

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

MINUTES

November 24, 2025

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 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: Azucena Macedo

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Patrick Winters, Robin Brightbill, Dr. Gabryluk, Jason Hansen, Dr. Stephen Mickulik, Dr. Shannon O'Donnell Jenny Rexrode, Jacqueline Rivas, Louisa Trumbore, Michael Sobczak, Kristin Wallace,

Solicitor: Alicia Luke, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 2025, and the special meeting of November 10, 2025, 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 17, 2025, following the Committee meetings for personnel and legal matters and confidential student information.

1.5 SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

The District recognized the outgoing board members: Mr. Paul Bendigo, Mrs. Nicoleen Kleffel and Mr. Bryan O'Donnell. Dr. Winters thanked Mr. Bendigo for his 12 years of dedicated service to the school board and for his commitment to students, staff and the community, shaping meaningful progress across schools. He thanked Mrs. Kleffel for her eight (8) years of dedicated service to the school board and for her thoughtful decision-making and genuine care for students and staff who made a lasting impact on the community. Dr. Winters thanked Mr. O'Donnell for his four (4) years of dedicated service as a school board director, and his thoughtful leadership and consistent presence have made a meaningful difference for students, staff and community.

1.6 RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

The Board recognized the following Middle School students in Mrs. Ronda Seymour's art classes whose designs were chosen to represent the school district on holiday cards.

Charlotte Gilmore – 5th Grade

Samuel Ketterer – 6th Grade

Carly Edwards – 7th Grade

Ellie Weyandt – 8th Grade

Mrs. Seymour thanked the community and the Board for providing students with the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents. She explained that the initiative was more than a contest; it served as a project and fundraiser that guided students through the creative process, from developing initial concepts to producing final artwork. She noted that this opportunity allowed students to complete a finished piece that they could frame and keep, creating a meaningful experience that students will remember.

1.7

PRESENTATIONS

Building Assessment Data Presentation

Presented by: Jenny Rexrode

Mrs. Rexrode provided a brief presentation on the upcoming Future Ready PA Index. She explained that the Pennsylvania Department of Education releases the Index annually around this time, and the data reflects the 2024-25 school year at both the district and individual building levels. The Index includes a range of data points such as attendance (a lagging indicator), graduation rates, career readiness benchmarks, and student performance and growth on state assessments, including the percentage of students scoring at the advanced level. Attendance and graduation rate data are based on the 2023-24 school year. The Index also reports demographic information, including economically disadvantaged students, ethnicity and enrollment percentages by gender. Mrs. Rexrode noted that a key focus of the Index is the growth measure, which examines how much students grow from year to year rather than only how they perform on a single assessment. The growth data reflects whether students made less than one year's growth, one year's growth, or more than one year's growth, providing the district with a meaningful measure of instructional effectiveness. Mrs. Rexrode shared that principals will be presenting their building-level growth data to the Board, along with additional data points such as the Kindergarten Entry Inventory (KEI), benchmark assessments, and Advanced Placement (AP) data. She explained that, with the adoption of new curriculum and instructional resources, the district now has increased access to data that allows teachers to analyze student performance and tailor instruction to address identified skill gaps. She noted that KEI data was collected for the first time this year and provides insight into student readiness upon entering kindergarten. Additional data to be reviewed includes language arts benchmarks, Independent Reading Level Assessment (IRLA) results for all students in grades K-8, which were completed by October 3rd, and newly implemented writing benchmarks. While significant math data is also available, Mrs. Rexrode explained that this is the first year of implementation for the math resources, and not all buildings are prepared to present that data as teachers continue learning how to effectively use the available information.

Elementary School

Presented by: Dr. Shannon O'Donnell, Elementary School Principal

Dr. O'Donnell reported that during the 2024-25 school year, all students and subgroups met the state growth standard in English Language Arts. The elementary school achieved an academic growth score of 77.0, exceeding both the state standard of 70.0 and the statewide average of 75.4. In mathematics, all students exceeded the state growth standard with an academic growth score of 96.0, well above the statewide average of 74.9. Benchmark data from the start of the school year was reviewed in connection with the implementation of the new English Language Arts curriculum, and the American Reading Company IRLA assessment. Completion and on-level performance data by October 3rd were reported across grades K-4. The elementary school also administered the KEI for the first time. Review of KEI data identified academic needs in early literacy, writing, numeracy, and developmental areas such as language and motor skills. Strengths were noted in social-emotional development, including collaboration, curiosity, and self-awareness. Kindergarten teachers are working with school counselors and the Second step program to address identified developmental needs. Future reports will include data from the ALEKS math program as part of the new mathematics curriculum.

Mrs. Rexrode explained that the district now has more comprehensive instructional data than in previous years. She described IRLA as a teacher-led assessment conducted alongside students, and allowing for real-time evaluation of reading skills, comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency. She contrasted this with prior computer-based assessments. She also reviewed the ALEKS math assessment process, which identifies student skill gaps, supports targeted practice and allows teachers to provide small-group instruction, enrichment, or intervention. Additional unit-based diagnostics within the math program further support instructional planning.

Mr. Ammarell asked how IRLA and ALEKS results are validated against statewide or national benchmarks.

Mrs. Rexrode responded that the district uses state-aligned benchmark assessments developed by the creators of the PSSA and Keystone exams for comparison purposes. She noted that implementation of new curriculum typically requires approximately three (3) years before measurable benefits are fully realized and that the state provides exemplars and online practice tools to support student readiness.

Mr. Weyandt asked how frequently teachers reviewed data collaboratively.

Mrs. Rexrode stated that multiple benchmarks are reviewed throughout each quarter and school year and that teachers regularly collaborate to analyze and discuss student data.

Middle School

Presented by: Dr. Gabryluk, Middle School Assistant Principal

Dr. Gabryluk reported on middle school growth data for the 2024-25 school year. In English Language Arts, all students exceeded the state growth standard with an academic growth score of 83.0, above both the state standard of 70.0 and the statewide average of 75.4. In mathematics, students did not meet the state growth standard, earning a growth score of 50.0. She outlined steps being taken to improve math outcomes, including implementation of a new state-aligned curriculum, consistent sequencing, common resources, and regular benchmarking. She noted that IRLA assessments administered in the fall and spring allow the school to measure reading growth, with approximately 30 percent of students entering the grade level reading on level. Writing assessments using the PSSA rubric showed early benchmark results across grades 5-8. Math data from the Reveal curriculum and ALEKS indicated ongoing progress, with eight-grade students mastering approximately 27 percent of annual topics by the first quarter.

Mr. Rossi raised concerns regarding instructional challenges when students with varying ability levels are taught in the same classroom and questioned the effectiveness of multiple instructional groupings.

Dr. Gabryluk responded that the focus is on supporting teachers in differentiating instruction while continuing to monitor student progress.

Mrs. Rexrode added that remediation plans are in place for eight-grade students taking the Geometry Keystone, using ALEKS data to address skill gaps.

High School

Presented by: Jennifer Godtfriing, High School Assistant Principal

Mrs. Godtfriing presented high school growth and achievement data for the cohort graduating in June 2026. In English Language Arts, student groups did not meet the state growth standard, with an academic growth score of 56.0 compared to the statewide average of 75.4. She noted that the current cohort was tested prior to full implementation of the new ARC curriculum and expressed optimism for improved results moving forward. In Mathematics/Algebra, students met the growth standard with a score of 72.0, near the statewide average of 74.9. Science/Biology growth data was unavailable due to recently revised standards. She also reviewed AP results from May 2025. A total of 162 students took AP exams, with 128 students, or 79.01 percent, earning a score of three or

higher. Six (6) AP subject areas achieved a 100 percent proficiency rate. Strong performance was noted in AP Government and Politics, AP U.S. History, AP World History, science, mathematics, and computer science courses. She reported on continued student participation in advanced coursework, with 136 students enrolled in 214 AP exams for the upcoming spring.

PASA/PSBA Presentation

Presented by Dr. O'Donnell

Dr. O'Donnell shared her experience at the Leadership Conference. She attended along with Dr. Taschner, Mrs. Lash and Mr. O'Donnell from October 19th to the 21st. Over those three (3) days she participated in several sessions focused on supporting students, staff and communities. Some of the topics she attended included supporting student well-being in an AI driven world, better together, schools, parents and students supporting mental health and her favorite session was Little Steps Big Dreams, launching your preschool. She had the opportunity to listen to the details on how another school district successfully funded and repurposed facilities to provide a full day preschool program and the steps they took to make it sustainable. This session provided valuable ideas and expanding early learning initiatives. She also attended a session on trauma smart schools performing PA schools with proven interventions creating a culture of learning, creating professional development plans with lasting impact, John Gordon a power of a positive team and she favored the 2025 Legal Highlights. The conference also featured keynote speakers opening with Dr. Christine Parath who shared powerful messages about helping people and communities thrive and Shawn Austin who spoke about leadership and continuing his mother's legacy and activism in areas of mental health. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to be able to attend that conference.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – *David E. Moll*

Mr. Moll thanked the three (3) outgoing board members, Paul Bendigo, Bryan O'Donnell and Nicoleen Kleffel for all their commitment, time and dedication to the Board and the Schuylkill Valley Community.

2.2 SECRETARY – *Linda R. Lash*

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that the IU Board met the previous Thursday evening and approved the meeting calendar for the upcoming year. The Board also reviewed renovation projects underway to convert space within the IU building and other facilities into classrooms and approved related project payments. The Board recognized and thanked two (2) departing members for their service and contributions. Mrs. Lash further reported that Berks County school leaders advocated on behalf of students at the state capital on October 28 and 29. Dr. Taschner represented Schuylkill Valley and participated in discussions advocating for passage of the state budget. Mrs. Lash also noted White Cane Safety Day as observed on October 15 in recognition of individuals who are visually impaired.

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

Mr. Moll reminded the high school administrators that the center has expanded to 2,100 slots but even with expansion it's competitive and there is still a waiting list for several hundreds, so he encouraged students who were interested in enrolling in BCTC to arrive early. He also talked about their 8th grade camp that has limited slots and usually spots fill within 72 hours of opening.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *Nicoleen M. Kleffel*

Mrs. Kleffel reported that they did not meet. The end of year meeting is held in December.

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

Mrs. Lash discussed that the Public School of Act 45 of 2025, which is part of the budget, is offering certifications that allow educators to teach grades K-6 and 7-12 rather than only grade

PreK-4 or 7-12. They are also reducing the educator certification fees, making it more cost effective for individuals to obtain certification.

2.7 SCHUYLKILL VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION – Linda R. Lash

No Report other than the reminder for March 13th Red and Black event at the Leesport Farmers Market.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

1. Sally Horton, Leesport Borough – Emotion Support/Middle School Paraprofessionals

4.0 BOARD

There were no items for Board approval.

4.1 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Luke reviewed a recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision regarding the Sunshine Act and exceptions to the 24-hour public notice requirement for taking action. The case addressed whether an agenda may be amended during a meeting. The Commonwealth had argued that agenda amendments were only permissible if they met limited exceptions, such as imminent danger to life or property or matters that were de minimis and did not involve expenditures or contracts. The Supreme Court disagreed, ruling that amendments to an agenda constitute a separate exception under the Sunshine Act and are not subject to those limitations.

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. Winters shared district highlights from the past month and expressed appreciation to district veterans. Through a grant secured by Mrs. DeMott and the Education Foundation, American flags were displayed across campus in honor of Veterans Day. Elementary students participated in the BCIU Invention Convention, earning third place for their project, Smart Suitcase 3000. He recognized the Elementary PTO and volunteers for Fall Fest and highlighted the work of Mr. Jacobs, who created daily artwork with encouraging messages for students. The elementary school also hosted Career Day. At the middle school, students participated in Seventh Grade Outdoor Education in partnership with Berks Nature and engaged in a Primary Sources project focused on 1990s culture. At the high school, Dr. Winters recognized Olympian Eric Favors for speaking with students about mental health and his experience at the 2024 Summer Olympics. He congratulated students selected for county and district chorus, recognized FFA student achievements and community service, and noted student participation in the Girls in STEM Symposium at Kutztown University. He also acknowledged BCIAA All-Start student athletes. Dr. Winters highlighted the PYEA Trunk or Treat event, which raised funds for a student battling cancer and Four Diamonds. He announced Winter Fest on December 7 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. He thanked Mrs. Trumbore and Mrs. Manzer for coordinating vendors, and shared upcoming winter concert dates. He also noted the Middle School Colonial Williamsburg Open House on December 17, and the Conner Kleffel Memorial Count Your Blessings Meal Distribution on November 26.

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 17, 2025, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, January 19, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

The Board consolidated items 6.1 through 6.11 for Board approval as presented.

- 6.1** Accepts, with best wishes for the future, the following resignation due to retirement effective with the last day of the 2025-2026 school year unless otherwise noted:
- Mr. Bryan Binkley, Computer Science Teacher, effective December 5, 2025
 - Ms. JoAnne Gruber, Library Paraprofessional, effective December 19, 2025.
 - Mrs. Kimberly Loose, Middle School Building Secretary, effective December 31, 2025
 - Mrs. Carey Steward, Art Teacher, effective January 5, 2026
- 6.2** Accepts with regret and best wishes for the future, the following resignation:
- Ms. Caryn Gerstner, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective November 14, 2025
 - Mrs. Elizabeth Oswald, Health Assistant, effective December 2, 2025
 - Mrs. Stephanie Wolfe, Accounts Payable and Transportation Secretary, effective October 13, 2025
- 6.3** Approves Ms. Megan Cox, Secretary to the Director of Curriculum and Learning, at an hourly rate of \$23.28, effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Melissa Schnabel.
- 6.4** Approves Ms. Michelle Putt, Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$22.09 effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Brian Eiche.
- 6.5** Approves the following Department Chairs for the 2025-26 school year:
- Crystal Cammauf – Special Education - \$2,400.00
 - Jeffrey Chillot – Mathematics - \$2,280.00
 - Lisa Chillot – Science - \$2,280.00
 - Jason Bagenstose – English - \$1,800.00
 - Jeremy Crills – Fitness/Wellness - \$1,560.00
 - Jessica Harle – Fine Arts - \$1,440.00
 - Diane Hubler – Family & Consumer Science - \$1,320.00
 - Erik Johanson – Technology Education - \$1,440.00
 - Cindy Koehler – Business/Computer - \$2,160.00
 - Michelle Sausser – World Language - \$1,380.00
 - Tod Witman – Social Studies - \$2,280.00
- 6.6** Approves the additional extracurricular advising positions as presented.
- 6.7** Approves the following extracurricular appointments for the 2025-26 school year;
- Lee Niebel – Lacrosse Boys High School Assistant Coach - \$3,500.00
 - Tod Witman – Bowling High School Assistant Coach - \$3,000.00 (Prorated for actual days worked).
 - Matthew Horst – Wrestling Junior High Assistant Coach - \$4,650.00
 - Richard Sensenig, Jr. – Bowling High School Assistant Coach - \$3,000.00 (Prorated for actual days worked).

6.8 Approves the following substitutes for the 2025-26 school year:
Susanne Antonio – Grades PK-4
Leolina Farinelli – Guest Teacher
Jamie Greenwood – Paraprofessional
Emily Hoffert – Grades PK-4

6.9 Approves the following volunteers for the 2025-26 school year:

Lisa Boria - ES
Melissa Brice - ES
Sarah Campbell - ES/HS
Derick Clark - ES
Amy DeJesus - ES
Alicia DeLong - ES
Ian Good - ES
Lisa Haas - ES
Stephanie Hasapes - ES
Kate Inman - ES
Christine Jennings - ES/HS
Amanda Kemmerer - ES
Lisa Klemka - ES
Emily Niebel - ES
Haley Phillips - ES
Haley Snyder - ES
Betsy Swisher - ES
Karisa Thomas - ES
Diego Tolentino - ES

6.10 Approves the childrearing request of Mrs. Caitlin Doupe, Kindergarten Teacher at the Elementary School, effective November 10, 2025, through the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year.

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

Debra Bitner, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective September 24, 2025, through October 3, 2025.

Patricia Lacey, Business Education Teacher, effective September 19, 2025, through October 3, 2025

Sara Reed, School Counselor, effective November 18, 2025, through November 25, 2025

Tod Witman, Technology Integration Coach and Social Studies Teacher, effective October 22, 2025, through November 12, 2025

Kent Yeager, Custodial Supervisor, effective December 15, 2025, through March 8, 2026

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve 6.1 through 6.11 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.12 Approves the creation of an Assistant Director of Food Service position.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the creation of an Assistant Director of Food Service position.

Mrs. Trumbore reviewed the proposed Assistant Food Service Director position and outlined its responsibilities, which included supporting all food service programs, overseeing food preparation through point of service, training and providing technical support to staff, assisting with food distribution, and ensuring compliance with operational procedures. The position would also support development of a catering guide and brand identity, analyze customer preferences, and contribute to a marketing plan to engage student, families, staff, and the community. Mrs. Trumbore noted that funding for the position would come from the Food Service Fund and would not impact the General Fund, citing excess net cash resulting from increased subsidies in recent years.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.13** Approves Ms. Kimberly Kern-Smith, Accounts Payable & Transportation Secretary, at an hourly rate of \$28.01, effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Stephanie Wolfe.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve Ms. Kimberly Kern-Smith, Accounts Payable & Transportation Secretary, at an hourly rate of \$28.01, effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Stephanie Wolfe.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.14** Approves the co-curricular assignments for the 2025-26 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Pauli Bendigo to approve the co-curricular assignments for the 2025-26 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.15 OTHER (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)**

Para Pay Scale:

Mr. Rossi requested the district review the para-pay scale and survey the county to see where the district may fall within those numbers.

AFSCME Decertification:

Mr. Bendigo stated that over the past four (4) years, the Board, working with Dr. Taschner, focused on improving labor relations with employees previously represented by the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). With Board support, employees were given the opportunity to determine their representation, resulting in a vote to decertify AFSCME as their bargaining representative. He noted the upcoming two (2) year anniversary of that decision and expressed appreciation to the Board and Dr. Taschner for their leadership. Mr. Bendigo stated that employees have responded positively to the pay and benefit plan implemented since that time.

- 7.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY**

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Linda R. Lash

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 6:40 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2025, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, January 19, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

The Board consolidated items 7.1 through 7.4 for Board approval as presented.

- 7.1 Approves the proposal from SapphireK12, Inc. to implement single sign-on for student Community Web Portal accounts, as presented.
- 7.2 Approves the Addendum to the Cardinal Point Homeland Security Group, Inc. service agreement that authorizes Cardinal Point Homeland Security Group to purchase and supply three (3) cell phones along with a service plan to be utilized by armed security guards on duty at the Schuylkill Valley School District for a total billing amount of \$150.00 per month.
- 7.3 Approves the quote from ESC Region 11 for Cisco Network Academy support, as presented.
- 7.4 Approves the final acceptance from Visual Sound for work completed in the middle school auditorium, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve items 7.1 through 7.4 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.5 Approves the Supplemental Statement of Work, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the Supplemental Statement of Work, as presented.

Dr. Winters reported that the work had already been completed but was not included in the original scope of the projector project performed by Lobar. Although the district had requested approval from Lobar, the item before the Board represents approval of work that has already been completed.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.6 **OTHER (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)**

- 8.0 **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Nicoleen M. Kleffel

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 6:46 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2025, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, January 19, 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 October 6, 2025, to November 25, 2025, as presented:

GENERAL FUND	\$2,718,023.62
CAFETERIA FUND	\$125,720.10
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	\$113,807.56
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$162,612.00
MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND	\$6,805.86
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,126,969.14

- 8.2 Approves the Act 1 Resolution, which states that 2026-27 real estate taxes will not increase more than the Act 1 index of 4.3%

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel, seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve items 8.1 through 8.2 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

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, November 17, 2025, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, January 19, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

The Board consolidated items 9.1 through 9.2 for Board approval as presented.

- 9.1 Approves the quote from CM3 not to exceed \$10,000.00, as presented for the ES vestibule door locking hardware.
- 9.2 Approves the quote from Pletcher Fire Protection to integrate new door hardware, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve items 9.1 through 9.2 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board consolidated items 9.3 through 9.5 for Board approval, as presented.

- 9.3 Approves the Maintenance Agreement with Landis Bonfitto Mechanical Group for Building Environmental Systems at Schuylkill Valley High School, at a cost of \$9,448.00 per year from 12/01/2025 through 11/28/2028.

- 9.4 Approves the Maintenance Agreement with Landis Bonfitto Mechanical Group for Building Environmental Systems at Schuylkill Valley Middle School at a cost of \$4,067.00 per year from 12/01/2025 through 11/28/2028.
- 9.5 Approves the Maintenance Agreement with Landis Bonfitto Mechanical Group for Building Environmental Systems at Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, at a cost of \$7,247.00 per year from 12/01/2025 through 11/28/2028.

Board Action: Moved by Bryan O'Donnell and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve items 9.3 through 9.5 as presented.

Mr. Bendigo clarified that the scope includes preventative inspections, testing, and routine maintenance of boilers and water heaters in each building. He noted that this proactive approach is intended to identify issues early, reduce the risk of equipment failure, ensure systems operate efficiently for the winter season, and potentially save the district money over time.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.6 Approves the Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) with UGI for the Proposed Fieldhouse Project in the amount of \$16,500.00.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell to approve the Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) with UGI for the Proposed Fieldhouse Project in the amount of \$16,500.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.7 **OTHER (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)**
- 10.0 **STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi

The Student Services and Activities Committee met at 7:09 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2025, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, January 19, 2025.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

The Board consolidated items 10.1 through 10.4 for Board approval as presented.

- 10.1 Approves the Immaculata University Dietetic Internship Program Agreement between Immaculata University and the Schuylkill Valley School District Food Service Department for a six (6) day rotation with the Food Service Director.
- 10.2 Approves the TSA Region 9 Conference Trip.
- 10.3 Approves the PA TSA State Conference Trip
- 10.4 Approves the Music Department trip to Walt Disney World at a cost of \$1,900.00 per student.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve items 10.1 through 10.4 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.5** Approves the County of Berks MOU-280194-26 between Schuylkill Valley School District and Berks County Children and Youth: Transportation Procedures Agreement effective January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the County of Berks MOU-280194-26 between Schuylkill Valley School District and Berks County Children and Youth: Transportation Procedures Agreement effective January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028, as presented.

Dr. Winters informed the board that this is the agreement for foster care youth. This was brought to the board for approval last year, but the county was unwilling to countersign because it wasn't coming due until this year on January 1st. It is a three (3) year agreement, and he has been in communication with the county and was assured once approved it would be countersigned.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 17, 2025, BOARD MEETING.

- 10.6** Approves of Student #6220 at New Story for the 2025-26 school year at a cost of \$590.00 for 182 school days.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Linda Lash to approve of Student #6220 at New Story for the 2025-26 school year at a cost of \$590.00 for 182 school days.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.7 OTHER (OLD BUSINESS)**

Fleetwood School District

Mrs. Kleffel requested everyone keep the Fleetwood School District in their thoughts and prayers as they experience a loss of a student.

Meal Distribution Donations:

Mrs. Kleffel thanked everyone for their donations in support of Wednesday's meal distribution. She noted that the event is open to the community and will provide complete turkey dinners, along with canned goods, to all who attend.

Very Riley Christmas:

Mrs. Kleffel reported that on December 13 the community will be hosting a Capes and Shields a Very Riley Christmas in honor of Riley Rejniak at the Union Fire Company #1 in Leesport from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Each of the local schools will get more information that can be presented to the public and the children. Anything that can be done for the family would be great.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve the District:

Mrs. Kleffel thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as a board member, and she had a wonderful time serving the district for the last eight (8) years.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

Exiting Board Member Thank you' s:

Mrs. Lash thanked the retiring Board members for their service and stated that she appreciated the opportunity to serve alongside them. She noted that each of the three (3) departing members made meaningful contributions to the district and would be missed.

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

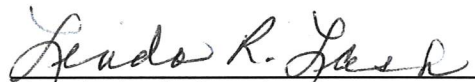
13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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 9:38 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors

