cost of \$699.00. NOTE: A \$1,500 scholarship was applied to the cost of the conference.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the conference request in Item 6.7.2, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, 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. Sara Kubacki, from Part-Time Reading Paraprofessional at the Elementary School to Full-Time Reading Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, no change in hourly rate of pay, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Bethany Carlson, effective August 21, 2019.
- 6.8.2** Mrs. Elizabeth Mancuso, Part-Time Reading Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$13.44, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Sara Kubacki, effective August 21, 2019.
- 6.8.3** Mrs. Stephanie Good, Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$14.50, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Eva Frank, effective August 21, 2019.
- 6.8.4** Mr. Dustin Heffleger, 2nd Shift Custodian at the Middle School and Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$12.75, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Christopher Robbins, effective date to be determined.
- 6.8.5** Mrs. Deana Pietrowski, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$12.67, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Janice Cole, effective August 26, 2019.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Items 6.8.1 through and including 6.8.5, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.9** Accepts, with regret and best wishes for the future, the resignation of Ms. Lisa Helbert, Payroll & Taxes Secretary, effective September 13, 2019.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Robert Dempsey to accept the resignation in Item 6.9, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, 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 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2019, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 7.1** Approves the agreements with John Paul II Center to provide students, #2377 and #10997 educational services at the rate of \$28,600 per student, from August 26, 2019 through June 12, 2020, and further, authorizes the Director of Special Education and Pupil Services to execute the agreements. NOTE: Additional costs may be incurred for ancillary and paraprofessional services if required.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the agreements in Item 7.1, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.2** Approves the Special Education Services Agreement between the Schuylkill Valley School District and the Berks County Intermediate Unit for the 2019-20 school year, and further, authorizes the Superintendent and Business Manager to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the agreement in Item 7.2, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.3** Approves agreements with EBS (Educational Based Services) to provide the following services from August 19, 2019, through June 12, 2020, and further, authorizes the Director of Special Education and Pupil Services to execute the agreements:

- Occupational Therapist \$62 per hour; maximum 35 hours per week
- Speech Language Pathologist \$64 per hour; maximum 38 hours per week
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst \$83 per hour; maximum 32 hours per week

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the agreements in Item 7.3, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.4** Approves the revised Legal Services Consultation Agreement for the 2019-20 school year with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP, in the amount of \$15,500.00. This contract supersedes and nullifies the previously-executed Legal Services Consultation Agreement approved by the board on May 20, 2019.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the revised agreement in Item 7.4, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.5** Approves ratification of the statement of work by Sapphire Software, not to exceed \$500.00, for the professional services to create the export of student information to be included as part of the BusTracks Cloud implementation, and further, authorizes the Director of Instructional and Information Technology to execute the statement of work.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve ratification of the statement of work in Item 7.5, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.6 Approves the agreement with Mrs. Melney Reich for special education services, at a cost of \$60 per hour, from August 26, 2019 through June 8, 2020, and further, authorizes the Director of Special Education and Pupil Services to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the agreement in Item 7.6, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, 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 8:55 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2019, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 16, 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 July 12, 2019, to August 27, 2019, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$1,031,318.08
CAFETERIA FUND	\$20,718.61
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$3,903.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,055,939.69

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from July 12, 2019, to August 27, 2019, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Reports for July 2019, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.3 Approves the closing of the Stadium Fund and transferring the balance of \$929,898.30 plus interest to the Capital Project Fund.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Dane Miller to approve the closing of the Stadium Fund and transferring the balance of \$929,898.30 plus interest to the Capital Project Fund.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.4 Approves accepting a donation from Lehigh Hanson, in the amount of \$2,000.00, for the Connor Kleffel Scholarship Fund.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve accepting a donation from Lehigh Hanson, in the amount of \$2,000.00, for the Connor Kleffel Scholarship Fund.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.5 Approves the activities of the Schuylkill Valley Music League for the 2019-20 school year, as listed for insurance purposes.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the activities of the Schuylkill Valley Music League for the 2019-20 school year, as listed for insurance purposes.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.6 Approves the agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit for IDEA-Part B (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) for the period of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, for a total amount of \$312,252.07, to be passed through the Berks County Intermediate Unit, and further, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the agreement in Item 8.6, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.7 Approves accepting the reimbursement from the office of Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness, in the amount of \$1,250.00, for students identified as homeless within the district.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve accepting the reimbursement from the office of Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness, in the amount of \$1,250.00, for students identified as homeless within the district.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.8 Approves the amendment to Item 7.5 from the July 22, 2019 agenda, in regard to the disposal of approximately 60 televisions, VCR/DVD players and mounting brackets. The approved amount will be paid from the **General Fund**, not the Capital Project Fund.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Dane Miller to approve the amendment to Item 7.5 from the July 22, 2019 agenda, in regard to the disposal of

approximately 60 televisions, VCR/DVD players and mounting brackets. The approved amount will be paid from the General Fund, not the Capital Project Fund.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, 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 9:05 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2019, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019.

Items for Board Consideration

- 9.1** The Board is requested to consider and approve the proposal from ProMax Fence Systems for a 20 ft. tall chain link fence with extensions on back, not to exceed \$25,000, to be paid from the Capital Project Fund, and further, to authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the proposal in Item 9.1, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.0 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Nicoleen M. Kleffel

The Extracurricular Activities Committee met at 9:21 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2019, in the Schuylkill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on September 16, 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.

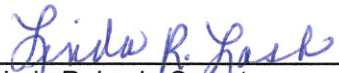
13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dane Miller 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, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors