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

MINUTES

JULY 27, 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, Joseph M. Brown, Linda R. Lash, David E. Moll, Alfonso Rossi (arrived at 7:14 p.m.), Kelly J. Steinke, Carol E. Weyandt, Daniel B. Weyandt

Absent: Lauren Matthews

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Azucena Macedo

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Patrick Winters, Stephen Mickulik, Kristin Wallace,

Solicitor: Alicia Luke, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Joe Brown to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 22, 2026, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mrs. Weyandt reported that the Board met in executive session following the Board Meeting on June 22, 2026, for personnel matters and following the Committee meeting on July 20, 2026, for personnel matters.

1.5 PRESENTATIONS
2026 PSLA Conference:
Presented by: Nadine Poper
Mrs. Poper provided an overview of her attendance at this year's Pennsylvania School Librarian Association (PSLA) Conference, held in Altoona, Pennsylvania. She noted that the conference was a great way for librarians to stay up to date on education, literacy and technology programming. She highlighted various events she attended, including a three (3) hour interactive workshop titled, "AI Literacy in the School Library," keynote speaker Devin Siebold's presentation "Laughter in the Lesson," and the Advocacy and Awards Committee Meetings. She also attended a session titled "Hacking into Digital Citizenship into your Readout," in which the presenter demonstrated how children's literature can naturally introduce conversations about kindness and online behavior, evaluating information literacy, privacy and the overall ethical use of technology. Mrs. Poper added that one of the highlights of the conference was serving as the personal guide for children's author Kari Lavelle. Another session she attended was "Make it Fun: Bringing Joy Back into the Library," in which the presenter shared simple but meaningful ways to make the library even more welcoming to students. She stated that an activity she enjoyed was reading to plants. Mrs. Poper thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the conference.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – *Carol E. Weyandt*

Mrs. Weyandt began by thanking the board for their collaboration and attendance during the last seven (7) months as a new board. She stated each member brings something different to the table of their own experiences and insights. She thanked the faculty, support staff, and administrators for their valuable input and time spent at the individual committee meetings in the past few months and anyone involved in preparing for those meetings. She thanked Dr. Quirk for his involvement, vision and leadership in the district had been a very positive experience as the district started a new school year. She added that as part of the agenda, there was an update on the organization chart impacting the chain of command for administrators. Additionally, there were agenda items to restructure personnel and the way the administrative office operates.

2.2 SECRETARY – *Linda R. Lash*

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash reported that the IU did not have a July meeting and the next meeting would be held in August.

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

Mr. Moll reported that BCTC had been working to fill some key positions with one (1) or two (2) to be filled. They also had a roof placement on the east campus with some significant damage affected. They held a special meeting earlier in the night to approve hiring a contractor to repair the roof.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *Joseph M. Brown*

No report.

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

Mrs. Lash discussed that their July 23rd meeting was held via zoom. The primary subject was the Pennsylvania budget that had passed. The Basic Education funding through the state was not as much as anticipated with some districts receiving no funds. She discussed disbursement of those funds and its effect on various school districts. She noted that legislators expected school districts to raise test scores and graduation rates before they would consider funding more seriously. She discussed various topics including various Cyber charter school changes, mandatory recesses, Policy and Senate bill on cellphone bans update, Cyberbullying changes, how to address multicounty property tax issues, and state assessments. The next meeting will be held on October 22 as a legal update session. They will vote on the new PSBA Officers in November.

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

No Report

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

4.0 BOARD

There were no items for Board approval.

4.1 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Luke provided further clarification regarding the habitual truancy and that the change indicated that when a student is habitually truant defined as six (6) unexcused absences they are not permitted to transfer to a cyber charter school during that school year absent a judge formally approving it.

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT

Monthly Reports

5.1 The following monthly reports were not provided to the Board because of school not being in session:

5.1.1 Enrollment Year-To-Date
5.1.2 Principals' Dashboard Reports

5.2 Superintendent's Update
Dr. Quirk, via video presentation, provided district highlights from the past month. He reviewed the proposed organizational structure included on the evening's board agenda. Dr. Quirk noted that upon accepting the position of Superintendent, one of his priorities was to evaluate whether the district's organizational structure aligned with the goals the district was working toward. He stated that over the past month, he had met individually and in small groups with administrators, teachers, support staff, board members, and parent organizations. Through those conversations, he worked to understand where the district currently stands, including its strengths, areas of opportunity, and greatest needs. Dr. Quirk reported that three (3) common themes emerged from those conversations: culture, academics, and facilities. He added that he had worked with the administrative team to determine how best to leverage the strengths already present within the organization to address these priorities. The organizational structure presented was the result of this work, and he emphasized that the proposal represented a restructuring of responsibilities and reporting relationships. All proposed changes come at no additional cost to the district. He explained that the proposal focused on alignment, sustainability, and leveraging the strengths of those involved, placing talented individuals where they could have the greatest impact. Ultimately, the goal was to build the organizational capacity necessary to advance the district's work in culture, academics, and facilities. Dr. Quirk described the organizational chart as comprising two areas of focus: the academic house and the business and operations house. The academic house focused on teaching, learning, student services, school leadership, athletics, and the overall school experience, while the business and operations house focused on facilities, technology, finance, transportation, food services, human resources, and the operational systems that allow schools to function effectively each day. He noted that while these were two (2) areas of focus, the district remained one (1). The goal was to support the team and empower everyone to own their role in the organization and help take Panther Pride to the next level. He concluded with an in-depth overview of how to read and interpret the chart, including the consolidation and restructuring of positions, the elevation of positions, and the addition of new positions.

6.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Franklin M. Ammarell

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee 6:30 p.m. on Monday July 20, 2026, in the Auxiliary of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday August 17, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

6.1 Accepts, with regret and best wishes for the future, the following resignations:

Robin Brightbill, Director of Human Resources, effective June 30, 2026
Jeysalin Williams, Guest Teacher, effective July 9, 2026

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the resignations as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Approves Ms. Melissa Manzer, Coordinator of HR, at an hourly rate of $39.13, effective July 16, 2026, to fill the newly created position.

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve Ms. Melissa Manzer, Coordinator of HR, at an hourly rate of $39.13, effective July 16, 2026, to fill the newly created position.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Approves Ms. Stacy Miller, Assistant Director of Finance, at an annual salary of $108,150.00 effective July 16, 2026, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Cathy McGowan Pennebaker.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve Ms. Stacy Miller, Assistant Director of Finance, at an annual salary of $108,150.00 effective July 16, 2026, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Cathy McGowan-Pennebaker.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Consistent with the Public-School Code, the Board of Directors of the Schuylkill Valley School District hereby approves the appointment of Ms. Kristen Wallace to the position of Chief Financial Officer, effective July 27, 2026, at an annual salary of $160,000.00 (prorated for actual days worked). Administration and the District Solicitor are directed to prepare an employment agreement for consideration and approval by the Board at a future meeting.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the appointment of Ms. Kristen Wallace for the position of Chief Financial Officer, effective July 27, 2026, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.5 Approves the transfer of Mr. Michael Capogna, from Custodial Supervisor to Director of Buildings and Grounds, at an annual salary of $90,000.00 (prorated for actual days worked), effective July 28, 2026.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the transfer of Mr. Michael Capogna from Custodial Supervisor to Director of Buildings and Grounds, at an annual salary of $90,000.00 (prorated for actual days worked), effective July 28, 2026.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.6 Approves the transfer of Mr. Lorenzo Cinicola, from Custodial Supervisor to Buildings and Grounds Coordinator, at an annual salary of $82,500.00 (prorated for actual days worked), effective July 28, 2026.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by David Moll to approve the transfer of Mr. Lorenzo Cinicola, from Custodial Supervisor, to Buildings and Grounds Coordinator, at an annual salary of $82,500.00 (prorated for actual days worked), effective July 28, 2026.
Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

6.7 Approves the creation of a Transportation Coordinator position, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll to approve the creation of a Transportation Coordinator position, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.8 Approves the elimination of the following positions:

Assistant Director of Business Operations
Communications and Digital Media Specialist.

Board Action: Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve the elimination of positions, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.9 Approves the updates to the organization chart as presented.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the updates to the organization chart as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.10 Approves Ms. Melissa Niedbala, Director of Pupil Services at an annual salary of $155,000.00 (prorated for actual days worked), effective dates to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Matthew Ammons.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll to approve Ms. Melissa Niedbala, Director of Pupil Services, at an annual salary of $155,000.00 (prorated for actual days worked), effective dates to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Matthew Ammons, presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.11 Approves Mr. Christian Sikora, Middle School Science Teacher, Bachelor's Step 1, $57,553.00 effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Mitchell Gaul.

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by David Moll to approve Mr. Christian Sikora, Middle School Science Teacher, Bachelor's Step 1, $57,553.00 effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Mitchell Gaul.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.12 Approves Mr. Matthew Christman, High School Mathematics Teacher, Bachelor's Step 6, $62,170.00, effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Jeffrey Chillot.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve Mr. Matthew Christman, High School Mathematics Teacher, Bachelor's Step 6, $62,170.00, effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Jeffrey Chillot.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.13 Approves Ms. Heather Hadwin, Business Education Teacher, Bachelor's Step 3, $59,722.00 with the start of the 2026-27 school year to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Patricia Lacey.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll to approve Ms. Heather Hadwin, Business Education Teacher, Bachelor's Step 3, $59,722.00 with the start of the 2026-27 school year to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Patricia Lacey.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.14 Approves the appointment of Ms. Jessica Werley as a Special Education Teacher at the Middle School, effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year, replacing Ms. Amelia Herbert, at Step Long, Master's +24, $103,847.00, contingent upon the submission and review of official graduate transcripts and final verification of salary placement.

Moved by Joseph Brown and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the appointment of Ms. Jessica Werley, as a Special Education Teacher at the Middle School, effective with the stat of the 2026-27 school year, replacing Ms. Amelia Herbert, at Step Long, Master's +24, $103,847.00, contingent upon the submission and review of official graduate transcripts and final verification of salary placement.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.15 Approves the compensation adjustment for David Barnett, Custodial Supervisor for the Elementary School, establishing a new hourly rate of $29.03 effective July 28, 2026.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the compensation adjustment for David Barnett, Custodial Supervisor for the Elementary School, establishing a new hourly rate of $29.03 effective July 28, 2026.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.16 Approves the compensation adjustment for Kent Yeager, Custodial Supervisor at the Middle School, establishing a new hourly rate of $34.90 effective July 28, 2026.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the compensation adjustment for Kent Yeager, Custodial Supervisor at the Middle School, establishing a new hourly rate of $34.90 effective July 28, 2026.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.17 Approves the following substitutes for the 2026-27 school year:

Sydney Bender – Substitute Teacher
Melissa Burgert – Food Services Worker, Paraprofessional, Secretary
Rachel Wiest – Nurse

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the substitutes for the 2026-27 school year as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Linda R. Lash

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 17, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

7.1 Approves the listing of seven (7) computer carts and fourteen (14) interactive panels for sale through Municibid.

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the listing of seven (7) computer carts and fourteen (14) interactive panels for sale through Municibid.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.2 Approves the 2026-27 Agreement between Schuylkill Valley School District and Berks County Head Start.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve the 2026-27 Agreement between Schuylkill Valley School District and Berks County Head Start.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Approves the quote from McGraw Hill for U.S. Government and Civics textbooks, as presented.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the quote from McGraw Hill for U.S. Government and Civics textbooks, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

7.4 Approves the Textbook and Curriculum Materials Disposal Forms, as presented.

7.5 Approves the disposal of a Maico Audiometer, Serial #23650, from 1974.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Linda Lash to approve 7.4 through 7.5, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.6 Approves the TSI Plan for the Middle School.

Moved by Joseph Brown and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the TSI Plan for the Middle School, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.7 Approves the purchase of eDynamic Learning for the 2026-27 school year at a cost of $1,360.00.

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve the purchase of eDynamic Learning for the 2026-27 school year at a cost of $1,360.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board consolidated items 7.8 through 7.10 for Board approval, as presented.

7.8 Approves the MS Digital Citizenship Curriculum.

7.9 Approves the ELA Curriculum for the following: Grades 1-3, 5-8, and Grades 11-12.

7.10 Approves the updates for the Math Curriculum for Grades K-8.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve 7.8 through 7.10, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board consolidated items 7.11 through 7.13 for Board approval, as presented.

7.11 Approves the renewal quote from BCIU for Zoom licenses, as presented.

7.12 Approves the proposal from SapphireK12, Inc., as presented.

7.13 Approves the quote from Renaissance for Custom Data Integration, as presented.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve 7.11 through 7.13, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.14 Approves the Health, Safety, and Physical Education curriculum for grades K-12.

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the Health, Safety, and Physical Education curriculum for grades K-12.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.15 Approves the revised quote from Apple, Inc. as presented.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve the revised quote from Apple, Inc., as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.16 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves the Modern Global Conflict Curriculum.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the Modern Global Conflict Curriculum.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.17 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves the renewal quote for security software, as presented.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Daniel Weyandt to approve the renewal quote for security software, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Cyberbullying:

Mrs. Lash noted that one (1) of the items in the budget pertained to cyberbullying. She stated that the terminology in the budget indicated that whenever a cyberbullying issue arises, the school district must notify the parents of each party almost immediately. She inquired whether Dr. Winters had any additional details regarding this item.

Dr. Winters stated that he believed this would be like Act 55, which pertained to weapons violations. He indicated that he would have more to report at the next meeting.

Social and Emotional Instruction:

Mrs. Lash stated that another item in the budget required social and emotional instruction on the safe use of the internet. She noted that she was unsure of the specific requirements needed to meet this obligation.

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Joseph M. Brown

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 6:49 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 17, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

8.1 Approves/ratifies the payment of bills in the following amounts from June 8, 2026, to July 28, 2026, as presented:

GENERAL FUND	$4,352,899.80
CAFETERIA FUND	$46,912.30
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	$325,352.69
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	$175,692.74
MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND	$12,165.88
GRAND TOTAL	**$4,913,023.41**

Moved by Joseph Brown and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve /ratify the payment of bills in the following amounts from June 8, 2026, to July 28, 2026, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Approves the BCIU Joint Purchasing Bid for copy paper in the amount of $14,820.32 for the period 7/1/26 through 12/31/26.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the BCIU Joint Purchasing Bid for copy paper in the amount of $14,820.32 for the period of 7/1/2026 through 12/31/2026.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Approves the budgetary transfers, as presented.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve the budgetary transfers, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8.4 Approves the disposal of the following:

Removal and disposal of existing tables and CR566 dishwasher at the High School.

Removal and disposal of existing tables and Jackson dishwasher and pulper system at the Middle School

Moved by Kelly Steinke, seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the disposal of items as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, 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 6:52 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 17, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

The Board consolidated items 9.1, 9.3 and 9.4 for Board approval as presented.

9.1 Approves Amendment No. 1 to May 19, 2026, Monitoring Contract Agreements with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, revising the contract term language.

9.3 Approves the quote from Johnson Controls Fire Protection, LP in the amount of $5,580.00 to replace four (4) duct detectors in the High School kitchen area.

9.4 Approves the quote from Main Line Commercial Pools in the amount of $8,219.87 for the installation of a new pool chemical feeder at the Middle School.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve items 9.1, 9.3 and 9.4 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.2 Approves the proposal from Full Landscaping & Tree Services, LLC in the amount of $172,450.00 per year for ground maintenance services from August 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the proposal from Full Landscaping & Tree Services, LLC in the amount of $172,450.00 per year for ground maintenance services from August 1, 206, through June 30, 2026.

Mr. Brown clarified that his vote pertained to item 9.2 only, and was not reflective of items 9.1, 9.3 or 9.4. He expressed concern that the district was paying a significant amount for these services, especially since it had already brought leadership and snow removal in-house. He felt the same approach should be applied to landscaping services, noting that the cost over the course of a 26-week cycle was substantial. He felt the district could handle these services internally at a lower cost.

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

Nays: Brown

Motion passed 7-1.

9.5 Approves three (3) quotes from Pletcher Fire Protection for annual fire extinguishers servicing in the amount of $5,854.00.

Moved by Brown and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve three (3) quote from Pletcher Fire Protection for annual fire extinguishers servicing in the amount of $5,854.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.6 **<u>THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:</u>**
Approves and ratifies the Time and Materials Estimate from Honeywell International to troubleshoot issues with RTU-1 and RTU-2 at the Middle School at a rate of $332.00 per hour.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by David Moll to approve and ratify the Time and Material Estimate from Honeywell International to troubleshoot issues with RTU-1 and RTU-2 at the Middle School at a rate of $332.00 per hour.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.7 **<u>THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:</u>**
Approves and ratifies the Berkshire Mechanical Quote of $5,225.00 for the replacement of the HS LeRoy Seip Room's RTU blower and shaft bearings.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by David Moll to approve and ratify the Berkshire Mechanical Quote of $5,225.00 for the replacement of the HS LeRoy Seip Room's RTU blower and shaft bearings.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.8 **<u>THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:</u>**
Approves and ratifies the proposal from Berkshire Mechanical in the amount of $3,375.00 to repair the District Administration Offices RTU.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by David Moll to approve and ratify the proposal from Berkshire Mechanical in the amount of $3,375.00 to repair the District Administration Offices RTU.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.9 **<u>THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:</u>**
Approves the proposal from Berkshire Mechanical in the amount of $8,500.00 to rebuild the motor and repair the Middle School cooling tower.

Board Action: Moved by Daniel Weyandt and seconded by David Moll to approve the proposal from Berkshire Mechanical in the amount of $8,500.00 to rebuild the motor and repair the Middle School cooling tower.

Yeas: Ammarell, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 17, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

10.1 Approves the three (3) year contract for initiation of the Wayfinder Program at the MS at a total cost of $26,984.75.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the three (3) year contract for initiation of the Wayfinder Program at the MS at a total cost of $26,984.75.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.2 Approves the 2026-27 John Paul II Agreement for two (2) students.

Moved by Joseph Brown and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the 2026-27 John Paul II Agreement for two (2) students.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board consolidated items 10.3 through 10.5 for Board approval, as presented.

10.3 Approves the following items donated for the 2026-27 SVMS Back to School Night:

Redner's Warehouse Markets – One (1) Pallet of 16 oz Bottles of Water and two (2) Cases of Hotdogs
Tom Sturgis Pretzels – One (1) case of snack pretzels (individually packaged)
Unique Snacks – Six (6) cases of Snack Pretzels (individually packaged)

10.4 Approves the Tumble and Bounce Rental Agreement and Liability Contract with Tumble and Bounce, LLC for the SVMS Back to School Night.

10.5 Approves the Panther Pride Stadium Campaign's donation of $16,580.53 to the SVSD Track & Field Program for the purchase of a new pole vault pit.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve items 10.3 through 10.5 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.6 Approves the contract with Timothy School for student #5030.

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve the contract with Timothy Schools for student #5030.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.7 Approves the Letter of Agreement establishing camp usage and Hold Harmless Agreement for the Middle School Outdoor Education Program.

Board Action: Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the Letter of Agreement establishing camp usage and Hold Harmless Agreement for the Middle School Outdoor Education Program.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.8 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 20, 2026 BOARD MEETING:**
Approves the Code of Conduct for the Schuylkill Valley Elementary School for the 2026-27 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Daniel Weyandt to approve the Code of Conduct for the Schuylkill Valley Elementary School for the 2026-27 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.9 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves the Schuylkill Valley Middle School Student Code of Conduct and Handbook for the 2026-27 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the Schuylkill Valley Middle School Student Code of Conduct and Handbook for the 2026-27 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.10 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves the Schuylkill Valley High School Code of Conduct and Handbook for the 2026-27 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the Schuylkill Valley High School Code of Conduct and Handbook for the 2026-27 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.11 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves the waiver of expulsion hearing release agreement between Schuylkill Valley School District and the parents of Student Discipline Matter No. 072026-01, as presented.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll to approve the waiver of expulsion hearing release agreement between Schuylkill Valley School District and the parents of Student Discipline Mater No. 072026-01, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.0 ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Joseph Brown and seconded by Kelly Steinke, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Linda R. Lash

Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors