

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

MINUTES

July 22, 2024

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: 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, Dr. Melissa Brewer, Robin Brightbill, Michael Sobczak, Kristen Wallace, Dr. Patrick Winters

Solicitor: Alicia Luke, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 24, 2024, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Moll reported that the Board met in executive session on July 15, 2024, immediately following the Committee meetings, for personnel and legal matters.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – *David E. Moll*

No report.

2.2 SECRETARY – *Linda R. Lash*

No report.

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

No report.

2.4 BERKS CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – *David E. Moll*

Mr. Moll reported that the BCTC continues the negotiation process with the support staff.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *Nicoleen M. Kleffel*

Mrs. Kleffel reported that their last meeting was held on June 27 and everything is in line with last year. Their next scheduled meetings are September 26 and December 19.

- 2.6 PA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION LIAISON – Linda R. Lash**
Mrs. Lash reported that the district submitted a presentation for the October PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference which has been accepted. The group will present on the *Teacher Leadership Academy* which is a partnership between Schuylkill Valley School District and Kutztown University College of Education.
- 2.7 SCHUYLKILL VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION – Linda R. Lash**
No report.
- 3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
Sherry Faust, Bern Township – Addressing the Board
- 4.0 BOARD**
There were no items for Board approval.
- 4.1 SOLICITOR’S REPORT**
Alicia Luke, Esq., stated that the PDE website has detailed information on the state budget that was recently passed.
- 5.0 SUPERINTENDENT**
- Monthly Reports
- 5.1** The following monthly reports will resume in September/October:
- 5.1.1** Enrollment Year-To-Date
 - 5.1.2** Principals’ Dashboard Reports
- BCYC Update
- 5.2** Dr. Patrick Winters, Chief Education and Operations Officer at the BCYC, provided an update on the Berks County Youth Center. There are two classrooms set aside for student learning which have been equipped with desks, books and supplies. The projected start date for the first student is July 26 with an estimated initial enrollment of 15-20 students. Alicia Luke, Esq., has been working on the district’s behalf with the County of Berks to finalize the terms of the BCYC agreement. He is working with Dr. Taschner on an email that will be sent to all districts in Berks County regarding the BCYC being within SV’s borders and they may receive communication regarding transportation, billing and other items. On July 29, Dr. Winters will be visiting the Lancaster Youth Intervention Center to observe their program. There is a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Berks County Youth Center on July 30 at 10 a.m.
- In regard to the technology infrastructure, they are in excellent shape. All student Chromebooks are at the BCYC in charging carts and are ready to go. The Comcast network installation is complete and the firewall and switches have been installed and will be managed on site at Schuylkill Valley. Phones have been purchased for the five employees working at the BCYC and the lines have been completed working through IU13. They will be using Microsoft Teams for virtual meetings and Lincoln Learning will be their online content provider. They will have device protection which limits sites accessible by students. The county has a rule of no cell phones in the BCYC, so this will not be a distraction for students at the facility.
- Pupil Services will include putting in place the proper student registration, enrollment and records requests. In regard to Title I-D: Neglected and Delinquent, because of the facility and providing education, we are eligible for those funds but not for 2024-25. We will be eligible in 2025-26 and the necessary paperwork is being submitted to the state. For best interest determination (BID), they are working on a protocol to ensure administratively that the district has the final say in the outcome of those meetings. Dr. Winters will be attending the meetings on behalf of the district and making sure that decisions are made in the best interest of both the student and the district. For students at the BCYC, they will be subject to our handbook. We have hired a dual-certified teacher (regular education and special education), a paraprofessional, and are finalizing the billing

secretary position. We anticipate the need for a 9-passenger van and are collaborating with Mrs. Wallace, Director of Finance, and Eshelman Transportation to finalize the details. We already have a CYS agreement in place for transportation which had existed for the BCYC and this protocol will continue. Regarding food service, as a center, the county can apply for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). This has been verified with PDE and they can apply as a Residential Child Care Institution (RCCI) which would enable them to provide breakfast and lunch. The schedule has been built for next year and it will mirror the same day as the SV middle school and high school which is 6 hours and 50 minutes.

Dr. Winters and Dr. Taschner will be speaking with Sen. Schwank and Rep. Jozwiak on August 12 and Sen. Scott Martin, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, on August 28 regarding the funding piece of the BCYC, as it impacts the entire county. Mr. Bendigo thanked Dr. Winters for his presentation and for working on the RCCI application. Dr. Taschner thanked the custodians who have been working with Dr. Winters to keep the project moving forward by transferring the necessary items into the BCYC classrooms and offices. Dr. Taschner invited everyone to the ribbon cutting ceremony on July 30 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

6.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Paul L. Bendigo

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 6:35 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

6.1 RESIGNATIONS

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

- 6.1.1** Anthony Deininger, Music Teacher, effective June 7, 2024.
- 6.1.2** Kristin Holst, Supervisor of Special Education, effective July 11, 2024.
- 6.1.3** Andrew Miller, Custodian, effective June 12, 2024.
- 6.1.4** Karen Rios, Part-Time Food Services Worker, effective June 5, 2024.

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** The transfer of Ms. Lori Brenner, Part-Time Food Services Worker, 6 hours per day at the high school, to Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours per day at the high school, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Howard Cummings.
- 6.2.2** The transfer of Mrs. Magdalena Twardenga Koss, Part-Time Food Services Worker, 6 hours per day at the elementary school, to Part-Time Food Services Worker, 6 hours per day at the high school, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Ms. Lori Brenner.
- 6.2.3** Increasing one of the 4 hour food service positions at the High School to a 6 hour position.

- 6.2.4 Mrs. Amanda Wessner, Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours per day, at an hourly rate of pay of \$18.98, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Cherri Moyer.
- 6.2.5 Ms. Mallorie Mellert, Part-Time Food Services Worker, 6 hours per day, at an hourly rate of pay of \$16.86, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Magdalena Twardenga Koss.
- 6.2.6 Substitute for the 2023-24 school year:
Charles Fellows – Custodian
- 6.2.7 Substitutes for the 2024-25 school year:
Michelle Anastasio - Elementary Education PK-6, Instructor in the Home
Erica Burch - Nurse
Nelda Eddinger - PSERS Retired Substitute Teacher, Instructor in the Home
Amber Elliott - Paraprofessional
Kiley Esbenshade - Food Services Worker, Paraprofessional
Kimberly Foreman - PSERS Retired Substitute Teacher
Barbara Hill - Food Services Worker
Veronica Hyland - English 7-12, English as a Second Language PK-12, Library Science, PK-12
Deanne Johnson - Mathematics 7-12
Susan Jones - Food Services Worker
Shannon Lewis - PSERS Retired Substitute Teacher
Jennifer Mazaika - Food Services Worker, Paraprofessional
Wendy Noll - Food Services Worker, Paraprofessional
Trinity Pike - Grades PK-4
Joseph Reedy - PSERS Retired Substitute Teacher
Janet Scull - PSERS Retired Substitute Teacher, Instructor in the Home
Jane Sigoda - PSERS Retired Substitute Teacher, Instructor in the Home
Russette Weand - Guest Teacher
Dorothea Weeks - Social Studies 7-12, Mid-Level Citizenship Education 6-9
Christine Wysocki - PSERS Retired Substitute Teacher, Instructor in the Home
- 6.2.8 Volunteer for the 2023-24 school year:
Rose Shultz - HS
- 6.2.9 Extended school year (ESY) staff, with teachers to be paid the professional hourly rate of \$40, per the SVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, paraprofessional and substitute paraprofessionals to be paid at their regular hourly rate:
Stephanie Erb - School Nurse
Elizabeth Oswald - Health Assistant
Matthew Reed - Substitute Teacher
- THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 15, 2024, BOARD MEETING:**
- 6.2.10 Mr. Jarrod Miller, Music Teacher PK-12, Bachelor's, Step 2, \$55,913, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Kim Makosch.
- Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the employment of Mr. Jarrod Miller, Music Teacher PK-12, Bachelor's, Step 2, \$55,913, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Kim Makosch.**

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 15, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.2.11** Mrs. Abigail Romero, Biology Teacher 7-12, Bachelor's, Step 5, \$58,132, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Melissa Yourey.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the employment of Mrs. Abigail Romero, Biology Teacher 7-12, Bachelor's, Step 5, \$58,132, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Melissa Yourey.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 15, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.2.12** Summer Technology Student Support employees to be paid an hourly rate of pay of \$14.50:

Ms. Marie-Charlotte Engleman
Mr. Jayce Iezzi
Mr. Vito Zazo

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the employment of the Summer Technology Student Support employees in Item 6.2.12, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 15, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.2.13** Ms. MacKenzie Kyzer, Music Teacher PK-12, Bachelor's, Step 4, \$57,577 (prorated for actual days worked), effective pending release from current assignment, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Anthony Deininger.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the employment of Ms. MacKenzie Kyzer, Music Teacher PK-12, Bachelor's, Step 4, \$57,577 (prorated for actual days worked), effective pending release from current assignment, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Anthony Deininger.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 15, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.2.14** Mrs. Jenny Rexrode, Director of Curriculum and Learning, at an annual salary of \$140,000 (prorated for actual days worked), effective on or before January 3, 2025.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the employment of Ms. Jenny Rexrode, Director of Curriculum and Learning, at an annual salary of \$140,000 (prorated for actual days worked), effective on or before January 3, 2025.

Yeas: Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.3 Approves the job description for the position of Director of Curriculum and Learning.
- 6.4 Approves acceptance of the following donations for the Annual Retiree and Service Awards Dinner:
 - Austill's Rehabilitation Services, Inc. - \$150.00
 - Clover Farms - Drinks
- 6.5 Approves renewal of the agreement with National School Applications Network, Inc., for the PA REAP teacher application system for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a total cost to the district of \$1,099.00.
- 6.6 Approves renewal of the agreement with Berks County Intermediate Unit, for the Guest Teacher Program for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a total cost to the district of \$900.00.
- 6.7 Approves the revisions to Policy 218: Student Discipline.
- 6.8 Approves the revisions to Policy 218.1: Weapons.
- 6.9 Approves the revisions to Policy 218.2: Terroristic Threats.
- 6.10 Approves the revisions to Policy 222: Tobacco and Vaping Products.
- 6.11 Approves the revisions to Policy 227: Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia.
- 6.12 Approves the revisions to Policy 323: Tobacco and Vaping Products.
- 6.13 Approves the revisions to Policy 351: Controlled Substance Abuse.
- 6.14 Approves the revisions to Policy 803: School Calendar.
- 6.15 Approves the revisions to Policy 806: Child Abuse.
- 6.16 Approves the appointment of Dr. Patrick Winters as the School Safety and Security Coordinator as per Act 44 of 2018, effective July 1, 2024. The School Safety and Security Coordinator is tasked with reviewing the school entity's policies and procedures, coordinating training and resources for students and staff, coordinating school safety and security assessments, making reports to the Board of School Directors on current safety and security practices of the school, and serving as the liaison to the School Safety and Security Committee, PDE, law enforcement and other organizations on matters of school safety and security. Details on these duties can be found in Section 1309-B of Act 44.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the resignations in Items 6.1.1 through and including 6.1.4, as presented; and to approve the employment in Items 6.2.1 through and including 6.2.9, as presented; and to approve the job description for the position of Director of Curriculum and Learning; and to approve accepting the donations in Item 6.4, as presented; and to approve renewal of the agreement with National School Applications Network, Inc., for the PA REAP teacher application system for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a total cost to the district of \$1,099.00; and to approve renewal of the agreement with Berks County Intermediate Unit, for the Guest Teacher Program for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a total cost to the district of \$900.00; and to approve the revisions to Policy 218: Student

Discipline; and to approve the revisions to Policy 218.1: Weapons; and to approve the revisions to Policy 218.2: Terroristic Threats; and to approve the revisions to Policy 222: Tobacco and Vaping Products; and to approve the revisions to Policy 227: Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia; and to approve the revisions to Policy 323: Tobacco and Vaping Products; and to approve the revisions to Policy 351: Controlled Substance Abuse; and to approve the revisions to Policy 803: School Calendar; and to approve the revisions to Policy 806: Child Abuse; and to approve the appointment of Dr. Patrick Winters as the School Safety and Security Coordinator as per Act 44 of 2018, effective July 1, 2024, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.17** Approves the revisions to Policy 707: Use of School Facilities.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to table the revisions to Policy 707: Use of School Facilities.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.18** Approves the bus drivers utilized by Eshelman Transportation for the 2024-25 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the bus drivers utilized by Eshelman Transportation for the 2024-25 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.19** Approves the employment of Miss Cassandra Baran, English Teacher 7-12, Master's, Step 1, \$59,955, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year, to fill the newly created position.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the employment of Miss Cassandra Baran, English Teacher 7-12, Master's, Step 1, \$59,955, effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year, to fill the newly created position.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.20** Approves the following co-curricular assignments for the 2024-25 school year:

Jeremy Crills - Summer Weight Program Supervisor - HS - \$1,594.37
Andrew Gilmer - Summer Weight Program Assistant - HS - \$622
Taylor Grim - Summer Weight Program Supervisor - HS - \$683.30
Timothy Kier - Summer Weight Program Assistant - HS - \$622

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the co-curricular assignments for the 2024-25 school year in Item 6.20, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.21 Approves the employment of Mr. Kevin Raudenbush, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of pay of \$13.32, effective date to be determined, to fill the newly created position.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the employment of Mr. Kevin Raudenbush, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of pay of \$13.32, effective date to be determined, to fill the newly created position.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.22 Approves the employment of Mr. Charles Fellows, Full-Time Custodian, at an hourly rate of pay of \$20.33, effective July 1, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Andrew Miller.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the employment of Mr. Charles Fellows, Full-Time Custodian, at an hourly rate of pay of \$20.33, effective July 1, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Andrew Miller.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.23 Approves the employment of Mrs. Lisa Hess, Special Education Teacher PK-12, Bachelor's, Step 8, \$61,996, effective pending release from current assignment and prorated for actual days worked, to fill the newly created position.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Franklin Ammarell to approve the employment of Mrs. Lisa Hess, Special Education Teacher PK-12, Bachelor's, Step 8, \$61,996, effective pending release from current assignment and prorated for actual days worked, to fill the newly created position.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Linda R. Lash

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 7.1 Approves the disposal of social studies textbooks, as presented.
- 7.2 Approves the disposal of ELA textbooks, as presented.
- 7.3 Approves the agreement with Certiport for Microsoft certification exams for the Microsoft Office certification course at the high school.

- 7.4 Approves year one of a five year agreement with IU13 for Microsoft licensing at a total cost of \$41,613.75, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the disposal of social studies textbooks, as presented; and to approve the disposal of ELA textbooks, as presented; and to approve the agreement with Certiport for Microsoft certification exams for the Microsoft Office certification course at the high school; and to approve year one of a five year agreement with IU13 for Microsoft licensing at a total cost of \$41,613.75, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.5 Approves the dual enrollment agreement with Reading Area Community College for the 2024-25 school year, allowing high school students to earn college credits while taking approved courses at SVHS.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the dual enrollment agreement with Reading Area Community College for the 2024-25 school year, allowing high school students to earn college credits while taking approved courses at SVHS.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.6 Approves the contract for the Infobase Subscription Renewal in the amount of \$2,772.20.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the contract for the Infobase Subscription Renewal in the amount of \$2,772.20.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Nicoleen M. Kleffel

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 7:06 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024.

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 June 11, 2024, to July 22, 2024, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$2,981,737.16
CAFETERIA FUND	\$20,389.05
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	\$70,900.79
MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND	\$7,925.54
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,080,952.54

- 8.2 Approves the updated 2024-2025 Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Resolution after the approval of no tax increase.
- 8.3 Approves the FY24 April - June budgetary transfers, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from June 11, 2024, to July 22, 2024, as presented; and to approve the updated 2024-2025 Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Resolution after the approval of no tax increase; and to approve the FY24 April - June budgetary transfers, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Bryan J. O'Donnell

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met at 7:12 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 9.1 Approves Change Order #5 from Myco Mechanical Inc. in the amount of a \$1,800.00 credit due to electrical contractor cost for labor, material, and supervision to complete the exterior safety switch at the VRF's.
- 9.2 Approves Change Order #6 from Myco Mechanical Inc. in the amount of a \$5,782.00 credit due to electrical contractor cost for labor, material, and supervision to complete the required feeder circuit rework to accommodate the VRF feeder changes.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve Change Order #5 from Myco Mechanical Inc. in the amount of a \$1,800.00 credit due to electrical contractor cost for labor, material, and supervision to complete the exterior safety switch at the VRF's; and to approve Change Order #6 from Myco Mechanical Inc. in the amount of a \$5,782.00 credit due to electrical contractor cost for labor, material, and supervision to complete the required feeder circuit rework to accommodate the VRF feeder changes.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.3 Approves the water treatment program agreement from Klenzoid, Inc. beginning August 1, 2024, in the amount of \$4,830.00 per year, billed quarterly at \$1,207.50.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the water treatment program agreement from Klenzoid, Inc. beginning August 1, 2024, in the amount of \$4,830.00 per year, billed quarterly at \$1,207.50.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.4 Other (Old/New Business)

Dr. Taschner reported that the HVAC project in the high school is complete and running in the D-wing and C-wing. The A-wing and B-wing will be last in the start up with the F-wing being completed later as this wing has a different rooftop unit. The elementary project continues and most of the humidistats have been installed in each of the classrooms which will provide the much needed dehumidification. Our generators are scheduled to be delivered in late August/September but this may be pushed back. We are doing some work to start this project at the elementary school in preparation for the generators and this work will be completed at the ES before students arrive in August. The high school will have the work completed during second shift. The pool project is ongoing and there are a few things left on the punch list. There were concerns about the drains and they are currently being addressed, however it may be another month until we conclude this work. Mr. Miller, Interim Athletic Director, has looked into the purchase of bleachers that are retractable and will be a nice finish to this project and make it a great place for students. The tennis courts are curing at this point and have been paved. We will be placed on the schedule for painting and then the fence will be repaired in the areas where the equipment entered the courts. We have a quote for the HS stage and we're also looking at some options that would ensure our students and staff can continue with set construction without jeopardizing the maple wood. This project should be completed in time for our musicals.

10.0 STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi

The Student Services and Activities Committee met at 7:16 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 10.1** Approves the Settlement Agreement between SVSD and the parents of Student #3702 for the 2024-25 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the Settlement Agreement between SVSD and the parents of Student #3702 for the 2024-25 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.2** Approves the Settlement Agreement between SVSD and the parents of Student #3613 for the 2024-25 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the Settlement Agreement between SVSD and the parents of Student #3613 for the 2024-25 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mrs. Kleffel reminded everyone that the Back 2 School Giveaway will be held Thursday, August 8 at the Leesport Farmers Market from 6-7 p.m.


12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel, 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 7:52 p.m.


Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors