

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

MINUTES

November 25, 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, Toni Crater, Stephanie Deibler, Dr. Jennifer Gabryluk, 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 Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 14, 2024, and the minutes of the regular meeting of October 28, 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 November 18, 2024, prior to the Committee meetings, for legal matters, and following the Committee meetings, for personnel and legal matters.

- 2.0 **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

- 2.1 **PRESIDENT – *David E. Moll***

Mr. Moll reiterated that some matters brought to the Board are confidential including security and various personnel items.

- 2.2 **SECRETARY – *Linda R. Lash***

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that on November 19 she attended a Head Start policy board meeting with the BCIU. The BCIU is responsible for Head Start in Berks County and there is a Head Start classroom at the BCTC in Bern Township. She also attended the COLA meeting on November 12. The guest speaker was Kevin Busher, Chief Advocacy Officer at PSBA, who provided an overview of PSBA's legislative priorities and current activity in Harrisburg. They received the new PA State Mandates

booklet which is now 100 pages. At their regular meeting on November 21, they reviewed the legislative delegates that have changed since the November election. The U.S. Department of Education has released an AI Toolkit for schools to assist K-12 leaders integrate AI into their districts. The PA Office of Open Records updated its standard RTK request form as of October 4, 2024, which has a required check list affirming that the provided name and contact information are accurate and that the requester is a legal resident of the U.S.

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

Mr. Moll reported that the BCTC's external audit came through with no findings. Negotiations continue regarding the professional support and teacher contracts. The BCTC will also be partnering with NASA for the second year. They continue to monitor staffing due to possible retirements within the next two years. Mr. Moll encouraged early enrollment to the BCTC and to choose more than one option when applying.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *Nicoleen M. Kleffel*

Mrs. Kleffel reported that their next meeting will be held in December 2024.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that she was SV's delegate at the 2024 PSBA Delegate Assembly on November 2. Their platform included requesting that the state prioritize the mental health needs of students by providing schools with a permanent funding stream and assistance for such purposes as well as flexible options that best meet the needs of their students and communities. Also on the platform was investing in school safety improvements, expanding the state's universal free breakfast program to include a universal free lunch program to all public schools, and the state not using AI or algorithms to assess or screen any individual written response by a student on a state-wide standardized test.

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

Dr. Taschner reported that payroll deduction for the SVEF is being reviewed. The foundation plans to have a table at the SV Winterfest on December 8.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Jennifer Tinsman, Bern Township – Student Vaping on Buses/Student Absences
Jeff Golden, Leesport Borough – Student Education/Board Expectations
Andrea Swift, Bern Township – Staff Turnover/District Concerns
Sean Swift, Bern Township – Student Absences and Concerns/Staff Turnover
Nicholas Swift, Bern Township – Concerns as an SV Student
Kay St. Angelo, Bern Township – Student Safety and Supports
Justin Schlottman, Bern Township – Emergency Operations Plan
Jared Meisberger, Bern Township – New Curriculum and Training
Alicia Kane, Leesport Borough – Board Engagement with Community
Bethany Hoover, Bern Township – Board Engagement with Community
Lisa Jacobson, Bern Township – Board Engagement with Community/Work Environment
Mariah Hawkins, Ontelaunee Township – District Concerns/Board Responsibility
Bridget Good, Centre Township – District Concerns/Staff Turnover
Joseph Brown, Bern Township – RTK Requests/District Leadership
Samantha Burns, Leesport Borough – Special Education/Student Supports
Dane Miller, Ontelaunee Township – Interim Athletic Director/Landscaping
David Rhein, Ontelaunee Township – District Concerns

4.0 BOARD

There were no items for Board approval.

4.1 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

4.2 Other (Old/New Business)

Mr. Bendigo reviewed district turnover information, the bullying policy and school safety.

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

5.2 Superintendent's Update

Dr. Taschner provided highlights from November 2024. Mabel Walborn went to Cross Country States and moved up 20 spots in her ranking, placing 56 out of 266. The Fall Sports reception was held on November 13 to celebrate the end of the season. SV Varsity Cheer Captains and All-American Cheerleaders, Kylie Gunter and Makayla Bowers, participated alongside hundreds of other cheerleaders from across the country in the Varsity Spirit Spectacular Parade at Walt Disney World. SV FFA participated in the Fall Regional CDE Competition and did very well including Ian Schlappich who placed first in the county in Ag Mechanics, Brailey Nash who placed fourth in Employment Skills, and Kiera Stork who placed fourth in Horse Judging. Our 5th grade classes honored veterans with a *Wall of Honor* which was a tribute to family members who served our country. Our SVMS Junior Honor Society participated in a *Socktober Collection* and were able to donate 425 pairs of new socks to Safe Berks. The elementary school held their annual Fall Fest which included many fun activities for students, the ES Girls on the Run team participated in a group 5K on November 10 at the Berks Heritage Center, and the ES chorus students sang the National Anthem at a Reading Royals game. Our administrative team, along with Bern Township and Northern Berks Regional Police Departments, participated in the PA School Safety Institute Consortium training. Dr. Taschner congratulated Miss Amanda Redcay who presented at the PACTE Conference, along with Dr. O'Donnell, regarding the *Teacher Leadership Academy* that is taking place at the elementary school. At the Gold Leaf Banquet in November, the following SV employees were honored for having served Berks County Interscholastic Athletics for a minimum of 20 years: Jeremy Crills, Taylor Grim, Bruce Harbach, Dean Heffner, and John Rismiller.

5.3 Fall Sports Summary Presentation

Miss Stephanie Deibler reviewed our fall season which was very successful. HS Cheerleading had 25 student-athletes who cheered at all home boys and girls soccer games and all home and away varsity football games. They also marched in the King Frost Parade earning third place for their float. HS Boys Cross Country had a 9-6 overall record with several student-athletes making All Division and the team qualified for districts. HS Girls Cross Country had a 9-6 overall record with Mabel Walborn, sophomore, being named All County, and the team qualified for districts. HS Field Hockey qualified for the BCIAA play-offs, and several student-athletes made All Division. HS Football had another outstanding season and for the second year in a row qualified for districts with SV hosting the first round district game. They were 9-3 overall with the team winning the Lancaster-Lebanon Section 5 Championship. HS Golf had 12 student-athletes with four athletes qualifying for the second round in counties and one athlete qualifying for districts. This year they were able to use Heidelberg Country Club as their home course. HS Boys Soccer had 32 student-athletes with several making All Division. HS Girls Soccer had an outstanding season finishing with a 17-3 overall record. They had several athletes make All Division and finished the year as the Division III Champions. HS Girls Tennis had 7 student-athletes and made a lot of progress throughout the season. HS Girls Volleyball had an excellent season with a 17-5 overall record and were the Division III Champion for the first time in school history. They were named a BCIAA qualifier and District III qualifier, and several student-athletes were named All Division. We have many student-athletes participating in our junior high teams, and a field hockey co-op with Conrad Weiser Area School District was added in 2024. In addition, at the BCIAA Gold Leaf Banquet in November, SV was honored with the 2023-24 Sportsmanship Trophy.

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, November 18, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in January, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 6.1 Accepts, with regret and best wishes for the future, the resignation of Mr. Aaron Gentry, Special Education PK-12 Teacher, effective November 4, 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 Ms. Jennifer Godtfring, Assistant Principal at the high school, at an annual salary of \$98,500 (prorated for actual days worked), effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Toni Crater.
 - 6.2.2 Ms. Heather Hadwin, Mathematics 7-12 Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the middle school, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$54,803 (prorated for actual days worked), effective August 22, 2024, end date to be determined, to fill the newly created position.
 - 6.2.3 Ms. Maritssa Hernandez, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional, six hours per day at an hourly rate of \$14.81, effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Victoria Peters.
 - 6.2.4 Ms. Veronica Hyland, Special Education PK-12 Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the middle school, Master's, Step 1, \$59,955 (prorated for actual days worked), effective August 22, 2024, end date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Ms. Teresa Pisanick.
 - 6.2.5 Mrs. Dena Kraus, from Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the elementary school to Full-Time Attendance Secretary at the high school, at an hourly rate of pay of \$15.54, effective November 7, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Janna Kneeream.
 - 6.2.6 The transfer of Ms. Tiffany Rollman, from Substitute Paraprofessional to Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of pay of \$14.81, effective October 28, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Kevin Raudenbush.
 - 6.2.7 Substitutes for the 2024-25 school year:
 - Ginny Marchut - Mentally/Physically Handicapped (Retired)
 - Brenda Martin - Guest Teacher
 - Jeremy Murphy - Social Studies 7-12
 - Aden Reich - Custodian
 - Joshua Schmeck - Guest Teacher
 - Christine Wysocki - Paraprofessional
 - Victoria Zimmerman - Guest Teacher
 - 6.2.8 Volunteers for the 2024-25 school year:

Brittany Asimakopoulos - ES
Ashley Coccia - ES/HS
Shelby Emery - ES
Jason Eshelman - ES/HS/MS
Erika Gumbert - ES
Sean Gumbert - ES
Kacy Link - ES/HS/MS
Joselito Lopez - ES/HS
Julie Malak - ES
Andrew Mellert - ES
Caden Moyer - Game Personnel/Digital Media & Communications Specialist
Kayla Noll - ES
Morgan Schmeck - ES/HS/MS
Susan Snyder - ES
Veronica Turner - ES
Jason Vanino - ES/HS/MS

6.3 Approves the childbearing/childrearing leave request of Mrs. Kristi Harrison, Speech and Language Pathologist, effective December 5, 2024, through May 19, 2025.

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

- David Barnett, Custodial Supervisor, effective July 9, 2024, intermittently through June 30, 2025.

- Michelle Conway, Mathematics Teacher at the High School, effective September 10, 2024, through approximately November 18, 2024.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the resignation in Item 6.1, as presented; and to approve the employment in Items 6.2.1 through and including 6.2.8, as presented; and to approve the childbearing/childrearing leave request in Item 6.3, as presented; and to acknowledge the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leaves of absence in Item 6.4, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.5 Approves the revisions to Policy 146.1: Trauma-Informed Approach.

6.6 Approves the revisions to Policy 234: Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students.

6.7 Approves the revisions to Policy 249: Bullying/Cyberbullying.

6.8 Approves the revisions to Policy 909: Municipal Government Relations.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the revisions to the policies in Items 6.5 through and including 6.8, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.9 Approves two new coaching positions:

Head Unified Bocce Coach - \$6,000
Assistant Unified Bocce Coach - \$3,000

- 6.10** Approves the following co-curricular salary updates for the 2024-25 school year:

Position	Advisor(s)	Salary
Art Activities Director-HS	Jessica Harle	\$994
Athletic Training Club-HS	Shelby Ammon	\$994
Director of Vocal Music-ES	Sarah Hilpmann	\$1,313
Outdoor Education Coordinator-MS	Jon Jenkins	\$1,242
PYEA Advisor-HS	Jeff Chillot	\$808
PYEA Advisor-HS	Lisa Chillot	\$808
Science Olympiad Advisor-HS	Keith Worrell	\$1,491
Science Olympiad Advisor-MS	Ginger Thomas	\$1,118
SODAA Advisor-HS	Abby Sassaman	\$994
Summer Weight Program Supervisor-HS	Jeremy Crills	\$1,615
Yearbook Editor-MS	Chris Miller	\$1,118
P-O-P Musical Director	Sarah Hilpmann	\$4,090

- 6.11** Approves the MOU with SVEA to include current teachers in the hiring process of new teaching positions.
- 6.12** Approves the MOU with SVEA to add a stipend for the state mandated Career & Technical Student Organization Advisor on the High School Advisor schedule.
- 6.13** Approves Quincy Esannason-Campbell as a Junior High Wrestling Coach effective November 22, 2024, at a salary of \$2,250.

Board Action: Moved by Franklin Ammarell and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the two new coaching positions in Item 6.9, as presented; and to approve the co-curricular salary updates for the 2024-25 school year in Item 6.10, as presented; and to approve the MOU with SVEA to include current teachers in the hiring process of new teaching positions; and to approve the MOU with SVEA to add a stipend for the state mandated Career & Technical Student Organization Advisor on the High School Advisor schedule; and to approve Quincy Esannason-Campbell as a Junior High Wrestling Coach effective November 22, 2024, at a salary of \$2,250.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.14** Approves the following bus drivers utilized by Eshelman Transportation for the 2024-25 school year, contingent upon receipt and district approval of all necessary pre-employment forms, certification, state-mandated physical examinations, clearances, etc.:

Frank Curry
Mark Grassi
Cheyenne Miller
Ashley Zimmerman

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the bus drivers utilized by Eshelman Transportation for the 2024-25 school year in Item 6.14, as presented.

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 6:55 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in January, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration,**Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:**

- 7.1** Approves the disposal of English, computer science and math textbooks, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the disposal of English, computer science and math textbooks, as presented.

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 6:58 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in January, 2025.

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 October 14, 2024, to November 25, 2024, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$1,522,684.26
CAFETERIA FUND	\$59,742.34
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	\$614,140.30
MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND	\$14,543.56
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,211,110.46

- 8.2** Approves the Act 1 resolution which states that 2025-2026 real estate taxes will not increase more than the Act 1 index of 4.8%.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from October 14, 2024, to November 25, 2024, as presented; and to approve the Act 1 resolution which states that 2025-2026 real estate taxes will not increase more than the Act 1 index of 4.8%.

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 7:02 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in January, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 9.1 Approves the addendum dated October 15, 2024, regarding entrapments for all elevator maintenance contracts with Reading Elevator Service.
- 9.2 Approves the quote from Everwhite Corporation for the purchase and installation of 146 custom magnetic whiteboard paneling for the Elementary School classrooms at a cost of \$43,390.00.
- 9.3 Approves the disposal of a metal roof from the repair work completed on the varsity softball dugout.
- 9.4 Approves the proposal from R.J. McCarville Associates, LTD for a three-year inspection and preventative maintenance agreement for the Schuylkill Valley Elementary School gym and cafeteria folding partitions in the total amount of \$3,885.00.
- 9.5 Approves the proposal from R.J. McCarville Associates, LTD for a three-year inspection and preventative maintenance agreement for the Schuylkill Valley Middle School telescopic gym seating in the total amount of \$1,809.75.
- 9.6 Approves the proposal from R.J. McCarville Associates, LTD for a three-year inspection and preventative maintenance agreement for the Schuylkill Valley High School telescopic gym seating in the total amount of \$3,163.50.
- 9.7 Approves the proposal from R.J. McCarville Associates, LTD for a three-year inspection and preventative maintenance agreement for the Schuylkill Valley Elementary, Middle and High Schools basketball backstop inspections in the total amount of \$3,657.50.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the addendum dated October 15, 2024, regarding entrapments for all elevator maintenance contracts with Reading Elevator Service; and to approve the quote from Everwhite Corporation for the purchase and installation of 146 custom magnetic whiteboard paneling for the Elementary School classrooms at a cost of \$43,390.00; and to approve the disposal of a metal roof from the repair work completed on the varsity softball dugout; and to approve the proposal from R.J. McCarville Associates, LTD for a three-year inspection and preventative maintenance agreement for the Schuylkill Valley Elementary School gym and cafeteria folding partitions in the total amount of \$3,885.00; and to approve the proposal from R.J. McCarville Associates, LTD for a three-year inspection and preventative maintenance agreement for the Schuylkill Valley Middle School telescopic gym seating in the total amount of \$1,809.75; and to approve the proposal from R.J. McCarville Associates, LTD for a three-year inspection and preventative maintenance agreement for the Schuylkill Valley High School telescopic gym seating in the total amount of \$3,163.50; and to approve the proposal from R.J. McCarville Associates, LTD for a three-year inspection and preventative maintenance agreement for the Schuylkill Valley Elementary, Middle and High Schools basketball backstop inspections in the total amount of \$3,657.50.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.8 Approves Change Order #7 from MYCO Construction in the amount of a \$6,577.09 credit for remainder of contract allowances relating to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project.
- 9.9 Approves Change Order #4 from MYCO Construction for a credit in the amount of \$840.91 for damages associated with a short circuit in the fire alarm system due to construction as part of the high school HVAC upgrade project. The costs associated with repairing the alarm system are being split between the three contractors who were onsite at the time of the damage.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve Change Order #7 from MYCO Construction in the amount of a \$6,577.09 credit for remainder of contract allowances relating to the HS HVAC Upgrade Project; and to approve Change Order #4 from MYCO Construction for a credit in the amount of \$840.91 for damages associated with a short circuit in the fire alarm system due to construction as part of the high school HVAC upgrade project. The costs associated with repairing the alarm system are being split between the three contractors who were onsite at the time of the damage.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.0 STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi

The Student Services and Activities Committee met at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in January, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 10.1 Approves the SVHS Ski and Snowboard Club trip.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the SVHS Ski and Snowboard Club trip.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.2 Approves the Waiver of Expulsion Hearing Release Agreement between Schuylkill Valley School District and the parents of Student #3833.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the Waiver of Expulsion Hearing Release Agreement between Schuylkill Valley School District and the parents of Student #3833.

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 middle school PTO currently has an auction on Facebook. The Conner Kleffel Memorial will be holding its annual Count Your Blessings Meal Distribution on November 27 at the Leesport Farmer's Market from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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Dr. Taschner thanked everyone that attended the meeting and who spoke about their concerns, and invited the community to come in to speak with her if they have further questions. She also appreciates the concerns regarding safety. In terms of attendance, she noted that the district takes attendance very seriously, Dr. Brewer is working closely with the school principals, and there are procedures in place. She appreciates the information on the Emergency Action Plan and agrees that the district is working hard to get better at what we do. Dr. Taschner also noted that when she started at SV, the elementary school had already engaged in discussions with the American Reading Company. She has been in schools where they have used the resources and there are times they are asked to talk about these resources.

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Moll announced that there would be an executive session immediately following the meeting for personnel and legal 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, O'Donnell, Rossi, Steinke, Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.


Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors