

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

MINUTES

March 23, 2026

1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Board President, Carol E. Weyandt, 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, Linda R. Lash, Lauren J. Matthews, David E. Moll, Alfonso F. Rossi, Kelly J. Steinke, Carol E. Weyandt, Daniel B. Weyandt

Members Absent: Joseph M. Brown

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Azucena Macedo

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Patrick Winters, Matt Ammons, Jennifer Godtfring, Stephen Mickulik (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), Dr. Shannon O'Donnell, Jenny Rexrode, Kristin Wallace,

Solicitor: Alicia Luke, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2026, and the Special Meeting of March 3, 2026, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Weyandt reported that the Board met in executive session on March 16, 2026, following the Committee meetings for personnel, legal and confidential student matters.

1.5 RECOGNITION OF STUDENT AND STAFF

There are no student or staff recognition this evening.

1.6 PRESENTATIONS

Preliminary 2026-2027 Budget Presentation

Presented by: Mrs. Kristen Wallace, Director of Finance

Mrs. Wallace provided an update on the preliminary 2026-27 budget. She reviewed proposed revenue sources, noting local tax revenue is based on a \$1.1 billion assessed value with a projected 0.5% increase and a 97.5% collection rate. The current millage rate remains at 27.82. She shared that the real estate tax base is beginning to flatten, with a 0.72% increase, the lowest in the past 10 years. She noted that approximately 70% of expenditures are attributed to salaries and benefits, with another 20% tied to committed costs such as transportation and out-of-district placements, leaving about 10% of the budget flexible year to year. Revenue assumptions include a 0.5% increase in real estate taxes, flat interest earnings, and reduced projections for Basic and Special Education funding based on the Governor's proposal. The SVEC revenue was removed

due to lack of county reimbursement, resulting in ongoing unreimbursed costs of approximately \$630,000 annually, partially offset by about \$200,000 in tuition from other districts.

Expenditure assumptions include:

- \$850,000 increase in salaries, wages and benefits
- 10% increase in health insurance through the Berks County School District Health Trust
- \$856,000 budget for BCTC
- \$350,000 increase in charter school costs
- \$200,000 increase in special education costs
- Curriculum budget held at \$475,000
- Debt service held flat
- \$500,000 (1%) budgetary reserve included
- SVEC costs projected at \$630,000

The projected deficit is approximately \$1.05 million, primarily due to reduced state funding projections. Mrs. Wallace presented potential options to address the deficit:

- 0.75 mills (2.70%): Generate \$975,000; remaining \$75,000 from reserves; \$131.25 annual increase per household
- 0.85 mills (3.06%): Generate \$1.08 million; \$30,000 added to reserves; \$148.75 annual increase
- 1.00 mills (3.59%): Generates \$1.25 million; \$200,000 added to reserves; \$175.00 annual increase
- 1.19 mills (4.28%): Generates \$1.46 million; \$410,000 added to reserves; \$208.25 annual increase.

She noted that a 1.19 mill increase (4.28%) represents the maximum allowable under the Act 1 Index.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – *Carol E. Weyandt*

Mrs. Weyandt provided an update on the superintendent search, informing the public that the third round of interviews will include volunteer participants. She noted that additional steps will follow before a final candidate is recommended for Board approval. The goal is to have a candidate selected and ready to begin July 1.

She also reported that bids for the Fieldhouse Project have been received and are currently under review. The Board is evaluating budgetary considerations to determine whether to proceed with the project. A public meeting will be scheduled soon to continue discussions once all financial information and potential options have been reviewed.

2.2 SECRETARY – *Linda R. Lash*

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that at the recent IU Board meeting, Nicholas Beaver of Herbein and Company presented the IU audit for 2024-25 school year, which resulted in a clear audit. She shared that the Annie Sullivan Award will be held on April 8, 2026, at the Reading Hospital School of Medicine. Jennifer Vroman from the elementary school will represent Schuylkill Valley, with all 18 districts submitting a candidate. Mrs. Lash also reported that Mary Franciscus has been named President of the Eastern School Personnel Division of Pennsylvania and will serve a two (2) year term. She noted that six (6) districts participated in a Teen Talk event on March 16 at the IU, where students attended a mental health presentation led by Attorney General Dave Sunday, focusing on youth mental health needs and support. She stated that in June, the Board will receive ballots for IU Board elections, including candidates for three (3) year, (2) year, and one (1) year terms. Mrs. Lash will be on the ballot to represent Schuylkill Valley through 2029. She also discussed recent legislation, including Governor Shapiro's launch of an Artificial Intelligence (A.I) literacy toolkit and

AI enforcement task force on February 27. The toolkit is a multi-agency resource developed with PDE and other state departments to support the responsible use of artificial intelligence. She briefly reviewed additional House and Senate bills currently under consideration.

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

Mr. Moll reported that the program waitlist exceeds 300 students, with the highest demand in heavy equipment and carpentry programs. He noted that the administration is exploring program strategies that could expand capacity by approximately 200 additional students. He shared that, in the fall of next year, Board members will be invited to an open house as the Oley house project nears completion. He also noted that, in response to a Board request, he will coordinate scheduling a future meeting at the West Campus Facility.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *Joseph M. Brown*

Mr. Brown was absent.

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

Mrs. Lash reminded the newly elected board members to complete their required school board training and to make sure that the Executive Secretary receives a copy of the certificate. She discussed trainings board members could take if they were interested in which included the Right to Know Law and a Virtual A.I. Symposium held on April 22nd. She discussed the Keystone Education Report published by Berks Pennsylvania School Boards Association on Wednesday night. She noted that more than half of districts are utilizing A.I. and a couple issues with it are training for teachers, the misuse of AI and noted schools should have policies in place to address it. PSBA will no longer be using BoardDocs. Beginning July, PSBA will transition to a new software platform, as BoardDocs is moving to Diligent.

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

She gave an overview of the Red and Black Gala and was well attended. The final figures will be reviewed, and a report will be provided at the next meeting.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spencer Mountz, – Paws Café, Paws Pals
Gracie Torres – Student activity updates

4.0 BOARD

There were no items for Board approval.

4.1 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Luke reported that the Office of Open Records had a record-breaking year, receiving over 3,200 appeals. She noted this reflects the continued high use of the Right-To-Know process across the state.

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, recognizing numerous student achievements and events. Highlights included the Music Department Annual Concert, Diamond City Regional Spelling Bee (with Matthew Beretsky representing SVES), SVES Grandparents Week, and Family Reading Night. Dr. Lausch was honored at the 22nd Annual Berks County Heroes Breakfast. Middle and high school students participated in several academic and extracurricular

activities, including the Penn State Berks Engineering Ahead Program, VOiCEup Berks, Science Olympiad, TSA events and the BCTC HOSA State Leadership Conference. The Youth Volunteer Corps Canstructure Contest resulted in 700 cans collected during a middle school food drive, which will be donated to Helping Harvest. Additional events included the 8th Grade Biography Reception, National Honor Society activities, and AG Literacy Week led by FFA students. Students also engaged in community and service opportunities, including PYEA visits to Penn State Health Golisano Children's Hospital, Mini-THON events, and fundraising efforts for Four Diamonds. Athletic achievements included the boys' basketball team advancing to the state playoffs after placing third in Districts, and the swimming and diving team winning its 10th consecutive championship. Mabel Walborn was named Spotlight on Berks Sports Athlete of the Week, and several students were recognized as PIAA state medalists. Performing arts highlights included Panthers on Parade's production of Grease: School Edition and the middle school production of Annie Jr., with performances continuing through the upcoming weekend. Dr. Winters noted that the Giant Company's Feeding School Kids program is ongoing through March 31 to support the district's food service program. He also reminded the public that March 30 and 31 are in-person snow make-up days, April 1 will be a Flexible Instructional Day (FID), and Spring Break will occur April 2 through April 6. Registration remains open for Pre-K (through BCIU) and Kindergarten for the 2026-27 school year.

Mrs. Steinke and Mrs. Weyandt both added that the Junior Honor Society received the People's Choice Award and Best Original Design at Canstructure 2026.

6.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Franklin M. Ammarell

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

The Board consolidated items 6.1 through 6.2 for Board approval as presented.

6.1 Approves the Retirement and Release Agreement for Employee #1509, as proposed, and further authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Retirement and Release Agreement on behalf of the district.

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

Brett Hoch, Physics Teacher at the High School, effective March 13, 2026.

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve 6.1 through 6.2 as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Approves the employment of the following (all elections are contingent upon receipt and district approval of all necessary pre-employment forms, certification, state-mandated physical examinations, clearances, etc.):

6.3.1 Extracurricular appointments for the 2025-26 school year.

Megan Fox: Track & Field Junior High Assistant Coach (Pole Vault) - \$1,135.00

Gregory Johnson, JR.: Track & Field High School Assistant Coach - \$4,720.00
 Paige Forry: Softball Junior High Head Coach - \$3,590.00

6.3.2 Game Worker for the 2025-26 school year to be paid \$40.00 per event:

Daniel Stemko

6.3.3 Community Aquatics Staff for the 2025-26 school year:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Base Sal</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Exp Bonus</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Crills	Carly	Student Lifeguard	\$15.00	3	\$0.75	\$15.75
Waldrop	Jaelyn	Student Lifeguard	\$15.00	0	\$0.00	\$15.00

6.3.4 Co-Curricular assignments for the 2025-26 school year:

Sarah Hilpmann: Director of Vocal Music (ES) - \$1,145.00

6.3.5 Substitutes for the 2025-26 school year:

Micah Barlet – Food Services Worker
 Cassidy Barrow – Guest Teacher
 Susan Christman – Board Recording Secretary
 Kaylee Clark – Guest Teacher
 Kathy Fry – Nurse
 Morgan Gallagher – Guest Teacher
 Sally Horton – Guest Teacher (Retired)
 Nicole Longenecker – Guest Teacher
 Peyton Webb – Guest Teacher
 Rylee Wenzel – Guest Teacher

6.3.6 Volunteers for the 2025-26 school year:

Hope Berger – ES
 Allison Erb – ES
 Allie Rothenberger – ES/MS/HS
 Charlotte Wallace – ES/MS/HS
 Corielle Yarde – ES/MS/HS

6.3.7 Additional bus drivers utilized by Eshelman Transportation for the 2025-26 school year, pending receipt of all required documentation.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve 6.3.1 through 6.3.7 as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Considered and acknowledged the following Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave of absence:

Jessica Jordan-Postetter, Special Education Teacher at the Elementary School, effective January 13, 2026, intermittently through approximately June 6, 2026.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Kelly Steinke to consider and acknowledge item 6.4, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.5** Approves Policy 325 Dress & Grooming for a 1st Reading.

Board Action: Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Lauren Matthews to approve items 6.5 and 6.7, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.6** Approves Policy 620 Fund Balance for a 1st Reading

Board Action: Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by David Moll to table item 6.6, Policy 620 Fund Balance for a 1st Reading.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.7** Approves Policy 707 Use of Facilities for a 1st Reading.

- 6.8** Approves the Procurement (attachment) associated with Policy 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance for a 2nd Reading.

Board Action: Moved by Lauren Matthews and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the Procurement (Attachment) associated with Policy 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance for a 2nd Reading.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.9** Approves the renewal of the agreement with EducationPlus for the PA REAP Teacher Application System for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a total cost to the district of \$1,099.00.

Board Action: Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Kelly Steunke to approve the renewal of the agreement with EducationPlus for the PA REAP Teacher Application System for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a total cost to the district of \$1,099.00.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE MARCH 16, 2026, BOARD MEETING:

- 6.10** Approves the Education Department of Fox Rothschild, LLP, the appointed Solicitor will become the Education Group of McNees, Wallace & Nurrick, LLC effective April 1, 2026. No changes are being made to the terms of the representation, current rate structure, or personnel. The Superintendent is authorized to sign documents necessary to recognize the change. Appointment of McNees Wallace as Solicitor at the current rate shall be through June 30, 2027.

Board Action: Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by David Moll to approve the Education Department of Fox Rothschild, LLP, the appointed Solicitor will become the

Education Group of McNees, Wallace & Nurrick, LLC effective April 1, 2026. No changes are being made to the terms of the representation, current rate structure, or personnel. The Superintendent is authorized to sign documents necessary to recognize the change. Appointment of McNees Wallace as Solicitor at the current rate shall be through June 30, 2027.

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

6.11 Other (Old/New Business)

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, March 16, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026.

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 ELL materials provided by National Geographic Cengage Learning in the amount of \$11,495.39, as presented.
- 7.2** Approves the School Datebooks Contract for annual datebooks distributed to each MS student at the start of each new school year.
- 7.3** Approves the Wilson Language Training Corporation proposal for Foundations materials for Grades K-2.
- 7.4** Approves the 2026 Summer Camps to be offered at the Elementary School.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve items 7.1 through 7.4, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.5** Approves the Textbook/Curriculum Materials Disposal Forms for Grades 7 and 8 Science textbooks.

Board Action: Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Lauren Matthews to approve the Textbook/Curriculum Materials Disposal Forms for Grade 7 and 8 Science textbooks.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board consolidated items 7.6 through 7.7 for Board approval as presented.

- 7.6 Approves the awarding of eRate Category 2 funding to SHI for Cisco switching equipment and further authorizes the Director of Technology to sign off on the quote, dependent upon Erate funding commitment and Board budget approval, as presented.
- 7.7 Approves the proposal from CM3 for the High School vestibule updates, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Linda Lash to approve items 7.6 through 7.7, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.8 Other (Old/New Business)

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Joseph M. Brown

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 7:29 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

The Board consolidated items 8.1 through 8.8 for Board approval as presented.

- 8.1 Approves the Berks Career and Technology Center Budget for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$21,218,929.00. Schuylkill Valley’s member share is \$820,641.00 and \$34,867.00 for students with disabilities.

Board Action: Moved by David Moll and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the Berks Career and Technology Center Budget for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$21,218,929.00. Schuylkill Valley’s member share is \$820,641.00 and \$34,867.00 for students with disabilities, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Board Vote:

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote: Individual Vote:

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

- 8.2 Approves/ratifies the payment of bills in the following amounts from February 9, 2026, to March 24, 2026, as presented:

GENERAL FUND	\$2,572,099.95
CAFETERIA FUND	\$53,463.23
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	\$426,780.07
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$0.00
MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND	\$38,046.49
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,090,389.74

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the payment of bills from February 9, 2026, to March 24, 2026, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.3 Approves the resolution from Municipal Revenue Services that would authorize the sale of delinquent property taxes.

Board Action: Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the resolution from Municipal Revenue Services that would authorize the sale of delinquent property taxes.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met at 7:34 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

- 9.1 Approves the rental contract with Tents & Events for the 2026 HS Graduation stadium set-up in the amount of \$4,463.87.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the rental contract with Tents & Events for the 2026 HS Graduation stadium set-up in the amount of \$4,463.87, as presented.

Dr. Winters reported that this vendor was not the same vendor who previously provided railings for graduation. There will be a different agreement for the ramps in April.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE MARCH 16, 2026, BOARD MEETING:

- 9.2 Approves the proposal from Richard L. Sensenig Company to repair a roof drain leak at the middle school at a cost of \$1,750.00, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the proposal from Richard L. Sensenig Company to repair a roof drain leak at the middle school at a cost of \$1,750.00, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE MARCH 16, 2026, BOARD MEETING:

- 9.3 Approves the quote from Landis Bonfitto Mechanical Group, Inc. to supply and install a replacement Honeywell mod motor on Boiler B at the middle school in the amount of \$2,628.64.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the quote from Landis Bonfitto Mechanical Group, Inc. to supply and install a replacement Honeywell mod motor on Boiler B at the middle school in the amount of \$2,628.64.

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE MARCH 16, 2025, BOARD MEETING:

- 9.4 Approves the quote from TRANE U.S., Inc. for the eleven (11) Unit Ventilator Hot-Water/Refrigerant Coil Replacements at the Elementary School in the amount of \$99,564.00.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Joe Brown to approve the quote from TRANE U.S., Inc. for the eleven (11) Unit Ventilator Hot-Water/Refrigerant Coil Replacements at the Elementary School in the amount of \$99,564.00, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

10.0 STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Kelly J. Steinke

The Student Services and Activities Committee met at 7:XXp.m. on Monday, MM DD, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, MM DD, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

The Board consolidated items 10.1 through 10.6 for Board approval as presented.

- 10.1 Approves the partnership agreement between Schuylkill Valley School District and Keystone/RedRock Job Corps to provide education and training options to students of Schuylkill Valley High School.

Board Action: Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Lauren Matthews to approve the partnership agreement between Schuylkill Valley School District and Keystone/RedRock Job Corps to provide education and training options to students of Schuylkill Valley High School.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.2 Approves the K-12 Guidance Plan for 2026-2029, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Lauren Matthews and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the K-12 Guidance Plan for 2026-2029, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.3 Approves the new 2026-2027 Pool Counsel Agreement with Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams Law Offices in the amount of \$10,500.00.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the new 2026-2027 Pool Counsel Agreement with Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams Law Offices in the amount of \$10,500.00.

Dr. Winters reported that the district participated in Pool Counsel through Sweet Stevens, which is an email-based legal resource shared among school districts across the Commonwealth. He noted that when topics arise from administrators such as residency, mental health, safety, and security, the overseeing attorney provides legal guidance via email. These opinions are then shared with district administrators, offering both guidance and ongoing professional learning benefits.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.4 Approves the payment schedule for this year's POP Pit Orchestra members as follows:

4 Musicians
Maximum Rate of \$400.00 each
Total cost of \$1,600.00

Board Action: Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the payment schedule for this year's POP Pit Orchestra members, as presented.

Mr. Moll requested the business manager present at an upcoming board meeting what the income, expenses and contracts numbers are so the board can review that information.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.5 Approves the contract with LearnWell for Teaching Services related to the placement of Student #5635.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Lauren Matthews to approve the contract with LearnWell for Teaching Services related to the placement of Student #5635.

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE MARCH 16, 2026, BOARD MEETING:

- 10.6 Approves the First Amendment to the CARON SAP Agreement with Schuylkill Valley School District for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll to approve the First Amendment to the CARON SAP Agreement with Schuylkill Valley School District for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year.

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE MARCH 16, 2025, BOARD MEETING:

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- 10.7 Approves of Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, partnering with Higher Impact Entertainment to provide a motivational assembly for Grades 3-4 students.
- Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve of Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, partnering with Higher Impact Entertainment to provide a motivational assembly for Grades 3-4 students.**

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE MARCH 16, 2026, BOARD MEETING:

- 10.8 Approves the trip for our TSA State qualifiers and TSA advisors to attend the 2026 TSA State Conference at a cost of \$9,700.00.

Board Action: Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the trip for our TSA State qualifiers and TSA advisors to attend the 2026 TSA State Conference at a cost of \$9,700.00, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

11.0 **OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mrs. Weyandt praised the Greece performance and looking forward to Annie Jr.

12.0 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

13.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Yeas: Ammarell, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.


Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors