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

MINUTES

AUGUST 24, 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, Lauren J. Matthews, David E. Moll, Alfonso F. Rossi, Kelly J. Steinke, Carol E. Weyandt, Daniel B. Weyandt

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Azucena Macedo

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

Solicitor: Alicia Luke, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Daniel Weyandt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 2026, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, 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 following the Board Meeting on July 27, 2026, for personnel matters.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – *Carol E. Weyandt*
Mrs. Weyandt stated the first day of staff return was a great day and everyone was excited. She mentioned Dr. Quirk's kickoff meeting on Tuesday was energetic and uplifting.

2.2 SECRETARY – *Linda R. Lash*
No report.

2.3 BERKS COUNTY I.U. BOARD – *Linda R. Lash*
Mrs. Lash reported that the IU located in Muhlenberg Township had moved to a new location with recently renovated classrooms. The IU was exploring an agreement with the city for 450 Penn Street to secure additional classroom space, with the goal of moving children out of churches and other buildings that require significant renovation. She stated the IU held its start-of-year gathering in conjunction with the Berks County Schools and Administrators Conference which was attended by 400 educators from Berks County school districts. Mrs. Lash also provided a brief overview of state-approved funding as outlined in the 2026-27 Commonwealth Budget Summary.

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

Mr. Moll reported that the BCTC had a lot of hiring and a lot of retirements with two (2) competitive grants including a $250,000.00 training grant and one (1) of the PA Smart Grants for $140,000.00. They will use the funds for their electrical force area. They are working on articulation agreements with Alvernia and Penn State Berks to work on dual enrollments. He discussed the welding program, how it works and safety updates.

2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – *Joseph M. Brown*
No report.

2.6 PA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION LIAISON – *Linda R. Lash*
Mrs. Lash noted that the voting for officers for 2026-27 school year for school boards would begin September 8th. She noted the delegate assembly would be held in November, and the conference would be held in October.

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
No Report

4.2 PSBA OFFICER ELECTIONS
Approves the election of officers for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association for the following positions:

2027 President-Elect / Matt Vannoy, Sharon City School District, 1 year term

2027 Vice President / Kristy Bolte, Northwestern School District, 1 year term

2027-2029 Treasurer / David Hein, Parkland School District, 3-year term

2027 Eastern Zone Representative / Jason Mell, Exeter Township School District, 1 year term

PSBA Insurance Trustees / Marianne L. Neel, Dr. Michael Faccinetto

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Daniel Weyandt to approve the election of officers for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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. Quirk provided district highlights from the past month. He reported that the first week included three (3) in-service days focused on professional learning, preparation for the upcoming school year, and staff collaboration. Staff participated in a feedback squad analysis session on MTSS and building a shared understanding of a multi-tiered system of support and attended a presentation by Dr. Kelly Forbes on supporting all learners at a Tier 1 level. Dr. Quirk noted August 24th marked the first day of the 2026-27 school year, beginning with the Senior Sunrise at the stadium. He recognized Mr. and Mrs. Chillot, who were named Mini-THON advisors and received the 2026 Honesty Diamond Award through Four Diamonds. Their leadership earned the program a $500.00 award to support 2026-27 fundraising efforts. Dr. Quirk thanked them for representing Schuylkill Valley and for their contributions. Dr. Quirk also recognized BCTC student Nicholas Del Conte, who shared his experience in an article through BCTC's Mega Tronics program and participated in a co-op placement with Reading Bakery Systems. Dr. Quirk discussed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analysis completed by teachers and administrators to identify SWOT. He encouraged all stakeholders to provide feedback.

6.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Franklin M. Ammarell

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 4:50 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

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

Amanda Clark – Substitute Paraprofessional, effective April 18, 2025
Kiley Esbenshade – Substitute Food Service, effective March 6, 2026
Morgan Gallagher – Substitute Guest Teacher, Effective May 1, 2026
Susan Heckman – Substitute Nurse, effective May 29, 2026
Sharon Koller – Substitute Guest Teacher (retired), effective May 29,2026
Christopher Monko – Substitute Guest Teacher, effective November 28, 2025
Erica Stewart – Substitute Nurse, effective October 3, 2025
Samantha Vaccaro – Substitute Guest Teacher, effective June 27, 2025
Rylee Wenzel – Substitute Guest Teacher, effective May 15, 2026

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Kelly Steinke to accept with best wishes for the future, the resignations as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board consolidated items 6.2.1 through 6.2.11, for Board approval, as presented.

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

6.2.1 Approves Melissa Morrison, Part-Time Food Services Worker, 4 hours per day at an hourly rate of $17.74, effective August 17, 2026, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Sharon Hartz.

6.2.2 Approves Erin Hench, Certified Building Substitute Teacher at the Elementary School, $47,553.00 (reduced rate of pay with single-level benefit option available and prorated for actual days worked), effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year.

6.2.3 Approves Sherry Grauber, Part-Time Low Incidence Special Education Paraprofessional, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of $18.38, effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year.

6.2.4 Approves Shannon Rausch, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of $16.38, effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year.

6.2.5 Approves Mariann Platt, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of $22.13, effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year.

6.2.6 Approves Lori Street, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of $16.38, effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year.

6.2.7 Approves Athena Tyrell, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of $16.38, effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year.

6.2.8 Approves Melissa Miller, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of $16.38, effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year.

6.2.9 Approves Eliza Enriquez, Certified Building Substitute Teacher at the Elementary School, $47,553.00 (reduced rate of pay with single-level benefit option and prorated for actual days worked), effective with the start of the 2026-27 school year.

6.2.10 Approves the following mentors for the 2026-27 school year at a stipend of $1,175.00 for full year mentors and 4587.50 for half year mentors.

Mentors	**Duration**	**Mentee**
Matt Wisotsky	Half Year	Matthew Christman
Cindy Koehler	Full Year	Heather Hadwin
Nicole Edmonson	Full Year	Christian Sikora
Hunter Jones	Full Year	Tiffany Wagner
Christina Diltz	Half Year	Jessica Werley
Chris Gallo	Full Year	Anthony Neal

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

Melissa Becht – Guest Teacher
Logan Borkey – Guest Teacher
Angela Davis – Guest Teacher
Julie Flowers – Guest Teacher
Charles Grebloski – Guest Teacher
Shelby Hinsey – Guest Teacher
Steven Hinsey - Guest Teacher
David Horton – Guest Teacher
Haley Kieffer – Guest Teacher
Nicole Longenecker – Guest Teacher
Michael McDermott - Guest Teacher
Mary McMenamin-Blatt – Guest Teacher

Mary Pucul – Guest Teacher
John Ries – Guest Teacher
Luke Rissinger – Guest Teacher
Carly Schaffer – Guest Teacher
Lauren Smith – Guest Teacher
Susan Status – Guest Teacher
Kara Steckel – Guest
Katey Vandergrift – Guest Teacher
Brandon VanSchaick – Guest Teacher
Victoria Zimmerman – Guest Teacher
Loretta Gaetani – Guest Teacher (Retired)
Sally Horton - Guest Teacher
Shannon Lewis – Guest Teacher (Retired)
Rachel Brister – Elementary Education K-4, Special Education PK-12
Jessica Christman – Homebound, Chemistry 7-12, Environmental Ed K-12 & Gen Science
Aaron Hinsey – Social Studies 7-12
Veronica Hyland – English 7-12, Library Science K-12
Lee Jamie Mercado – Elementary Education PK-4
Alexandria Yeager – Guest Teacher, Paraprofessional
Sandy Griffiths – Elementary K-6
Kathy Gwiazdowski – Homebound, Elementary Education, Reading Specialist (Retired)
James Pirtle – Mathematics 7-12 (Retired)
Joseph Reedy – Social Studies 7-12 (Retired)
Janet Scull – Speech Correction (Retired)
Jane Sigoda – Homebound, Elementary Education K-6 (Retired)
Cynthia Steele – Mathematics 7-12 (Retired)
Yanelis Alverdi Vazquez – Custodian
Barbara Hill – Food Service
Susan Jones – Food Service
Kathy Fry – Nurse
George Eckert – Paraprofessional
Jennifer Mazaika – Paraprofessional
Charles Moody – Paraprofessional
Wendy Noll – Paraprofessional
Tiffany Rollman – Paraprofessional
Moira Vaughan – Paraprofessional
Cheryl Felix – Paraprofessional

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Linda Lash to approve 6.2.1 through 6.2.11 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board consolidated items 6.3 through 6.4, for Board approval, as presented.

6.3 Approves the Professional Service Agreement between Schuylkill Valley School District and Stephanie Ruiz, an independent contractor providing speech-language pathology (SLP) services for the 2026-27 school year, at a rate of $150.00 per hour.

6.4 Approves the renewal of the agreement with General Healthcare Resources (GHR), Inc., to provide substitute nurse services at an hourly rate of $55.00 for an LPN and $65.00 for an RN.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve 6.3 through 6.4 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.5 Approves Dr. Denis Quirk, Superintendent of Schools, to the Berks County School Districts Health Trust Full Board to complete the term from February 3, 2026, through February 3, 2028, previously filled by Dr. Patrick Winters.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve Dr. Denis Quirk, Superintendent of Schools, to the Berks County School Districts Health Trust Full Board to complete the term from February 3, 2026, through February 3, 2028, previously filled by Dr. Patrick Winters.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.6 Approves the Use of School Facilities Updated Fee Schedule, as presented.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the Use of School Facilities Updated Fee Schedule, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.7 Approves the 2026-27 Schedule of Committee Work Session dates as presented.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the 2026-27 Schedule of Committee Work Session dates as presented.

Dr. Quirk provided an update on work session dates and stated the goal was to consolidate work sessions to make them more meaningful and strategic. The plan would be to hold an all-encompassing student meeting that included curriculum, technology, student extracurricular and activities, held quarterly. Budget and Finance would also have its own schedule beginning in October to start the budget conversation for the following year, aligning with Act 1. Index, with subsequent meetings in January leading up to May for the budget approval process. Buildings and Grounds meetings would meet more frequently to ensure projects are monitored and buildings are being serviced where needed. These meetings will be held monthly, except for December, June and July. In addition, he noted that if the Board felt any additional work sessions meetings were needed, they could call and host them. This was included in the work session schedule.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board consolidated items 6.8 through 6.9, for Board approval, as presented.

6.8 Approves the SVSD list of 2026-27 extracurricular and co-curricular offerings for ES, MS and HS students and the corresponding list of advisors, as presented.

6.9 Approves the 2026-27 Extracurricular & Co-Curricular Salaries/Stipends, as presented. Approval is subject to the satisfactory receipt of all required executed employment contracts.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve 6.8 through 6.9 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.10 Approves the Arete Professional Group, LLC Agreement for 2026-27 for Psych services.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Daniel Weyandt to approve the Arete Professional Group, LLC Agreement for 2026-27 for Psych services, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.11 Approves the following Certified Building Substitute Teachers for the 2026-27 school year, at an annual rate of pay of $47,553.00 (reduced rate of pay with single level benefit option available and prorated for actual days worked):

Logan Borkey
Aaron Hinsey
Veronica Hyland
Lee Jamie Mercado

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the Certified Building Substitute Teachers for the 2026-27 school year, at an annual rate of $47,553.00 (reduced rate of pay with single level benefit option available and prorated for actual days worked) as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.12 Approves the following volunteers for the 2026-27 school year:

Brooke Brenner
Tori Castner
Amanda Deeter
Leah James
Annalyse Miner
Denise Shupp
Noah Sonon
Jennifer Zampelli
Robert Zerman (Student Internship)
Michael Goad – (Student Internship)

Moved by Joseph Brown and seconded by Frank Ammarell to approve the volunteers for the 2026-27 school year as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.13 Approves the fall coaching salaries for the 2026-27 school year.

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the fall coaching salaries for the 2026-27 school year.

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

Abstain: Joseph Brown

Motion passed 8-0-1.

6.14 Approves Kim Luigard, Special Education PK-12 Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the Middle School, Bachelor's, Step 2, $58,663.00 (prorated for actual days worked), effective August 24, 2026, through approximately the first semester of 2026-27, to fill the vacancy created by the leave of absence of Ms. Dana Carter.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll to approve Kim Luigard, Special Education PK-12 Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the Middle School, Bachelor's Step 2, $58,663.00 (prorated for actual days worked), effective August 24, 2026, through approximately the first semester of 2026-27, to fill the vacancy created by the leave of absence of Ms. Dana Carter.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Scott Huey, Custodian – Effective June 4, 2026, through approximately July 6, 2026
Greg Hanson, Custodian – Effective August 17, 2026, intermittently through August 16, 2027
Jonahtan Jenkins, Social Studies Teacher – Effective April 20, 2026, intermittently through April 20, 2027

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Joseph Brown to acknowledge the following Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leaves of Absences as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.16 Approves Jonathan Thrush, Part-Time Low Incidence Special Education Paraprofessional, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of $18.38, effective date to be determined.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve Jonathan Thrush, Part-Time Low Incidence Special Education Paraprofessional, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of $18.38, effective date to be determined.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.17 Approves the transfer of Mr. Robert Krishock, from Middle School Paraprofessional to High School Paraprofessional effective with the 2026-27 school year.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Daniel Weyandt to approve the transfer of Mr. Robert Krishock, from Middle School Paraprofessional to High School Paraprofessional effective with the 2026-27 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.18 Approves Mr. Kyle Rautzhan, High School Physics 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 resignation of Mr. Brett Hoch.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve Mr. Kyle Rautzhan, High School Physics 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 resignation of Mr. Brett Hoch.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.19 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 17, 2026, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves a stipend in the amount of $12,500.00 for Dr. Patrick Winters, Assistant Superintendent, as compensation for serving as Acting Superintendent of Schuylkill Valley School District from November 12, 2025, through June 7, 2026.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve a stipend in the amount of $12,500.00 for Dr. Patrick Winters, Assistant Superintendent, as compensation for serving as Acting Superintendent of Schuylkill Valley School District from November 12, 2025, through June 7, 2026.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.20 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 17, 2026, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves the bus drivers utilized by Eshelman Transportation for the 2026-27 school year, pending receipt of all required documentation.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the bus drivers utilized by Eshelman Transportation for the 2026-27 school year, pending receipt of all required documentation.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.21 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 17, 2026, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves the bus routes for the 2026-27 school year and authorizes the Chief Financial Officer and Transportation Coordinator to make necessary changes throughout the 2026-27 school year.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the bus routes for the 2026-27 school year and authorizes the Chief Financial Officer and Transportation Coordinator to make necessary changes throughout the 2026-27 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.22 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 17, 2026, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves Dr. Patrick Winters' participation in the 2026-27 Education Policy Fellowship Program through the Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC), an 8-month cohort program designed to advance effective public education policy in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve Dr. Patrick Winters' participation in the 2026-27 Education Policy Fellowship Program through the Education

Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC), an 8-month cohort program designed to advance effective public education policy in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.23 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 17, 2026, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves issuing a professional employee contract to the following temporary professionals who have served for three (3) years and have received satisfactory ratings, in accordance with §1108 of the Pennsylvania School Code, as presented.

Moved by Joseph Brown and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve issuing a professional employee contract to the following temporary professionals who have served for three (3) years and have received satisfactory ratings, in accordance with §1108 of the Pennsylvania School Code, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

7.0 **CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY**

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Linda R. Lash

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 5:07 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

7.1 Approves the continuance agreement between Delaware Valley University and Schuylkill Valley School District for the 2026-27 school year.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve the continuance agreement between Delaware Valley University and Schuylkill Valley School District for the 2026-27 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.2 Approves the American Reading Company quote for SchoolPace and Digital Access for the 2026-27 school year.

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Daniel Weyandt to approve the American Reading Company quote for SchoolPace and Digital Access for the 2026-27 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Approves the updated contract with Active Internet Technologies, DBA FinalSite, as presented.

Moved by Joseph Brown and seconded by Daniel Weyandt to approve the updated contract with Active Internet Technologies, DBA FinalSite, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Joseph M. Brown

The Budget and Finance Committee met at 5:13 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 21, 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 July 13, 2026, to August 25, 2026, as presented:

GENERAL FUND	$1,580,687.67
CAFETERIA FUND	$28,679.59
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	$164,777.34
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	$33,317.00
MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND	$3,363.55
GRAND TOTAL	**$1,810,825.15**

Moved by Joseph Brown and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the payment of bills from July 13, 2026, to August 25, 2026, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8.2 OTHER (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)

9.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Alfonso F. Rossi

-The Buildings and Grounds Committee met at 5:14 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

9.1 Approves the disposal of chemicals and furniture from the High School and Middle School, as presented.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Daniel Weyandt to approve the disposal of chemicals and furniture from the High School and Middle School, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.2 Approves three (3) quotes from Pletcher Fire Protection for repairs to the backflow prevention devices at the Elementary, Middle, and High School, at a combined cost of $14,155.00.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Linda Lash to approve three (3) quotes from Pletcher Fire Protection for repairs to the backflow prevention devices at the Elementary School, Middle School, and High School, at a combined cost of $14,155.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.3 Approves the proposal from Lancaster Asphalt Systems to re-stripe the parking lots throughout the campus in the amount of $14,268.00.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the proposal from Lancaster Asphalt Systems to restripe the parking lots throughout the campus in the amount of $14,268.00.

Dr. Quirk noted that the re-striping work will include all panther paws at both entrance and exit will be repainted at all three (3) buildings.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.4 **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 17, 2026, BOARD MEETING:**
Approves and ratifies the quote from Pletcher Fire Protection in the amount of $1,640.00 for repairs to the High School kitchen suppression system.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by David Moll to approve and ratify the quote from Pletcher Fire Protection in the amount of $1,640.00 for repairs to the high school kitchen suppression system.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9.5 OTHER (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)

10.0 STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Kelly J. Steinke

The Student Services and Activities Committee met at 5:22 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

10.1 Approves the equipment donation from the Schuylkill Valley Youth Cheer & Football Association valued at $16,982.00.

Moved by Frank Ammarell and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the donation of equipment from the Schuylkill Valley Youth Cheer & Football Association.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.2 Approves the work of Full Landscape & Tree Service LLC to perform the installation of scoreboards in three (3) phases.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Daniel Weyandt to approve the work of Full Landscape & Tree Service LLC to perform the installation of scoreboards in three (3) phases.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.3 Approves the contract for the 2026 Homecoming DJ in the amount of $800.00.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by Daniel Weyandt to approve the contract for the 2026 Homecoming DJ in the amount of $800.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.4 Approves moving from a co-ed Junior High Wrestling Program to a separate Junior High Girls Wrestling Team effective with the 2026-27 Winter sports season.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve moving from a co-ed Junior High Wrestling Program to a separate Junior High School Girls Wrestling Team effective with the 2026-27 Winter sports season.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.5 The Board held a final discussion and direction of SV Boys Lacrosse.

Mrs. Steinke stated that with the team consisting of only freshmen and sophomores, she did not feel it was a viable option to send the program to Muhlenberg. She noted that the team lacked transportation and students could not drive, which would place a burden on parents to transport students after school if the Board chose that route. She expressed concern that this could deter future players from joining due to the transportation requirement. She also questioned what sending the program to Muhlenberg would communicate to youth programs and the future of the boys' lacrosse program. She felt the program should remain in-house at Schuylkill Valley School District, allowing students to receive more playing time at home and be matched with players of similar age and size rather than playing a varsity schedule.

Mr. Ammarell agreed with Mrs. Steinke and added that once a program is sent outside of the district, it becomes difficult to reconstitute that program as a varsity sport back at Schuylkill Valley.

Mr. Weyandt stated he was leaning toward a co-op, noting his concern was the numbers come spring.

Mr. Rossi agreed with having an in-house JV team and stated that this would give current sophomores two (2) years to play JV and have an opportunity for a varsity program afterward. It would also give the program two (2) years to rebuild and generate more interest from incoming youth players.

Following discussion, the Board reached consensus to move forward with an in-house Schuylkill Valley JV team. No formal vote was taken.

10.6 THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 17, 2026, BOARD MEETING:
Approves the Science Explorers After School Club Agreement for the 2026-27 school year.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll
to approve the Science Explorers After School Club Agreement for the 2026-27 school year.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.7 OTHER (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)
Girls Lacrosse Team
Mrs. Steinke wanted to clarify that the Girls Lacrosse team would continue to stay in-house.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER
English as a Second-Language Presentation:
Mrs. Lash stated the presentation with Dr. Kelly Forbes gave the teachers valuable information on how to make a successful English program for the number of children that need that support. She was glad to see the district move forward on remedying this issue.

First day of the school year:
Mrs. Steinke wished everyone a great school year and emphasized to the seniors to enjoy their last year.

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.0 ADJOURNMENT
Moved by David Moll and seconded by Alfonso Rossi, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Linda R. Lash

Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors