

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

MINUTES

August 8, 2019

- 1.0 **The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by the Board Vice President, George H. Mertz III, 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, Jay R. Melvin, George H. Mertz III, G. Dane Miller

Board members Paul L. Bendigo, Kevin Raudenbush and Alfonso F. Rossi were not physically present but participated and voted via speakerphone.

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Treasurer: Changming Wang (not present)

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman (not present)

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cynthia S. Mierzejewski, Michael Billman, Melissa Rhoads

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

No one addressed the Board.

3.0 **POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Items for Board Consideration

The Board of School Directors is requested to:

- 3.1 Consider and approve 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.):
- 3.1.1 Mr. Casey Blankenbiller, Director of Buildings & Grounds, at an annual salary of \$88,000 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Craig Strunk, effective September 3, 2019.
 - 3.1.2 Mrs. Amanda Hix, 5th Grade Teacher at the Middle School, BS, Step 1, \$48,303 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Carol Adams, effective pending release from current assignment.
 - 3.1.3 Ms. Alexis Grimm, 1st Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the Elementary School, BS, Step 1, \$48,303 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the newly created position due to increased enrollment, effective with the start of the 2019-20 school year.

- 3.1.4** Ms. Danielle Smyre, School Psychologist at all schools, MS+42, Step 5, \$70,497 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the newly created position due to increased need, effective pending release from current assignment.
- 3.1.5** Mr. Jacob Jerdan, Part-Time Food Services Worker, 3 hours a day at an hourly rate of \$9.75, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Nancy Ravel, effective with the start of the 2019-20 school year.
- 3.1.6** Mrs. Melissa Greenawalt, 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 Joanne Moyer, effective with the start of the 2019-20 school year.

Board Action: Mr. Mertz tabled Item 3.1.6.

- 3.1.7** Mrs. Janna Kneeream, Full-Time 10-Month Attendance Secretary at the High School, at an hourly rate of \$15.56, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Jaclyn Kunkle, effective August 21, 2019.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Dane Miller to approve the employment in Items 3.1.1 through and including 3.1.5, and also 3.1.7, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

5.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Jay Melvin that, 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 6:38 p.m.


Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors