

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

MINUTES

August 26, 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, Daniel B. Weyandt

Board Member Kelly J. Steinke was not physically present but participated and voted via speakerphone.

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cathy Taschner, Dr. Melissa Brewer, Robin Brightbill, Dr. Jennifer Gabryluk, David McDonaldson, Jenny Rexrode, Jacqueline Rivas, Michael Sobczak, Kristen Wallace, Dr. Patrick Winters

Solicitor: Alicia Luke, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 22, 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 August 19, 2024, immediately following the Committee meetings, for personnel matters, and on August 26, 2024, prior to the Board meeting, for a legal matter.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – *David E. Moll*

Mr. Moll reported that SV staff worked diligently over the summer to prepare for the 2024-25 school year. He thanked our administrators and staff for all their hard work in hiring new staff, taking care of our buildings, and the many hours of planning required for a successful start to the new school year.

2.2 SECRETARY – *Linda R. Lash*

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that on August 1, the BCIU held an administrators' conference at Muhlenberg High School. There were over 400 in attendance from 18 school districts and CTC's in Berks County. Pine Forge Elementary in the Boyertown School District has been successfully renovated to replace the IU's Alsace Learning Center. The BCIU has updated their website and they now have an app. They have published their *Start of the Year, State of the Unit* information. Mrs. Lash reviewed the legislative changes to the governance of charter schools including trustees being required to submit a Statement of Financial Interests, take a formal oath of office and be residents of Pennsylvania. They cannot earn compensation from another charter school entity, cannot serve as a voting member of the board, and must avoid conflicts of interest in selecting contracts.

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

Mr. Moll reported that the BCTC's budget was \$1,845,000 and the actual amount that came in was \$2,750,000 which is a sizeable increase. They were able to move \$1.6 million over to capital reserve for facilities and were also fortunate to receive grant money. BCTC leadership traveled over the summer to do conference presentations regarding their successful program.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *Nicoleen M. Kleffel*

Mrs. Kleffel reported that their next scheduled meeting will be held on September 26.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that she will be one of the presenters at the October PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference regarding the *Teacher Leadership Academy* and the district's partnership with Kutztown University. Registration is still available for the conference if anyone would like to attend.

2.7 SCHUYLKILL VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION – *Linda R. Lash*

Mrs. Lash reported that she spoke with Mrs. Nein, SVEA President, who stated that their application for funds will be reinstated, and she has worked diligently to have this completed. Their next meeting will be on August 28.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Louis Shucker, Bern Township – Importance of Reading Skills

4.0 BOARD

4.1 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

PSBA Officer Elections

4.2 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
- Eastern Zone Representative
- PSBA Insurance Trustees – choose up to 3

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to elect Sabrina Backer, President-Elect; Matt Vannoy, Vice President; Holly Arnold, Eastern Zone Representative; and Nathan Mains, Richard Frerichs and William LaCoff, PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Library Conference Update

5.2 Mrs. Nadine Poper, ES Librarian, spoke about attending the PSLA (Pennsylvania School Librarians Association) Annual Conference in the spring of 2024. She attended sessions on topics including introductory AI tools, supporting the school community within her library space, creating an engaging environment for students, literature reviews and the latest award winning titles for children, and vendor presentations on current programs and tools for school libraries. PSLA brings in top keynote speakers in the field of librarianship and the 2024 conference speaker was Amanda Jones. Mrs. Poper coordinated a successful author panel this year with the Lindsey Mason, Wilson School District librarian, and is also on the awards committee. She thanked the Board and Dr. Taschner for allowing her to attend this conference.

PYEA Presentation

Mrs. Lisa Chillot, Faculty Member/PYEA Advisor, was joined by high school PYEA representatives Carly Crills, Caysen McAndrew and Eve Kalinowski. They spoke about their goals which are to provide volunteers for activities at the elementary and middle schools, and to raise funds for Four Diamonds, which is the same organization that Penn State supports by raising money to help support children diagnosed with cancer at Penn State Children's Hospital in Hershey, PA. They assist in paying medical bills, hotel stays, travel expenses and counseling services. PYEA organizes and runs many activities throughout the year including Mini-THON, Farm Show Milkshake Truck, Santa Sweets, and Boogie. They will start this year with a fall Gold-Out in September and encouraged everyone to wear their gold PYEA t-shirt to sporting events in support of childhood cancer awareness month. The students thanked the School Board, Dr. Taschner, Mrs. Rexrode and Mrs. Crater for their continued support of PYEA.

Boys High School Soccer Presentation

Mr. Chris Geddio, HS Boys Head Soccer Coach, reviewed the details of their proposed trip to Dublin, Ireland and London, England in 2025. During their trip they plan to train with a few clubs, receive coaching, and have friendly games against local opponents. They will have a local guide throughout the duration of the trip who provides assistance and helps plan their daily schedule. They will also have a private bus exclusively for their group. Mr. Geddio encouraged the Board to approve the trip.

Superintendent's Update

5.3 Dr. Taschner provided highlights from August 2024. She thanked our custodians and noted that because of them we were able to open our schools and the buildings look fantastic. She thanked the custodial supervisors who kept this work going throughout the summer months. Emmelia Neff, Alexa Davis, Kylie Gunter, Noah Sonon, Makayla Bowers, Eve Kalinowski and Marlena Kadziela were honored with the All American Cheerleader award at a Varsity Spirit UCA cheer camp, which gives them the opportunity to cheer at a Varsity Spirit Special Event this year. SV All-County Athletes include Micah Nagle – Boys Volleyball, Reese Weddle – Girls Lacrosse, Annie Gao – Track, Darasimi Adeyemi – Track, Colby Crills – Division 3 Baseball, John Kowalski – 100m & 200m, and Luke Martinez – Pole Vault. This summer our girls soccer team attended James Madison University Team Camp and Dr. Taschner wished them well on their season.

Our FFA Officers Alexa Davis, Ian Schlappich, Hunter Foley, Sarah Bundy, and advisor Lisa Chillot attended Ag Progress Days as guests of County Commissioners Christian Leinbach and Michael Rivera. This event is an important learning and networking opportunity for our students. In addition, they met Troy Ott, Dean of PSU College of Agricultural Sciences; PA Secretary of Ag, Russell Redding; and Senator G.T. Thompson, Chair of the US House Agriculture Committee.

The PYEA Leadership Team attended the 2024 Mini-THON Leadership Summit. They learned about the mission of Four Diamonds and their dedication to fighting childhood cancer. Key takeaways for the students were how to be better student leaders and new ideas for the upcoming school year. The summit included work sessions and networking opportunities with other students. The SVES learning garden was installed this summer by district and building administration during their retreat. The garden successfully yielded zucchini, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and squash. Dr. Taschner noted that the school year started out by welcoming our new faculty members on August 14 and August 15. Our new district website is up and running and Dr. Taschner thanked Melissa Manzer who has spent countless hours on this successful project.

6.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Paul L. Bendigo

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 6:28 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

6.1 RETIREMENT

Accepts, with best wishes for the future, the following resignation due to retirement effective with the last day of the 2023-24 school year unless otherwise noted:

Ms. Eva Frank, Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the elementary school.

6.2 RESIGNATIONS

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

6.2.1 Ms. Sarah Blaise, Occupational Therapist, effective June 7, 2024.

6.2.2 Mrs. Courtney Guinther, Accountant, effective August 30, 2024.

6.2.3 Mrs. Morgan Schmeck, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the elementary school, effective May 27, 2024.

6.2.4 Mr. Jason Vaux, Full-Time Food Services Supervisor at the high school, effective June 6, 2024.

6.3 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.):

6.3.1 The transfer of Ms. Lori Brenner, Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours per day at the high 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 newly created position.

6.3.2 Co-curricular assignment for the 2023-24 school year:

Carla Reimert - Helping Harvest Coordinator - \$720

6.3.3 Substitutes for the 2024-25 school year:

Yanelis Alverdi Vazquez - Custodian
Timothy Behm - Custodian

Julie Flowers - Guest Teacher
Heather Hadwin - Bus-Computer-Info Tech PK-12
Susan Heckman - Nurse
Colleen Hodnik - PSERS Retired Teacher
Sharon Koller - PSERS Retired Teacher
Shannon Lewis - Instructor in the Home
Melissa Miller - Food Services Worker, Paraprofessional
Tiffany Rollman - Paraprofessional
Jill Tobias - Food Services Worker
G. ArLette Young - Food Services Worker

6.3.4 Volunteers for the 2023-24 school year:

Christopher Becker - MS
Vanessa Brendel - ES/MS
Jamie Howard - ES
Benjamin Lego - ES/HS/MS
Frank Ammarell - Athletics

6.3.5 Game workers for the 2024-25 school year, to be paid \$40 per event:

Jason Bagenstose	Marisa Horne
Ronald Beissel	Mark Horrell
Codie Bender	Kristi Kauffman
Crystal Cammauf	Nedra Koller
Nathan Cammauf	Jonathan Jenkins
Kyle Campbell	Carl Lash
Dana Carter	Mandee Miller
Sharon Chelius	Rachel Mountz
Kimberly Clay	Kelly Musket
Howard Emerson	Fran Pucul
Sherry Faust	Carla Reimert
Jacob Ford	Brandi Rhein
Eva Frank	Richard Sensenig
Shannon Furst	Michelle Rowles-Cranmer
Christopher Gallo	Michelle Sausser
Sallie Gigliotti	Ronald Sausser
Sophie Goad	Steven Schell
Taylor Grim	Abby Searfoss
Dean Heffner	Ronda Seymour
Katie Heffner	Ginger Thomas
Kadin Hohenadel	Elizabeth Witters

6.3.6 Approves the creation of an additional 4 hour Food Service position at the High School. The addition of the new position would help with the upcoming enhancements and future growth within the food service department at the High School.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

6.3.7 Approves the creation of the position and job description for the Assistant Director of Finance.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

6.3.8 Approves the elimination of the position of Supervisor of Federal Programs. (This position is replaced by the Assistant Director of Finance, which includes additional business functions and all accounting for federal programs).

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the creation of the position and job description for the Assistant Director

of Finance; and to approve the elimination of the position of Supervisor of Federal Programs. (This position is replaced by the Assistant Director of Finance, which includes additional business functions and all accounting for federal programs).

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.3.9 Ms. MacKenzie Bossler, Full-Time Billing & Accounts Payable Secretary, at an hourly rate of pay of \$16.31, effective date to be determined, to fill the newly created position.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the employment of Ms. MacKenzie Bossler, Full-Time Billing & Accounts Payable Secretary, at an hourly rate of pay of \$16.31, 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.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.3.10 The promotion of Mrs. Toni Crater, from Assistant Principal at the high school to Principal at the high school, at an annual salary of \$108,500 (prorated for actual days worked), effective on or before January 3, 2025, to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Mrs. Jenny Rexrode.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the promotion of Mrs. Toni Crater, from Assistant Principal at the high school to Principal at the high school, at an annual salary of \$108,500 (prorated for actual days worked), effective on or before January 3, 2025, to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Mrs. Jenny Rexrode.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.3.11 The employment and employment agreement of Mr. David McDonaldson, Director of Buildings & Grounds, at an annual salary of \$105,000 (prorated for the 2024-25 school year), effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Russell Poper.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the employment and employment agreement of Mr. David McDonaldson, Director of Buildings & Grounds, at an annual salary of \$105,000 (prorated for the 2024-25 school year), effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Russell Poper.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.3.12 Ms. Catherine McGowan Pennebaker, Assistant Director of Finance, at an annual salary of \$100,000 (prorated for actual days worked), effective August 19, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Nicollas Bernhart.

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Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the employment of Ms. Catherine McGowan Pennebaker, Assistant Director of Finance, at an annual salary of \$100,000 (prorated for actual days worked), effective August 19, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Nicollas Bernhart.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.3.13** Ms. Stacy Miller, Assistant Director of Business Operations, at an annual salary of \$100,000 (prorated for actual days worked), effective August 22, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Courtney Guinther.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the employment of Ms. Stacy Miller, Assistant Director of Business Operations, at an annual salary of \$100,000 (prorated for actual days worked), effective August 22, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Courtney Guinther.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.3.14** Ms. Jessa Phillips, Elementary & Secondary School Counselor PK-12, Master's, Step 1, \$59,955 (prorated for actual days worked), effective pending release from current assignment, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Joanna Schlottman.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the employment of Ms. Jessa Phillips, Elementary & Secondary School Counselor PK-12, Master's, Step 1, \$59,955 (prorated for actual days worked), effective pending release from current assignment, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Joanna Schlottman.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.3.15** Mr. Bryan Poepperling, Special Education Teacher PK-12, Master's, Step 12, \$73,700 (prorated for actual days worked), effective pending release from current assignment, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Ms. Ginny Marchut.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the employment of Mr. Bryan Poepperling, Special Education Teacher PK-12, Master's, Step 12, \$73,700 (prorated for actual days worked), effective pending release from current assignment, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Ms. Ginny Marchut.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.3.16** Mr. Vito Zazo, Full-Time IT Technician, at an hourly rate of pay of \$15.54, effective August 19, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Nicholas White.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the employment of Mr. Vito Zazo, Full-Time IT Technician, at an hourly rate of pay of \$15.54, effective August 19, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Nicholas White.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.3.17** Mrs. Mariela Guzman-Rodriguez, Spanish Teacher PK-12, Master's+12, Step 11, \$75,709 (prorated for actual days worked), effective pending release from current assignment, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Sharon Koller.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Franklin Ammarell to approve the employment of Mrs. Mariela Guzman-Rodriguez, Spanish Teacher PK-12, Master's+12, Step 11, \$75,709 (prorated for actual days worked), effective pending release from current assignment, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Sharon Koller.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.4** Acknowledges the following Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave of absence:
Mrs. Kristi Harrison, Speech & Language Pathologist, effective approximately September 5, 2024, through November 28, 2024.
- 6.5** Approves the renewal of the agreement with General Healthcare Resources, Inc., to provide substitute nurses at the hourly rates of \$52.00 for an LPN and \$62.00 for an RN.
- 6.6** Approves renewal of the agreement with VectorSolutions for its Vector Training, Employee Safety and Compliance Library for training for district staff, at an annual cost of \$2,205.45, for the period of 09/25/2024 - 09/24/2025.
- 6.7** Approves the PIMS Services Order and Agreement with The PIMS People, LLC, for PIMS processing from September 1, 2024, through approximately November 30, 2024, at a cost of \$9,000.
- 6.8** Approves renewal of the agreement with Frontline Education for the Absence & Time, Applicant Tracking, and Professional Learning Management products, at a total cost of \$37,035.88 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
- 6.9** Approves issuing a professional employee contract to the following temporary professionals who have served three (3) years and have received satisfactory ratings, in accordance with Section 1108 of the Pennsylvania School Code:

Sarah Blaise
Courtney Neary
- 6.10** Approves the updates to the organizational chart.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the retirement in Item 6.1, as presented; and to approve the resignations in Items 6.2.1 through and including 6.2.4, as presented; and to approve the employment in Items 6.3.1 through and including 6.3.6, as presented; and to acknowledge the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave of absence in Item 6.4, as presented; and to approve renewal of the agreement

with General Healthcare Resources, Inc., to provide substitute nurses at the hourly rates of \$52.00 for an LPN and \$62.00 for an RN; and to approve renewal of the agreement with VectorSolutions for its Vector Training, Employee Safety and Compliance Library for training for district staff, at an annual cost of \$2,205.45, for the period of 09/25/2024 - 09/24/2025; and to approve the PIMS Services Order and Agreement with The PIMS People, LLC, for PIMS processing from September 1, 2024, through approximately November 30, 2024, at a cost of \$9,000; and to approve renewal of the agreement with Frontline Education for the Absence & Time, Applicant Tracking, and Professional Learning Management products, at a total cost of \$37,035.88 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and to approve issuing a professional employee contract to the temporary professionals in Item 6.9, as presented; and to approve the updates to the organizational chart in Item 6.10, as presented.

Mr. Ammarell expressed his concern about the process around game workers including who is making the hiring decisions, are these individuals getting reviewed, and other concerns. He has confidence this will all be worked out but is concerned when we move forward with these items without having a defined plan in place. Dr. Taschner added that it's important to have the game workers approved through the HR process. We will work with the Athletic Director to produce a list of each single position and what that person does in the position. Also, if there is more than one person that wants to do the position, how to accomplish this. There is more work to be done to refine the process, the feedback is appreciated, and more information will follow in September. Ms. Brightbill explained that in the past, payment to game workers was handled by issuing a check from the athletics account, but going forward, it will be processed through payroll. They will be considered an employee of the district and will be required to have an application and clearances.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.11** Approves the fall coaching salaries for the 2024-25 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the fall coaching salaries for the 2024-25 school year.

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 7:06 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 7.1** Approves the dispersal of 203 iPad Mini Generation 1 and Generation 2 models (circa 2012/2013) and 90 Chromebook G4 11 model with 25 chargers (circa 2016) to community non-profits and charities.
- 7.2** Approves the disposal of middle school textbooks and consumable supplies, as presented, per School Board Policy 706.1, due to their age and/or condition.

- 7.3 Approves the Statement of Work with SapphireK12, Inc. for the creation of a new building in Schuylkill Valley School District's Sapphire Database.
- 7.4 Approves the contract with Intermediate Unit 13 for telephony support and implementation at the Berks County Youth Center from July 22, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
- 7.5 Approves the contract with Securly for the implementation of e-Hallpass at the middle school.
- 7.6 Approves the articulation agreement with Delaware Valley University, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the dispersal of 203 iPad Mini Generation 1 and Generation 2 models (circa 2012/2013) and 90 Chromebook G4 11 model with 25 chargers (circa 2016) to community non-profits and charities; and to approve the disposal of middle school textbooks and consumable supplies, as presented, per School Board Policy 706.1, due to their age and/or condition; and to approve the Statement of Work with SapphireK12, Inc. for the creation of a new building in Schuylkill Valley School District's Sapphire Database; and to approve the contract with Intermediate Unit 13 for telephony support and implementation at the Berks County Youth Center from July 22, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and to approve the contract with Securly for the implementation of e-Hallpass at the middle school; and to approve the articulation agreement with Delaware Valley University, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.7 Approves participation in the Level Up Campaign being organized by the BCIU for Berks County Schools.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Linda Lash to approve participation in the level up campaign being organized by the BCIU for Berks County Schools.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.8 Approves renewing the membership of the BCIU Ed Tech Pool Counsel for 2024-25, at a cost of \$577.50.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve renewing the membership of the BCIU Ed Tech Pool Counsel for 2024-25, at a cost of \$577.50.

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 7:29 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 16, 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 July 12, 2024, to August 26, 2024, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$1,681,111.08
CAFETERIA FUND	\$2,548.04
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	\$84,705.83
MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND	\$4,499.12
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$8,550.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,781,414.07

- 8.2 Approves Advanced Foodservice Solutions as the Foodservice Consultants for the Schuylkill Valley High School & Middle School Scullery Redesign/Replacement project. The total cost of redesign and replacement at each building is \$104,000.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Franklin Ammarell to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from July 12, 2024, to August 26, 2024, as presented; and to approve Advanced Foodservice Solutions as the Foodservice Consultants for the Schuylkill Valley High School & Middle School Scullery Redesign/Replacement project. The total cost of redesign and replacement at each building is \$104,000.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 8.3 Approves the bus routes for the 2024-25 school year and authorizes the Director of Finance and Assistant Business Manager to make necessary changes throughout the 2024-25 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the bus routes for the 2024-25 school year and authorizes the Director of Finance and Assistant Business Manager to make necessary changes throughout the 2024-25 school year.

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 7:34 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 9.1 Approves Change Order #2 from SB Conrad in the amount of a \$3,400.00 credit for change of fencing type, for the HS HVAC upgrade project.

Board Action: Moved by Bryan O'Donnell and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve Change Order #2 from SB Conrad in the amount of a \$3,400.00 credit for change of fencing type, for the HS HVAC upgrade project.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.2 Other (Old/New Business)

Mr. Weyandt asked if middle school drop off could be improved. Currently there are one or two cars dropping off students at the cafeteria entrance in the rear of the building. He asked if they could section off a drop off area for 8-10 cars at a time, similar to the elementary school. Mr. Rossi added that many parents want to drop off students right at the door, some are too close to the grass and there is nowhere to walk. Mr. Weyandt noted that a section could be painted to allow for more cars and Mr. Rossi agreed that 4-5 cars would be possible. Dr. Taschner stated that they would look at this as we might be able to take this around the corner and open the gates to the playground to stage a longer line. This would eliminate the grass issue and students could walk in through the playground and take the door right up to the cafeteria. She will look at this with Mrs. Wallace and Dr. Kuehner to see if they can make a change.

10.0 STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi

The Student Services and Activities Committee met at 7:41 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 10.1** Approves the contract with Hawk Mountain Council, BSA for the use of Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation for 8th grade camp.
- 10.2** Approves the cooperative agreement with Muhlenberg School District for girls and boys water polo for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school year.
- 10.3** Approves the contract with HUDL for livestreaming services and film study software. The contract is for three years with pricing locked in at \$12,200 for each year. The contract also includes new livestream cameras for varsity baseball and softball with cameras mounted on the backstop.
- 10.4** Approves the proposed French Club trip, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the contract with Hawk Mountain Council, BSA for the use of Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation for 8th grade camp; and to approve the cooperative agreement with Muhlenberg School District for girls and boys water polo for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school year; and to approve the contract with HUDL for livestreaming services and film study software. The contract is for three years with pricing locked in at \$12,200 for each year. The contract also includes new livestream cameras for varsity baseball and softball with cameras mounted on the backstop; and to approve the proposed French Club trip, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.5** Approves the Agreement with John Paul II Center for the education of one student for the 2024-25 school year.

- 10.6 Approves the Settlement Agreement between SVSD and the parents of Student #3006 for the 2024-25 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the agreement with John Paul II Center for the education of one student for the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the Settlement Agreement between SVSD and the parents of Student #3006 for the 2024-25 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.7 Approves the cooperative sponsorship agreement with Conrad Weiser Area School District for junior high field hockey for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the cooperative sponsorship agreement with Conrad Weiser Area School District for junior high field hockey for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.8 Approves the boys high school soccer team trip to Europe through Premier Tours.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the boys high school soccer team trip to Europe through Premier Tours.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

- 10.9 Approves the agreement with ProCare Therapy, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the agreement with ProCare Therapy, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

- 12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell, 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 8:14 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors