

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

MINUTES

October 23, 2023

1.0 **The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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: Paul L. Bendigo, Robert M. Dempsey, Nicoleen M. Kleffel, Linda R. Lash, George H. Mertz III, G. Dane Miller, David E. Moll, Bryan J. O'Donnell, Alfonso F. Rossi

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cathy Taschner, Casey Blankenbiller, Dr. Melissa Brewer, Robin Brightbill, Stephanie Deibler, Jennifer Gabryluk, Jacqueline Rivas, Michael Sobczak

Solicitor: Alicia Luke, Fox Rothschild LLP

1.3 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 25, 2023.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

1.4 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Moll reported that the Board met in executive session, following the Committee meetings, on October 16, 2023, for legal and personnel matters, and on October 23, 2023, prior to the Board meeting, for legal and personnel matters.

2.0 **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

2.1 **PRESIDENT – *David E. Moll***

Mr. Moll stated that the Board is looking to facilitate better things for the district and they do this carefully and methodically. He asked everyone to be respectful when addressing the Board.

2.2 **SECRETARY – *Linda R. Lash***

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash reported their last meeting was held on October 19. The IU held a panel discussion on October 10 called *Engaging Elected Officials*. She provided a brochure which instructed how to conduct yourself with elected officials including preparing ahead and how to make it a more efficient and effective meeting. There are 169 vacancies at the IU, 30 of which are in the Early Education Head Start area, which is a federally funded program. The IU sponsored the *2023 Keeping Kids Safe Symposium* on October 4 which was attended by almost 150 school and district safety teams, law enforcement, and emergency managers. It was coordinated by Mr. Russell Del Rosario,

BCIU Safety and Security Program Administrator. The IU held a common in-service day on October 9 on the topic of mental health which was well attended. They also offered coordinated sessions for 836 related arts educators and paraprofessionals.

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

Mr. Mertz reported that the Borough of Kutztown donated mini utility poles and installed them behind BCTC West for a partnership with MetEd as they are in need of linemen. The electrical services students will be trained to string utility lines on the poles. They will also be installing a 6' pole to simulate climbing. Students in electrical occupations will first learn residential electrical and then the commercial side which includes line stringing and commercial controls. The BCTC had a presence at the Oley Fair with two SV student winners, Cecily Evans, Grade 11, Horticulture, and Brandon Yeakley, Grade 12, Horticulture. The campuses will hold their open houses, East Campus on November 1 and West Campus on November 8.

**2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – David E. Moll**

Mr. Moll reported that they met in September and are on track or exceeding their collections rate. Schuylkill Valley is on track to receive what was anticipated from Berks EIT. There is no shortfall or deficit. Their next meeting will be held in December.

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

Mrs. Lash and Dr. Taschner attended the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference from October 15-17. They attended the October 15 session, *Improving School Safety and School Mental Health*. Mrs. Lash noted that this year's conference was outstanding on meeting the needs school districts have concerning mental health. On October 16, she attended sessions on *The Culture of Belonging* and *Creating a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Environment*, and on October 17, she attended a special education conference.

**2.7 SCHUYLKILL VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION – Robert M. Dempsey**

Mr. Dempsey reported that the foundation had a brief meeting on October 18. They were present at homecoming and had a good turnout. This was a good opportunity for exposure in the community and also alumni outreach. There was discussion regarding planning a major fundraiser in the spring of 2024. Courtney Nein has been working diligently to resolve the IRS issues and has not had much success. She reached out to Rep. Barry Jozwiak's office and they referred her to Congresswoman Madeline Dean's office as it's a federal issue. She had some success with Ms. Dean's office and the foundation has been appointed a constituent advocate who works specifically with the IRS. Ms. Nein asked that any questions the Board may have regarding the foundation should be directed to her.

**PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Beth Hoover, Bern Township – Livestreaming Board Meetings; Solicitor Attendance  
Christine Wysocki, Bern Township – Livestreaming Board Meetings; Paraprofessionals  
Jane Sigoda, Centre Township – Livestreaming Board Meetings  
Kristin Waldrop, Ontelaunee Township – Livestreaming Board Meetings; Paraprofessionals

**4.0 BOARD**

There were no items for Board approval.

**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' Dashboard Reports

Other (Old/New Business)

- 5.2 Dr. Taschner reported that the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference was outstanding. The discussions on mental health and special education were excellent, as were the discussions on common challenges including staffing and transportation. She attended 8<sup>th</sup> grade outdoor education in the beginning of October and it is an exceptional opportunity that does not happen in most schools. It happens at SV due to our dedicated employees that do so much to ensure that the students are fed and have daily activities and she thanked everyone who was a part of this year's camp. Dr. Taschner noted that the internship at the high school is growing and thanked Mrs. Rexrode for sharing the information. She also thanked everyone that recently assisted with the electronic PSAT's including Mr. Meitzler and Mr. Sobczak. Trunk or Treat was held on October 22 and was very well attended. Books fairs were held in the beginning of October and Dr. Taschner thanked our schools for remaining committed to literacy and encouraging our students to read.

Our science and language arts curriculum committees continue to meet and are on track to finish the entire K-12 English language arts curriculum, which is an 18-month project. Science curriculum is in the beginning writing stages and she thanked everyone who is participating in these committees.

Dr. Taschner has been keeping in touch with the elementary teachers regarding the elementary HVAC project. The commissioning agent that the Board approved has been on campus on four occasions and will be meeting with several Board members and facilities to review the reports and discuss next steps. There are some things that have already been done to improve conditions and that will continue. Dr. Taschner also thanked Mrs. Kristen Wallace, Director of Finance, who met with our musical advisors at the high school and VANCO in regard to the new online ticketing process and set-up which will allow individuals to choose their seats online. Dr. Taschner finished by presenting Mr. Robert Dempsey, Board member, with his 24-year service award from PSBA which represents many hours of service to the district.

6.0 **POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

***Summary of Committee Deliberations – George H. Mertz III***

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 7:19 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023.

***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 due to retirement:
- Mr. Mark Chlebowski, Biology Teacher at the high school, effective September 29, 2023.
  - Ms. Debra Yeager, Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the middle school, effective October 27, 2023.
- 6.2 Accepts, with regret and best wishes for the future, the resignation of Ms. Julie Flowers, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the elementary school, effective October 20, 2023.

**Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to accept, with best wishes for the future, the resignations due to retirement in Item 6.1, as presented; and to accept with regret and best wishes for the future, the resignation in Item 6.2, as presented.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.3** Accepts, with regret and best wishes for the future, the resignation of Mr. Hunter Beane, 4th Grade Teacher at the elementary school, effective on or before December 11, 2023.

**Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to accept, with regret and best wishes for the future, the resignation in Item 6.3, as presented.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.4** 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.):

**6.4.1** Approves Mr. Howard Cummings, Part-Time Food Services Worker, four hours per day at an hourly rate of pay of \$11.00, effective September 25, 2023, to fill the vacancy created by his own resignation.

**6.4.2** Approves Mr. O. David Diaz, Biology Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the high school, effective October 16, 2023, through January 3, 2024, Master's, Step 1, \$58,705 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Mark Chlebowski.

**6.4.3** Approves Miss Jenna Martorana, Long-Term Substitute School Counselor at the elementary school, Master's, Step 1, \$58,705 (prorated for actual days worked), effective September 18, 2023, through the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Joanna Schlottman.

**6.4.4** Approves Ms. Trinity Pike, Certified Building Substitute Teacher, \$43,553 (reduced rate of pay with single level benefit option is available) (prorated for actual days worked), effective October 16, 2023, to fill the newly created position.

**6.4.5** Approves Ms. Gretta Young, Special Education Teacher K-12, MS+30, Step 23, \$99,598 (prorated for actual days worked), effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Kelly Duncan.

**6.4.6** Approves Mrs. Melissa Yourey, Biology and General Science 7-12 Teacher, MS+42, Step 16, \$89,192 (prorated for actual days worked), effective January 3, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Mark Chlebowski.

**Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the employment in Items 6.4.1 through and including 6.4.6, as presented.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.4.7** Approves the following substitutes for the 2023-24 school year:

Bobbi Behm - Custodian  
Brenda Reedy - Guest Teacher  
Kimberly Yasenchak - Education PK-4  
Alexandria Yeager - Guest Teacher

- 6.4.8** Approves the following volunteers for the 2023-24 school year:

Nicholas Bossler - ES/HS  
Carey Coyle - ES  
Christina Dell - ES  
Angela Domenico - ES  
David Ebling - ES  
Ashley Epps - ES  
Shannon Gray - ES  
Matthew Kulaga - ES  
Robert Markowski, Jr. - ES  
Ashley Mohn - ES/MS/HS  
Carl Moyer - HS  
Natalie Natal - ES  
Julie Riker - ES/HS  
Shannon Rios - ES  
Melissa Rotkiske - ES  
Michael Sites - ES  
Aubrie Stone - ES  
Heather Weand - ES  
Tanya Younker - ES/HS

**Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the employment in Items 6.4.7 and 6.4.8, as presented.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**6.5** Approves the following personal leaves of absence:

- Mrs. Shelly Folk, Part-Time Food Services worker at the elementary school, effective September 15, 2023, through September 22, 2023.
- Ms. Marianne Potts, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the high school, effective September 29, 2023, through October 6, 2023.

**6.6** Approves the Agreement for Services between Schuylkill Valley School District and the Pennsylvania Principals Association for administrative services.

**Board Action: Moved by Robert Dempsey and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the personal leaves of absence in Item 6.5, as presented; and to approve the Agreement for Services in Item 6.6, as presented.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**6.7** Approves the revisions to Policy 006: Meetings.

**Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the revisions to Policy 006: Meetings.**

Mr. Dempsey asked that since the policy was revised, would this be considered the first reading. Ms. Luke stated yes, typically if there are substantial revisions to a policy it would be considered the first reading. Her suggestion would be to have the Board review the policy to make sure that it was consistent with the direction that was given at the October 16 meeting and then it could be added to the November agenda along with an amended record retention policy. Mr. Mertz stated that he would like the motion tabled as they are just seeing the revisions for the first time.

**Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to table the resolution.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.8 Approves the revisions to Policy 006.1: Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications.
- 6.9 Approves the revisions to Policy 105: Curriculum Development.
- 6.10 Approves the revisions to Policy 105.1: Curriculum Review by Parents and Students.
- 6.11 Approves the revisions to Policy 106: Guides for Planned Instruction.
- 6.12 Approves the revisions to Policy 107: Adoption of Planned Instruction.
- 6.13 Approves the revisions to Policy 800: Records Management.

**Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the revisions to the policies in Items 6.8 through and including 6.13, as presented.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.14 Approves an MOU and Confidentiality Agreement with SVEA.

**Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve an MOU and Confidentiality Agreement with SVEA.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.15 Approves the employment of Mr. David Pulli, Jr., Network Administrator, at an annual salary of \$62,100 (prorated for actual days worked), effective November 1, 2023, to fill the newly created position.
- 6.16 Approves the employment of Mrs. Stephanie Wolfe, Full-Time Transportation and Accounts Payable Secretary, at an hourly rate of pay of \$19.85, effective November 6, 2023, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Stacy Wentzel.
- 6.17 Approves the following mentor for the 2023-24 school year at a stipend of \$1,175 for full year mentors and \$587.50 for half year mentors:

Mr. Creg Drake for Mr. O. David Diaz - Half Year

- 6.18 Approves the following co-curricular assignment changes for the 2023-24 school year:

Rescind the appointment of Mr. Codie Bender, Summer Weight Program Assistant-HS - \$611  
Mr. Taylor Grim, Summer Weight Program Assistant-HS - \$611  
Rescind the appointment of Ms. Dana Heins, Mock Trial Advisor-HS - \$733  
Rescind the appointment of Ms. Allie Rothenberger, Student Activities Director-ES - \$549  
Mrs. Deborah Werstler, Title I Program Coordinator-ES - \$720

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- 6.19 Approves the employment of Miss Kimberly Yasenchak, Kindergarten Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the elementary school, Master's, Step 1, \$58,705 (prorated for actual days worked), effective approximately January 3, 2024, through April 30, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the leave of absence of Mrs. Taylor Serafin.
- 6.20 Approves the use of PASBO for facilities services and to authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the contract, following the Solicitor's review.
- 6.21 Approves the coaching salaries and contracts for winter and spring coaches.

**Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the actions in Items 6.15 through and including 6.21, as presented.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## 7.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

### *Summary of Committee Deliberations – G. Dane Miller*

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 6:31 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023.

### *Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration*

**Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:**

- 7.1 Approves the quote from WeVideo, Inc., for a 12-month subscription, in the amount of \$2,566.60.
- 7.2 Approves the proposal from SapphireK12, Inc., for exporting data into our Blackboard ConnectEd software, in the amount of \$1,400.00.

**Board Action: Moved by Robert Dempsey and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the quote from WeVideo, Inc., for a 12-month subscription, in the amount of \$2,566.60; and to approve the proposal from SapphireK12, Inc., for exporting data into our Blackboard ConnectEd software, in the amount of \$1,400.00.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## 8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

### *Summary of Committee Deliberations – Paul L. Bendigo*

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 8:21 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023.

### *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 12, 2023, to October 24, 2023, as presented.

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| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                      | \$4,091,114.93        |
| <b>CAFETERIA FUND</b>                    | \$76,090.40           |
| <b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND</b> | \$552,159.15          |
| <b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</b>              | \$1,863.50            |
| <b>MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND</b>               | \$9,796.88            |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                       | <b>\$4,731,024.86</b> |

**Board Action:** Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1, from September 12, 2023, to October 24, 2023, as presented.

**Yeas:** Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 8.2** Approves the Act 1 resolution which states that 2024-2025 real estate taxes will not increase more than the Act 1 index of 5.3%.

**Board Action:** Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the Act 1 resolution which states that 2024-2025 real estate taxes will not increase more than the Act 1 index of 5.3%.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Yeas:** Rossi, Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**9.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

***Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi***

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met at 8:27 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023 in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023.

***Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration***

**Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:**

- 9.1** Approves Change Order E-2 from Pagoda Electrical, Inc., in the amount of \$8,890.00, for electrical work on the Middle School Pool Renovations project.
- 9.2** Approves Change Order E-3 from Pagoda Electrical, Inc., in the amount of \$9,377.00, for electrical work on the Middle School Pool Renovations project.
- 9.3** Approves the re-appointment of EI Associates as the district architect of record and approves the contract for services pending final review of the District Solicitor.

**Board Action:** Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve Change Order E-2 from Pagoda Electrical, Inc., in the amount of \$8,890.00, for electrical work on the Middle School Pool Renovations project; and to approve Change Order E-3 from Pagoda Electrical, Inc., in the amount of \$9,377.00, for electrical work on the Middle School Pool Renovations project; and to approve the re-appointment of EI Associates as the district architect of record and approve the contract for services pending final review of the District Solicitor.



**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 9.4 Approves a potential change order from Pagoda Electrical for the installation of a new public address sound system for the MS pool area, not to exceed \$19,363.
- 9.5 Approves a potential change order from eciConstruction to add the second diving board with the foundation, not to exceed \$34,670.
- 9.6 Approves a potential change order from eciConstruction for the lane lines, rope cups, and rope lines at the MS pool, not to exceed \$14,000.
- 9.7 Approves a potential change order from eciConstruction for five (5) additional relay judge platforms, not to exceed \$10,000 (PCO 8); and approves a potential change order from Pagoda Electrical for wire and conduit for the relay judge platforms, not to exceed \$5,000 (PCO 6).
- 9.8 Approves a potential change order from eciConstruction to install new concrete sills at both exterior door locations, not to exceed \$1,295.
- 9.9 Approves a potential change order from Vision Mechanical, not to exceed \$2,500, to move piping for the duct installation.

**Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve a potential change order from Pagoda Electrical for the installation of a new public address sound system for the MS pool area, not to exceed \$19,363; and to approve a potential change order from eciConstruction to add the second diving board with the foundation, not to exceed \$34,670; and to approve a potential change order from eciConstruction for the lane lines, rope cups, and rope lines at the MS pool, not to exceed \$14,000; and to approve a potential change order from eciConstruction for five (5) additional relay judge platforms, not to exceed \$10,000 (PCO 8); and approves a potential change order from Pagoda Electrical for wire and conduit for the relay judge platforms, not to exceed \$5,000 (PCO 6); and to approve a potential change order from eciConstruction to install new concrete sills at both exterior door locations, not to exceed \$1,295; and to approve a potential change order from Vision Mechanical, not to exceed \$2,500, to move piping for the duct installation.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**9.10 Other (Old/New Business)**

Dr. Taschner provided an update for upcoming pool completion tasks. The railing will be installed the week of October 23, and cleaning will begin. The pool will be plastered on November 2 and be completed in one day. On November 4, over the weekend, they will begin filling the pool as the township requested we not fill the pool any faster than 75 gallons per minute. The PA Department of Health will be inspecting the pool on November 13. Dr. Taschner asked the Board if they would like a commemorative plaque installed at the pool. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell asked for an update on the elementary school HVAC installation. Dr. Taschner stated that the district has received the commissioning reports on the installation and they have been provided to the Board. There will be a meeting this week with the commissioning agent and the district solicitor will also attend.

Mr. Rossi asked for an update on the high school stage floor. Dr. Taschner stated that the stage floor was filled in at certain areas. Mr. Blankenbiller added that Miller Flooring would need a week

minimum. As the stage floor is not splintered or broken up, we could have them sand and paint the stage floor and this should take care of it. He noted that a full tear-out would take weeks. Dr. Taschner stated that they would have someone out to look at the stage floor and the information would be passed along to the Board.

## 10.0 STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### *Summary of Committee Deliberations – Nicoleen M. Kleffel*

The Student Services and Activities Committee met at 8:49 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023.

### *Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration*

#### **Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:**

- 10.1 Approves the contract with B & B Light and Sound for DJ services for the prom to be held April 26, 2024.
- 10.2 Approves the tent rental agreement with Green Valley Country Club for the prom to be held on April 26, 2024.

**Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the contract with B & B Light and Sound for DJ services for the prom to be held April 26, 2024; and to approve the tent rental agreement with Green Valley Country Club for the prom to be held on April 26, 2024.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### Athletic Facility Scheduling

- 10.3 Miss Stephanie Deibler, Athletic Director, stated that we do not have multiple elementary schools to use for athletic practices, and this is especially challenging in the winter as everything is indoors and there are many groups that are scheduling practices. Typically, Monday through Friday in the elementary school gym, as soon as junior high practices are complete, youth basketball starts their practices. The middle school also has youth basketball when junior high practices are complete. The high school main gym is shared by boys and girls basketball who alternate practice times between 3-5:30 p.m. and 5:30-8 p.m. The high school auxiliary gym is shared by wrestling and cheerleading who also alternate their practice times. Junior high cheerleading practices in the auxiliary café in the winter. During the winter there are also spring coaches who request open gym time as early as October. Once they have the in-season sports schedules complete, they look to schedule outside the season sports. When we get closer to the spring season, the coaches want to have at least two open gyms per week which typically start in January and can include practices on Saturdays. On Sundays, little league baseball and youth softball request the use of our facilities including the elementary gym, auxiliary gym and high school main gym.

- 10.4 Approves the Agreement and Release for Student #1586, and further, authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Agreement and Release on behalf of the District.

**Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the Agreement and Release for Student #1586, and further, authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Agreement and Release on behalf of the District.**

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mr. Dempsey stated that in regard to choosing a district solicitor, an RFP was posted for solicitor services and the district interviewed five firms. He noted that there were no applicants from Berks County who replied to the RFP.


**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

  
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Linda R. Lash, Secretary  
Board of School Directors