

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

MINUTES

June 8, 2026

- 1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:32 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, Joseph M. Brown, Linda R. Lash, Lauren J. Matthews, David E. Moll, Alfonso F. Rossi, Carol E. Weyandt, Daniel B. Weyandt

Absent: Kelly Steinke

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Azucena Macedo

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Denis Quirk, Dr. Patrick Winters, Kristen Wallace

Solicitor: Alicia Luke, Esq., McNees, Wallace, & Nurick, LLC

1.3 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Weyandt reported that the Board met in executive session on May 26, 2026, following the Board Meeting, for personnel, legal, student and safety matters.

1.4 SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS

Dr. Quirk shared a few remarks and perspectives, beginning by thanking the Board for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent of the Schuylkill Valley School District. He also recognized Dr. Winters for his leadership during the past seven (7) months as Interim Superintendent and thanked him for his partnership in preparing for the transition to Schuylkill Valley. Dr. Quirk stated that he viewed the role of superintendent as not only leading a district, but also leading people, including community members, parents, families, staff, educators, and most importantly students. His goal for Schuylkill Valley is to unite the community as one and relentlessly pursue excellence. Prior to the close of the school year, Dr. Quirk had the opportunity to engage with teachers to begin understanding Schuylkill Valley through their experiences and perspectives. He facilitated an activity called "Flows and Grows," during which staff discussed areas of celebration as well as opportunities for growth across all buildings. Two consistent strengths that emerged were the outstanding people who make up the district and the strong sense of pride in the opportunities provided to students. Dr. Quirk noted that these strengths serve as a foundation upon which the district will continue to build, leveraging its people and expanding opportunities for students. Looking ahead, Dr. Quirk shared several priorities that emerged through conversations with teachers, including strengthening programs and systems in both regular and special education, addressing staffing vacancies and needs, investing in professional learning to support continued growth, and fostering a positive school climate where all individuals can thrive. He stated that the immediate focus is to fill current vacancies, complete the leadership team, and establish a unified vision for district operations and leadership. He also emphasized the importance of creating meaningful opportunities for parent engagement. Dr. Quirk shared that additional community engagement opportunities are currently being developed and will be announced later this summer. He concluded by expressing his gratitude for the support and overwhelmingly positive welcome had

received from the Schuylkill Valley Community and stated that he is excited to begin his work in the district.

2.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

- 3.1** Approves a resolution authorizing Homestead & Farmstead Real Estate Tax Assessment reduction for the upcoming 2026-27 tax year, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Dan Weyandt to approve a resolution authorizing Homestead & Farmstead Real Estate Tax Assessment reduction for the upcoming 2026-27 tax year, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- 3.2** Approves the Real Estate Tax Structure for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year as follows:

Real Estate Tax - \$28.67 Mills

Real Estate Transfer Tax – 1/2%

Earned Income Tax – 1/2%

Board Action: Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the Real Estate Tax Structure for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year as presented.

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

Nays: Brown, Moll

Motion passed 6-2.

- 3.3** Approves the adoption of the 2026-27 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$50,735,730.00 that includes a tax increase of 0.85 mills (3.06%). The annual tax impact per household based on an average assessed value of \$150,000.00 is a \$127.50 increase.

Board Action: Moved by Dan Weyandt and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the adoption of the 2026-27 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$50,735,730.00 that includes a tax increase of 0.85 mills (3.06%). The annual tax impact per household based on an average assessed value of \$150,000.00 is a \$127.50 increase.

Roll Call Vote: Board Vote

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

Nays: Brown, Moll

Motion Passed 6-2.

Roll Call Vote: Individual Vote:

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

Nays: Brown, Moll

Motion passed 6-2.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

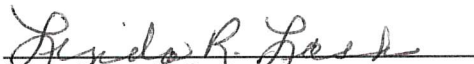
5.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.


Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors

