

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

MINUTES

December 14, 2023

1.0 The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Board President, David E. Moll, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1.2 ROLL CALL

Members Present: Franklin M. Ammarell, Paul L. Bendigo, Nicoleen M. Kleffel, Linda R. Lash, David E. Moll, Bryan J. O'Donnell, Alfonso F. Rossi, Kelly J. Steinke, Daniel B. Weyandt

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cathy Taschner, Stephanie Deibler, Russell Poper, Michael Sobczak

Solicitor: Alicia Luke, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP

1.3 RECOGNITION

Two fall teams were present for recognition including the varsity football team who finished the season with an 8-2 record, which ties for the best record in school history. They also won their section for the first time in school history. Another first in school history was winning a home District III game to advance to the semi-finals in districts. The team had an outstanding season and the Board congratulated the attending athletes on their accomplishments in 2023.

The girls soccer team was also recognized for their 16-1-1 record, which is the best in school history. They won their division, had a first round bye in the first round of districts, and they ended up in a playoff game for third place which they won. This also advanced them to the PIAA state tournament where in the first round, they faced the team that eventually won the championship. It was an amazing run for the team, the senior leadership was excellent and they exemplified what it is to be a team.

2.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one addressed the Board.

3.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Compensation Plan

3.1 The Board is requested to consider and approve the Food Service and Custodial Compensation Plan.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the Food Service and Custodial Compensation Plan.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Processing of Bills

- 4.1** The Board is requested to consider and authorize the Business Office to process bills for payment up to and including December 21, 2023, with the list of said bills to be presented at the regular Board meeting in January 2024 for ratification.

Sterling Act Tax Credit

- 4.2** The Board is requested to consider and approve the Certification of Sterling Act Tax Credit for Calendar Year 2022 in the amount of \$6,883.56.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to authorize the Business Office to process bills for payment up to and including December 21, 2023, with the list of said bills to be presented at the regular Board meeting in January 2024 for ratification; and to approve the Certification of Sterling Act Tax Credit for Calendar Year 2022 in the amount of \$6,883.56.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Other (Old/New Business)

Mrs. Lash noted that Gov. Shapiro has signed the rest of the 2023 PA budget into law and there is quite a bit of information including what is budgeted for public education.

5.0 STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Conference

- 5.1** The Board is requested to consider and approve FFA's attendance at the 2024 ACES Conference in January 2024.

Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve FFA's attendance at the 2024 ACES Conference in January 2024.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

6.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Change Order

- 6.1** The Board is requested to consider and approve Change Order #2 from MYCO Mechanical for dielectric union replacement for the high school HVAC upgrade project.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve Change Order #2 from MYCO Mechanical for dielectric union replacement for the high school HVAC upgrade project.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Kelly Steinke that, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors