

September 22, 2025

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

MINUTES

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1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, Linda R. Lash, David E. Moll, Bryan J. O'Donnell, Alfonso F. Rossi, Kelly J. Steinke, Daniel B. Weyandt

Members absent: Nicoleen Kleffel

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Azucena Macedo

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cathy Taschner, Robin Brightbill, Jennifer Godtfring, Jason Hansen, Jaqueline Rivas, Dr. Patrick Winters,

Solicitor: Alicia Luke, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 2025, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, 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 September 15, 2025, following the Committee meetings for confidential student information, legal, and personnel matters and on September 22, 2025, after the Board meeting, for personnel, legal and confidential student information.

1.5 RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS & STAFF

This time is reserved for recognition of students and staff:
None

1.6 PRESENTATIONS

This time is reserved for presentations:
None

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*

Mrs. Lash reported that she attended the BCIU opening at the GoggleWorks on Wednesday and was photographed at the event representing the school district in that photo featured on WFMZ. The Learning Center was dedicated in memory of Mrs. Cynthia “Cindy” Boscov who devoted her career as a teacher. There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony and afterwards the BCIU Board Members, officials from the City of Reading, elected leaders, and guests toured the center which features two (2) Head Start classrooms, an outdoor play area, large group instruction room, and offices. Local legislator Johanny Ceped-Freytiz was also present. She also discussed 14 new House Bills, A couple Senate bills and highlighted House Bill 1814 regarding cellphones in schools. Mrs. Lash also reported that she attended the COLA meeting with Kristen Wallace on September 9th and she discussed a possible legislative resolution. She talked about Senate Bills 649, 431, 806, which all pertain to Artificial Intelligence. She passed along information to the Board for possible discussion at the next board meeting on a resolution in support of a statewide cyber charter tuition rate across the state for \$10,000.00.

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

Mr. Moll provided a reminder that National Technical Honor Society Induction is held on October 23, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Schuylkill Valley High School in the auditorium. The budget process began in August, and they are looking to get a preliminary budget in the first week of December. A proposed calendar is also underway for the 2026-27 school year.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *Nicoleen M. Kleffel*

No Report

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

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash highlighted the upcoming Blue Jeans Days for faculty, noting that the details are still being finalized. She added that the event will serve as a fundraiser, with proceeds going to the Foundation.

Pride of SV:

On Friday, the Pride of Schuylkill Valley introduced their inductees for the 2025-year ceremony and Saturday the banquet was held in their honor. This year’s class was the majority athletes. Katie Kemmerer, who works for the Kansas City Chiefs, brought her Super Bowl ring and a Big 10 Champion ring from Penn State and they were the highlight of the banquet. The inductees for this year were Dean Heffner, Katie Kemmerer, Joey Mandell, and Haley Reichardt Horst. Mr. Ronald Schreiner, Elizabeth Stouse McKinney and Darin Walls. Mr. Ronald Schreiner was the service award winner.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Louis Shucker, Bern Township – Banned Book Week/book access
Sherry Faust, Bern Township – Board response to public questions
Derek Vogel, Bern Township – BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr. concerns
Kai Miller, Ontelaunee Township – Hirings

4.0 BOARD

There were no items for Board approval.

4.1 SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mrs. Luke provided a check from Reitnauer in the amount of \$193,000.00 pursuant to the memorandum of understanding (MOU) that was worked through over the summer. The payment

was made voluntarily in exchange for the district granting some construction and permanent easements for the upcoming construction project.

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 district highlights from the past month.

Elementary School (SVES): "Color Days" activities helped kindergarten students learn colors; Patriot Day was observed with lessons, activities and a moment of silence.

Middle School: For Patriot Days, 5th grade teacher and firefighter Ms. Harrison demonstrated bunker gear; the Mountain Bike Club (with HS students) began rides at Blue Marsh and Mt Penn; 6th Grade Technology and Engineering students built and raced robots using Lego Mindstorms.

High School: SVHS World Affairs hosted Dr. Ron Granieri of the U.S. Army War College for AP World History students.

FFA: Members participated in Leesport Community Days. Lucy Kerr and Lily Kratz both promoted the agriculture and gave back to the community. The members also volunteered at a national dairy show with over 2,000 cattle and 1,000 exhibitors in the U.S. and Canada.

Athletics & Achievements: The Boys soccer team completed community service at Mohrsville Playground. Presleigh Finkbiner was named Spotlight on Berks Sport Athlete of the Week for the week of August 25 through August 31 and that week she achieved ten goals and two (2) assists. Lainey Crespo reached 200 career saves in field hockey.

Events & Recognition: PYEA's Gold Out raises \$2,810.15 for Four Diamonds. Homecoming was held with Noah Sonon and Garcie Torres crowned Spirit King and Homecoming Queen. SVHS football players and cheerleaders visited SVES to build excitement for the homecoming game. Pride of SV award winners visited the high school to share their experiences and Dr. Taschner discussed the 2025 Pride of SV Induction and inductees.

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 15, 2025, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

The Board consolidated items 6.1 through 6.3 for Board approval as presented.

6.1 Approves of Diane Hubler as a homebound instructor for the 2025-26 school year.

- 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** Approves of Mr. Ryan Flemm, Technology Support Specialist, at an hourly rate of \$21.83, effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Vito Zazo.
 - 6.2.2** Approves of Ms. Kristie Robinson, Certified Building Substitute Teacher at the elementary school, \$46,303.00 (reduced rate of pay with single level benefit option available and prorated for actual days worked), effective September 8, 2025, to fill the vacancy created by the newly created position.
 - 6.2.3** Approves of Ms. Chloe Gerstner, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$13.66, effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Ms. Marlene Biros.
 - 6.2.4** Approves the following game workers for the 2025-26 school year, to be paid \$40.00 per event:
 - Mark Horrell
 - Anthony Neal
 - Aaron Schappell
 - Steve Schell
 - 6.2.5** Approves the following substitutes for the 2025-26 school year:
 - Cheryl Felix – Secretary
 - Brittany Furnanage – Food Service
 - Kathleen Gwiazdoski – Homebound, Elementary Education, Reading Specialist (Retired)
 - Barbara Hill – Custodian, Food Services
 - David Horton – Guest Teacher
 - Susan Jones – Food Services
 - George Kovarie, IV – Guest Teacher
 - Shannon Lewis – Elementary K-6, Mentally and/or Physically Handicapped K-12 (Retired)
 - Sierra Merkel – Paraprofessional
 - Melissa Miller – Food Services, Paraprofessional
 - Joshua Schmeck – Guest Teacher
 - Sharon Witman – Paraprofessional
 - 6.2.6** Approves the following extracurricular appointments for the 2025-26 school year:
 - Halee Peters – Soccer Girls Junior High Assistant Coach - \$1,840.00
 - Randy Weyer – Soccer Girls Varsity Assistant Coach - \$5,180.00
 - 6.2.7** Approves the following volunteers for the 2025-26 school year:
 - Ashley Cusak – HS (Student Internship – Osteo Science Foundation)
 - Lauren Hirsch – ES
 - Arthur Hirsch, Jr. ES
 - Jennie Howlett – ES
 - Lee-Ann Libertore – ES
 - Pamela Loughery – ES/MS
 - Annika Mezger – ES
 - Sunshine Newton – HS (Student Internship – State Farm)
 - Samantha Pearson – ES/HS/MS
 - Alex Reinert – ES/MS

Megan Reinert – ES
Michelle Reppert – ES
Brittany Sevdalis – MS
Robert Simpson – ES
Natassja Torres – ES
Sarah Villatoro – ES
Derek Vogel - ES
Jennifer Vogel – ES/MS

6.2.8 Approves the following mentors for the 2025-26 school year at a stipend of \$1,175.00 for full year mentors and \$587.50 for half year mentors:

Jeff Chillot – Half Year
Stephanie Good – Full Year
Jennifer Gresh - Half Year
Marisa Horne – Half Year
Melissa Kauffman – Half Year
Courtney Neary – Full Year, prorated for days worked
Jean Blessing – Full Year, prorated for days worked

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

Julie Cherry, 3rd Grade Teacher at the elementary school, effective August 18, 2025, through August 28, 2025.
Caitlin Doupe, Kindergarten Teacher at the elementary school, effective August 18, 2025, through November 7, 2025.
Jessica Frantz, 4th Grade Teacher at the elementary school, effective approximately October 27, 2025, through December 22, 2025.

Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve 6.1 through 6.3 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Approve the winter coaching salaries for the 2025-26 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the winter coaching salaries for the 2025-26 school year as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.5 Approves the spring coaching salaries for the 2025-26 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the spring coaching salaries for the 2025-26 school year as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS ACCEPTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, BOARD MEETING:

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

September 22, 2025

Ms. Kaitlyn Boyle, English Teacher at the middle school, effective September 3, 2025
Dr. Melissa Brewer, Director of Pupil Services, effective September 2, 2025
Mr. Jonathan Kile, Custodial Supervisor, effective September 5, 2025
Ms. Annalyse Miner, Secretary to the Assistant Principal at the elementary school, effective August 29, 2025
Ms. Melissa Schnabel, Secretary to the Director of Curriculum and Learning, effective August 28, 2025.

Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to accept with regrets and best wishes for the future the above listed resignations.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, BOARD MEETING:

6.7 Approves the rescindment of the Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement 0002501738.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the rescindment of the Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement 0002501738.

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 6:41 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

The Board consolidated items 7.1 through 7.2 for Board approval as presented.

7.1 Approves the change order in the amount of \$2,984.33 for the installation of an additional touch panel and related labor to the Middle School Auditorium Project.

7.2 Approves the Substantial Completion of the MS Auditorium Project Phase One with Visual Sound, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve items 7.1 through 7.2 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Approves the subscription to Brain Pop for the elementary school.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the subscription to BrainPOP for the elementary school.

Mrs. Steinke clarified that the District currently has its own BrainPOP subscription, and this agenda item was to approve joining the BCIU's subscription for cost savings. Mrs. Rivas explained that most teachers use BrainPOP at their discretion to supplement specific lessons, and students do not have individual accounts. She noted that the current subscription expires on October 28, 2025. Mr. Bendigo asked Mrs. Rivas to review how frequently this resource is being used. Mrs. Lash requested a presentation on its usage at the next board meeting. Mr. Moll emphasized the need for additional information before making a decision and noted the importance of having an alternative in place for teachers if changes are made.

A motion was made by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Paul Bendigo to table the approval of the subscription.

Roll Call Vote on the motion to table:

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, Steinke,

Nays: Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Weyandt

Motion failed (5-3).

Roll Call Vote on the main motion:

Yeas: Lash, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi, Weyandt

Nays: Ammarell, Bendigo, Steinke

Motion carried (5-3).

The Board consolidated items 7.4 through 7.5 for Board approval as presented.

- 7.4 Approves of a pilot for the Quaver Music Curriculum for grades 5-8, because it is a curriculum and the board has not been presented with a full copy of that curriculum, we are asking that this be piloted while we get a copy of the curriculum documents for the board to review.
- 7.5 Approves of the recycling of network equipment from the High School and Middle School, as listed.

Moved by Lash and seconded by Bendigo to approve items 7.4 through 7.5 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.6 Approves the Raptor Badge Alert subscription from Raptor Technologies in the amount of \$41,200.00 for a term of 12 months.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the Raptor Badge Alert subscription from Raptor Technologies in the amount of \$41,200.00 for a term of 12 months.

Dr. Winters stated PCCD stands for Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. This cost includes a one-time cost for set up and the other piece is an annual renewal. Mrs. Luke stated the one-time cost is \$19,200.00 and the recurring cost is \$22,000.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.7 Approves the Board President to sign off on the paperwork for the Master Lease Agreement from the June 23, 2025, 7.3 agenda item related to Server Refresh and Software Renewal, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the Board President to sign off on the paperwork for the Master Lease Agreement from the June 23, 2025, 7.3 agenda item related to Server Refresh and Software Renewal, as presented.
Dr. Winters stated that all the equipment and software had been delivered and was approved by the Board in June 2025. At that time, however, the final paperwork from Dell required to close out the purchase and allow invoicing was not yet ready. Approval of this item will permit that paperwork to be completed and submitted so Dell can invoice the District. He clarified that the original motion in June did not authorize administration to sign off on this portion. This is a separate document covering the financial close-out and no additions have been made to the original approval.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.8 Other (Old/New Business)

Mrs. Steinke wanted to make it clear that she supports the Schuylkill Valley School District teachers.

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Nicoleen M. Kleffel

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 6:52 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday October 13, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

The Board consolidated items 8.1 through 8.2 for Board approval as presented.

8.1 Approves/ratifies the payment of bills in the following amounts from August 11, 2025, to September 23, 2025, as presented:

GENERAL FUND	\$1,539,614.29
CAFETERIA FUND	\$25,929.32
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	\$57,790.60
MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND	\$2,228.73
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,625,562.94

8.2 Approves the placement of three (3) pizza warmers and two (2) condiments tables on Municibid due to age and non-use.

Moved by Frank Ammarell, seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve items 8.1 through 8.2 as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Bendigo, 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 7:04 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday October 13, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 9.1 Approves the quote from Pletcher Fire Protection in the amount of \$2,310.00 for the kitchen fire suppression repairs at the high school.

Board Action: Moved by Bryan O'Donnell and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the quote from Pletcher Fire Protection in the amount of \$2,310.00 for the kitchen fire suppression repairs at the high school.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.2 Approves of Elk Environmental to dispose of various outside chemicals using the Pack & Pull Method at an estimated cost of \$2,100.00.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve of Elk Environmental to dispose of various outside chemicals using the Pack & Pull Method at an estimated cost of \$2,100.00.

Dr. Winters stated that these were a few remaining items that were placed out with the other drums after Elk had completed their original visit in February of last year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.3 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves the proposal from Terraworx Consulting in the amount of \$17,675.00 for geotechnical consulting services related to the Fieldhouse Project.

Board Action: Moved by Daniel Weyandt and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the proposal from Terraworx Consulting in the amount of \$17,675.00 for geotechnical consulting services related to the Fieldhouse Project.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Middle School HVAC:

Mr. Weyandt inquired about any updates regarding the Middle School HVAC issues with cooling. Dr. Winters reported that the District is in the process of securing three (3) quotes for the necessary work. One (1) quote has been received, and the other two (2) are pending. In the meantime, he has communicated with staff that efforts are ongoing to address the issue and that steps can be taken based on weather, weekly temperatures, and humidity to help keep classrooms cool. Temporary units are also available and currently in use as needed. Dr. Gabryluk added that she has been in communication with Dr. Winters and the maintenance staff to ensure every effort is being made to keep classrooms comfortable. At this time, no classrooms have been relocated, but they could be if

necessary. Approximately five (5) to six (6) classrooms in the sixth-grade hallway are affected. Strategies being used include fans, opening windows in the morning to bring in cooler air and deploying portable units in some classrooms. Dr. Winters clarified that the quotes are not for full unit replacement but for two (2) parts within the rooftop unit that require replacement. Due to the combined cost of parts and labor, multiple quotes are required. Mr. Rossi requested that the District verify its count of portable units to ensure adequate coverage if needed. Dr. Winters responded that the District has sufficient portable units, but additional hoses were required. A vendor has been identified to supply the needed hoses. When asked if any students or staff had been affected by the HVAC issues, Dr. Gabryluk stated that no student medical concerns had been reported. However, one staff member did have a medical concern, and a portable unit was placed in that classroom to address it.

10.0 STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi

The Student Services and Activities Committee met at 7:08 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

The Board consolidated items 10.1 through 10.10 for Board approval as presented.

- 10.1** Approves the Settlement Agreement for student #3469.
- 10.2** Approves the Third-Party Trust Agreement for Student #3469.
- 10.3** Approves the Extended School Year Addendum for Timothy School for student #5030.
- 10.4** Approves the Settlement Agreement and Release for Student #5030.
- 10.5** Approves the Vanguard School's Addendum B ESY Agreement 2025-26.
- 10.6** Approves the CHOR Youth & Family Services Agreement for 2025-26.
- 10.7** Approves the FFA annual trip to the ACES (Agriculture Cooperation Establishes Success).
- 10.8** Approves the FFA SLLC (State Legislative Leadership Conference).
- 10.9** Approves the letter of agreement to establish the use of Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation (HSMR) by the Schuylkill Valley School District, subject to review and approval by the Solicitor.
- 10.10** Approves of the 2025-26 Settlement Agreement for Student #3613.

Moved by Bryan O'Donnell and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve items 10.1 through 10.10 as presented.

Regarding item 10.9, the Letter of Agreement for Hawk Mountain, the solicitor emphasized that it is listed on the agenda as subject to solicitor review and approval. This language was included to provide the District with flexibility in case any concerns arise that need to be addressed.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.11 Approves of the agreement for Interim Special Education Services from the BCIU in the amount of \$725.00 per day, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the agreement for Interim Special Education Services from the BCIU in the amount of \$725.00 per day, as presented.

Mr. Moll stated the district is working to hire an individual for this role which requires a special skillset. He emphasized the importance of finding the most qualified candidate and not rushing the hiring process, noting that this agreement serves as a good interim solution. Mr. Rossi inquired whether the contract provides a consistent individual in the building over a period. Dr. Taschner confirmed that the Board had previously approved a contract with the IU to purchase these services, and the same individual has been serving under that agreement. She added that this arrangement creates cost savings compared to a day-to-day contract. The individual is present for a significant portion of the week, is available on-call, communicates directly with staff as needed, and has been in contact with building principals. Mrs. Lash added that she has heard positive feedback, noting that Dr. George is pleased to be in the District and working with staff.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.12 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves of Mr. Rick Bean to serve as DJ for this year's homecoming dance at a cost of \$800.00 for three (3) hours.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve Mr. Rick Bean to serve as DJ for this year's homecoming dance at a cost of \$800.00 for three (3) hours.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.13 **OTHER (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)**

Homecoming:

Mrs. Steinke asked if there was a way to make the event more enjoyable for students. She referred to attending the Fall Fest on Penn Avenue, where she observed a vendor providing photo booths for schools and colleges. She suggested this could be a fun option for students, noting the vendor offered various formats such as digital images and photo strips for students to take home.

Schuylkill Valley High School Lacrosse Sale

Mrs. Steinke stated the High School Lacrosse team is selling Schuylkill Valley-themed ornaments as a fundraiser for their camp. The ornaments feature the school's name and mascot and are priced at \$20.00 each. Those interested may contact any lacrosse player, coach or Mrs. Steinke to purchase.

Student Athlete Record Board Recommendations:

Presented by: Jason Hansen, Director of Athletics

Director Jason Hansen gave a presentation on the importance of record boards. He explained that they serve to recognize athlete achievements, give SV athletes goals to strive for each season, highlight the role of statistics in sports, and showcase excellence to peers, parents, and the community. He discussed how the project could be implemented, including funding support from the Booster Club and coaches assisting with record-keeping. As an example, he shared softball statistics (home runs, hits, RBIs, pitching strikeouts, and pitching wins) provided by the coach, noting that accuracy of historical records is uncertain due to inconsistent stat-keeping. He explained

that Hudl could be used to capture current statistics, and records could be publicly challenged if needed. Mr. Hansen reviewed display options, recommending coroplast boards as a cost-effective and highly visible choice. He also presented examples of potential layouts, including a consolidated, "League Championships" board that could be updated annually. An alternative option would be to use TVs to display records in a continuous loop, with suggested placement at the high school auditorium entrance until the Field House is complete. He also addressed space limitation in the gymnasium, noting that District III and State banners are close to exceeding capacity. He suggested adding three (3) new scoreboards for Boys Individual State Championships, Girls Individual State Championships and Team State Championships. He further proposed relocating banners to the Field House once built, ensuring greater visibility for all facility users. In conclusion, Mr. Hansen outlined his long-term vision: District Banners, State Banners and record boards all displayed in the Field House. Mrs. Steinke suggested exploring a touch kiosk as a digital option for displaying records. Mr. Bendigo asked whether coaching contracts currently require head coaches to assign staff to maintain and preserve statistical records, or if such a requirement should be added. Mr. Hansen stated that this could be established as a directive, ensuring that each coaching staff designates someone responsible for keeping accurate statistics. He stated there is a company that sells banners through a 50/50 sponsorship agreement. Under this arrangement, the company secures sponsors on behalf of the district and the revenue is shared while providing items such as a kiosk. The agreement typically takes a few years to pay off, with the company retaining a portion of the funds in return for managing sponsorships. He suggested this option could be discussed further at a future board meeting. Dr. Taschner recommended that Mr. Hansen meet with Dr. Winters and Mrs. Crater to develop several recommendations to present to the Board for possible action.

Mr. Zola introduction

Dr. Patrick Winters introduced Mr. Neal Zola, who is one of the armed security guards from Cardinal Point and Mr. Zola has been primarily working at the high school. Mr. Rossi added that he had heard great things regarding Mr. Zola's addition to the buildings.

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, legal and confidential student information.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Linda Lash, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.


Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors