

September 23, 2024

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

**MINUTES**

**September 23, 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, Alfonso F. Rossi, Kelly J. Steinke, Daniel B. Weyandt

Members Absent: Bryan J. O'Donnell

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cathy Taschner, Dr. Melissa Brewer, Robin Brightbill, Toni Crater, Dr. Joshua Kuehner, David McDonaldson, Jacqueline Rivas, Michael Sobczak, Kristen Wallace, Dr. Patrick Winters

Solicitor: Alicia Luke, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP

**1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2024, as presented.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Moll reported that the Board met in executive session on September 23, 2024, prior to the Board meeting, for personnel matters.

**2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

**2.1 PRESIDENT – *David E. Moll***

Mr. Moll reported that the district continues to work with the county regarding the BCYC, and he thanked everyone who has been involved in the successful opening of the youth center.

**2.2 SECRETARY – *Linda R. Lash***

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that she attended the COLA meeting on September 10. They received information on the Governor's Budget regarding the Basic Education base rate being raised from \$5.6 billion to \$7.8 billion. Special Education was increased by \$100 million, however a state-wide tuition rate for cyber charter schools was not implemented. Cyber charter schools are now required

to have weekly wellness checks for their student population, an oath of office for their officers, a certified yearly audit, and they must report their paid media ads.

The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee introduced a study on required advertising. This legislation would direct the committee to conduct a study on required advertising by counties, municipalities, and school districts in Pennsylvania to help the legislature decide if continued advertising in print newspapers is still the best method to ensure important information reaches the public. The information to be collected would include how much local governments are spending on public notice mandates; the subscription of those publications as a percentage of the population of the county, municipality, or school district; the subscription and cost trend over the last 10 years; and the percentage of overall revenue consisting of required advertising and public notice mandates.

The BCIU recognized their 2024 Outstanding Community Partner, Jay Worrall, President, Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank. Mr. Worrall has demonstrated his ongoing commitment to the Berks County community in his roles and actions, with over 25 years of leadership experience in the not-for-profit sector, dedicated to assisting those in need. He has served as President of the Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank since October 2019, guiding the organization with visionary leadership to serve the mission of Helping Harvest "to feed the hungry."

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

Mr. Moll reported that next year's preliminary budget has a 0.83% increase overall and is contingent upon SV's enrollment. They continue to work through contract negotiations and are currently working on the support staff contract. They will hold open houses in November at both campuses. He encouraged anyone interested in the BCTC to enroll early due to the high number of enrollments and the need to waitlist students. On October 17, the SV high school will host the National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

**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 the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference will be held from October 6-8. The district will be presenting at the conference regarding the *Teacher Leadership Academy* and our partnership with Kutztown University.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that their last meeting was at the end of August. The foundation has made progress on their tax-free status and an EITC letter of support. Dr. Taschner added that the foundation is currently working on their EITC funding, and we were able to confirm they would be supporting our teachers and students.

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

Beth Hoover, Bern Township – Athletic Uniform Purchases / Special Track & Field Event Date

**4.0 BOARD**

There were no items for Board approval.

**4.1 SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report.

**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 (will resume in October)

5.2 Superintendent's Update

Dr. Taschner provided highlights from September 2024. Fall sports are in progress and the BCIAA Championships kicked off on September 23 for golf, and the tennis BCIAA Tournaments will close out September 27-28. Our girls volleyball team is having an outstanding year as well as the boys soccer team. Dr. Taschner thanked all the members of our SV family and the community for their generosity in helping PYEA raise over \$2,900 for Four Diamonds during the *Gold Out*. The Four Diamonds organization helps support families with children diagnosed with cancer at Penn State Children's Hospital in Hershey. PYEA members also sponsored a car wash to benefit SV's own Riley Rejniak in his fight against childhood cancer. As a Four Diamonds recipient, supporting Riley brought PYEA'S mission close to home.

The Schuylkill Valley FFA volunteered at the 60<sup>th</sup> All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg on September 17, which is one of the top three largest dairy shows in the nation. Students got an inside look at running a show and it was a great way to give back to the agricultural community. FFA also participated in the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Leesport Area Community Days. Hunter Foley and Ian Schlappich designed and built a plinko game. Alexa Davis, Lucy Kerr and Autumn Scheffler greeted visitors as they tried to win agriculture-themed prizes. In alumni news, 2024 graduate and former FFA President, Charlotte Wallace, was named PA State Dairy Princess. Charlotte is currently a freshman at Delaware Valley University.

6.0 **POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

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

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 21, 2024.

***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 resignation due to retirement effective with the last day of the 2024-25 school year unless otherwise noted:
  - Trina Dunkelberger, Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the middle school, effective October 11, 2024.
- 6.2 Accepts, with regret and best wishes for the future, the following resignations:
  - 6.2.1 Rebecca Boland, Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher at the high school, effective on or before October 19, 2024.
  - 6.2.2 Jared Guhl, Mathematics Teacher at the middle school, effective on or before October 19, 2024.
  - 6.2.3 Alexis Maulick, 1st Grade Teacher at the elementary school, effective August 23, 2024.
  - 6.2.4 Anna Neuhard, English Language Arts Teacher at the middle school, effective October 4, 2024.
  - 6.2.5 Victoria Peters, Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the High School, effective September 6, 2024.

**6.2.6** Brandi Rhein, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, effective August 16, 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** Miss Madisen Keim, Grades PK-4 Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the elementary school, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$54,803 (prorated for actual days worked), effective for the 2024-25 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Alexis Maulick.

**6.3.2** Mrs. Stacey Lehman, Food Services Supervisor, at an hourly rate of pay of \$18.38, effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Jason Vaux.

**6.3.3** Ms. Abby Maulick, Mid-Level 6-9 English Teacher, MS+42, Step 13, \$87,454, effective October 7, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Anna Neuhard.

**6.3.4** Miss Trinity Pike, Special Education PK-12 Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the elementary school, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$54,803 (prorated for actual days worked), effective for the 2024-25 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Charlotte Lupia.

**6.3.5** Change of status of Mrs. Jill Tobias, from Substitute Food Services Worker to Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours per day, at an hourly rate of pay of \$15.44, effective September 2, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Melissa Miller.

**6.3.6** Change of status of Mrs. Katie Unger, from Substitute Food Services Worker to Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours per day, at an hourly rate of pay of \$15.44, effective September 14, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Karen Rios.

**6.3.7** Co-curricular assignments for the 2024-25 school year.

**6.3.8** Department chairs for the 2024-25 school year:

Crystal Cammauf - Special Education - \$2,400  
Jeffrey Chillot - Mathematics - \$2,220  
Lisa Chillot - Science - \$2,280  
Jason Bagenstose - English - \$1,800  
Jeremy Crills - Fitness/Wellness - \$1,560  
Jessica Harle - Fine Arts - \$1,440  
Diane Hubler - Family & Consumer Sciences - \$1,320  
Erik Johanson - Technology Education - \$1,440  
Cindy Koehler - Business/Computer - \$2,160  
Michelle Sausser - World Language - \$1,380  
Tod Witman - Social Studies - \$2,200

**6.3.9** Winter coaches for the 2024-25 school year.

**6.3.10** Spring coaches for the 2024-25 school year.

**6.3.11** Substitutes for the 2024-25 school year:

Angela Davis - Guest Teacher  
Jamie Greenwood - Paraprofessional  
Heather Hadwin - Bus-Computer-Info Tech PK-12  
Deborah Hornberger - Food Services Worker  
David Horton - Guest Teacher

Adrienne Kissinger - Nurse  
Sharon Koller - Spanish K-12 (Retired)  
Mary McMenamin-Blatt - Guest Teacher  
Franchon Minor-Grandy - Guest Teacher  
Teresa Pisanick - Elementary (Retired)  
John Ries - Elementary K-6  
Katie Unger - Food Services  
Jaysalin Williams - Guest Teacher

**6.3.12** Volunteers for the 2024-25 school year:

Ashley Andrews - ES/HS/MS  
Janis Andrzejewski - Internship Penn State Health St. Joe's Medical Center  
Mark Becht, Jr. - Internship Infrasource  
Catharine Constanzo - ES/HS/MS  
Brock DeJesus - HS  
Molly Getz - ES  
Cody Hart - Internship South Mountain Physical Therapy  
Diana Hartman - ES  
Laurie Heagy - Internship East Penn Manufacturing  
Katie Hestor - Internship Alvernia  
Brittany Heckman - ES  
Derek Kisslinger - Soccer  
Caitlin O'Neil - ES  
Rachel Robson - ES  
Deborah Shanta - Internship Heritage Campus Green Hills OPCO LLC  
Rebecca Smith - Internship Bentley, Kopecki, Smith, P.C.  
Gregory Stricker - Internship Spring Creek Farms  
Justin Trupp - ES  
Michelle Whitehouse - ES

**6.4** Acknowledges the following Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave of absence:

- Louisa Trumbore, Food Service Director, effective August 7, 2024, through August 16, 2024.

**Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the retirement in Item 6.1, as presented; and to approve the resignations in Items 6.2.1 through and including 6.2.6, as presented; and to approve the employment in Items 6.3.1 through and including 6.3.12, as presented; and to acknowledge the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave of absence in Item 6.4, as presented.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.5** Approves the two year reappointment of Dr. Cathy Taschner, Superintendent of Schools, to the Berks County School Districts Health Trust Full Board and Executive Committee.
- 6.6** Approves the revisions to Policy 247: Hazing.
- 6.7** Approves the revisions to Policy 801: Public Records.
- 6.8** Approves the second reading and final adoption of Policy 805.1: Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies.
- 6.9** Approves the revisions to Policy 807: Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays.

- 6.10 Approves the second reading and final adoption of Policy 815.4: Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education.
- 6.11 Approves the revisions to Policy 824: Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries.

**Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the two year reappointment of Dr. Cathy Taschner, Superintendent of Schools, to the Berks County School Districts Health Trust Full Board and Executive Committee; and to approve the revisions to Policy 247: Hazing; and to approve the revisions to Policy 801: Public Records; and to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 805.1: Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies; and to approve the revisions to Policy 807: Opening Exercises/ Moment of Silence/Flag Displays; and to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 815.4: Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education; and to approve the revisions to Policy 824: Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.12 Approves the following fall coaches for the 2024-25 school year:

Sara Lamana - Field Hockey Junior High Assistant Coach - \$1,069  
Richard Sensenig - Field Hockey Junior High Assistant Coach - \$2,873

**Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the fall coaches for the 2024-25 school year in Item 6.12, as presented.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6.13 Approves the following mentors for the 2024-25 school year:

Rachel Mountz	Full Year
Ann Bricker	Full Year
Courtney Smith	Full Year
Melissa Hottenstein	Full Year
Arianna Bressler	Full Year
Dr. Elizabeth Schucker	Full Year
Michelle Sausser	Half Year
Stacy Hallman	Half Year
Kali Antilosky	Full Year
Abby Sassaman	Full Year
Creg Drake	Full Year
Michelle Rowles-Cranmer	Full Year
Kathy Batson	Full Year
Sharon Wert	Full Year
Megan Fox	Full Year
Jen Weis	Full Year
Wendy Lane	Full Year

**Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the mentors for the 2024-25 school year in Item 6.13, as presented.**

**Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, 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 7:11 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 21, 2024.

***Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration***

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

**7.1** Approves the use and purchase of Lincoln Learning Math Courses, as needed, at a fee of \$150 per semester course and \$300 for year-long courses for the following mathematic courses:

- Calculus
- Trigonometry
- Honors Pre-Calculus
- Algebra II

And further, authorizes the solicitor to review any needed agreement and following solicitor review and approval, authorizes the Board President or the Superintendent to execute the agreement.

**Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the use and purchase of Lincoln Learning Math Courses, as needed, at a fee of \$150 per semester course and \$300 for year-long courses for the mathematic courses, as presented, and further, authorizes the solicitor to review any needed agreement and following solicitor review and approval, authorizes the Board President or the Superintendent to execute the agreement.**

**Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Kleffel, Lash, Moll, 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 7:12 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 21, 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 August 10, 2024, to September 23, 2024, as presented.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$1,066,243.02</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND</b>	<b>\$36,017.85</b>
<b>MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,102,660.87</b>

- 8.2 Approves a donation by Danielle Green, ES Autistic Support Teacher, of a New-Bounce Mini Trampoline 36" with handlebar (Model Number: 3142, Manufacturer: New Bounce, UPC: 786138804740) to be placed in the "movement room" located at the elementary school.
- 8.3 Approves the retention of Fox Rothschild LLP as District Solicitor.
- 8.4 Approves the retention of Levin Legal Group as Special Counsel for the 2024-25 school year.

**Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from August 10, 2024, to September 23, 2024, as presented; and to approve a donation by Danielle Green, ES Autistic Support Teacher, of a New-Bounce Mini Trampoline 36" with handlebar (Model Number: 3142, Manufacturer: New Bounce, UPC: 786138804740) to be placed in the "movement room" located at the elementary school; and to approve the retention of Fox Rothschild LLP as District Solicitor; and to approve the retention of Levin Legal Group as Special Counsel for the 2024-25 school year.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Mr. Bendigo asked whether our solicitor was making any progress on the written agreement with the county regarding the Berks County Youth Center. Ms. Luke replied that they are still working through some final items, however she has not received any recent communication from the county.

**9.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

***Summary of Committee Deliberations – Bryan J. O'Donnell***

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 21, 2024.

***Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration***

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

- 9.1 Approves Change Order #3 from S.B. Conrad for additional ceiling tiles required due to disposal of existing ceiling tiles for remediation and damaged tiles in the amount of \$5,650.00, related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project.
- 9.2 Approves Change Order #7 from A.N. Lynch for the cost of labor, material, and supervision to re-install the light fixtures and ceiling devices previously removed for access by the mechanical contractor in the amount of \$1,390.91, related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project. A portion of this change order will be directed to the remaining allowance for miscellaneous work.
- 9.3 Approves Change Order #8 from A.N. Lynch for cost of labor, material, and supervision to complete the required 120-volt feeder to the new Daikin control panel in Room C14 in the amount of \$800.00, related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project.

**Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve Change Order #3 from S.B. Conrad for additional ceiling tiles required due to disposal of existing ceiling tiles for remediation and damaged tiles in the amount of \$5,650.00, related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project; and to approve Change Order #7 from A.N. Lynch for the cost of labor, material, and supervision to re-install the light fixtures and ceiling devices previously removed for access by the mechanical contractor in the amount of \$1,390.91, related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project. A portion of this change order will be directed to the remaining**



allowance for miscellaneous work; and to approve Change Order #8 from A.N. Lynch for cost of labor, material, and supervision to complete the required 120-volt feeder to the new Daikin control panel in Room C14 in the amount of \$800.00, related to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Moll asked if modified plans for the Ontelaunee Township Project were received as a result of the discussion at the September 16 Board meeting. Dr. Taschner stated that we did not receive modified plans but did receive a modification to the agreement which will be shared in executive session.

**10.0 STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**

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

The Student Services and Activities Committee met at 7:58 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 21, 2024.

***Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration***

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

- 10.1 Approves Mrs. Sue Raynes, homebound instructor, from approximately August 22, 2024, through October 18, 2024.
- 10.2 Approves the contract with B & B Light and Sound for the Homecoming Dance, as presented.
- 10.3 Approves the contract with B & B Light and Sound for the High School Prom, as presented.
- 10.4 Approves the agreement with Green Valley Country Club for tent rental for the High School Prom, as presented.
- 10.5 Approves the hold harmless agreement for 8th Grade Outdoor Education.
- 10.6 Approves the agreement with Mr. Zachariah Ohora to host two assemblies during the school day, a student lunch for select students, and book signing during the school day. Mr. Ohora would return in the evening to host three read aloud sessions at the SVES Family Reading Night on February 5, 2025, (weather date: February 6) from 5:30-7:00 p.m., at a cost of \$3,090.00.
- 10.7 Approves the agreement between Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams LLP and SVSD for Pool Counsel Services for the 2024-25 school year.
- 10.8 Approves the Settlement Agreement with the parents of Student #5030 for the 2024-25 school year.
- 10.9 Approves the agreement with The Timothy School for the 2024-25 school year.
- 10.10 Approves the agreement with Linked in Literacy for Student #1752 and Student #4006 for the 2024-25 school year.
- 10.11 Approves the Gifted Waiver for Student #3395.
- 10.12 Approves the agreement with The Advocacy Alliance for Student #3288.

- 10.13 Approves the Settlement Agreement and Release for Student #3288.

**Board Action:** Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve Mrs. Sue Raynes, homebound instructor, from approximately August 22, 2024, through October 18, 2024; and to approve the contract with B & B Light and Sound for the Homecoming Dance, as presented; and to approve the contract with B & B Light and Sound for the High School Prom, as presented; and to approve the agreement with Green Valley Country Club for tent rental for the High School Prom, as presented; and to approve the hold harmless agreement for 8th Grade Outdoor Education; and to approve the agreement with Mr. Zachariah Ohora to host two assemblies during the school day, a student lunch for select students, and book signing during the school day. Mr. Ohora would return in the evening to host three read aloud sessions at the SVES Family Reading Night on February 5, 2025, (weather date: February 6) from 5:30-7:00 p.m., at a cost of \$3,090.00; and to approve the agreement between Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams LLP and SVSD for Pool Counsel Services for the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the Settlement Agreement with the parents of Student #5030 for the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the agreement with The Timothy School for the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the agreement with Linked in Literacy for Student #1752 and Student #4006 for the 2024-25 school year; and to approve the Gifted Waiver for Student #3395; and to approve the agreement with The Advocacy Alliance for Student #3288; and to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for Student #3288.

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 10.14 Approves the standard agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams LLP, for the 2024-25 fiscal year, to be used for special education matters.

**Board Action:** Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the standard agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams LLP, for the 2024-25 fiscal year, to be used for special education matters.

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 10.15 **Other (Old/New Business)**

Mrs. Kleffel asked for an update on the Pride of Schuylkill Valley induction activities. Mr. Dane Miller, Interim Athletic Director, stated that this year's recipients include Eric Fehnel, Steve Fehnel, Breanna Folk, Bre Manzollillo, Jake Stork and Roger Feeg. The induction ceremony and luncheon will take place on Saturday, October 19, at 11 a.m. Homecoming is Friday, October 18, and the inductees are invited to speak with students in the classrooms during the day and will be introduced during the football game in the evening.

- 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 Alfonso Rossi, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.

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

September 23, 2024

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary  
Board of School Directors