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

MINUTES

October 26, 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 F. Rossi, Kelly J. Steinke, Carol E. Weyandt, Daniel B. Weyandt

Absent: Lauren J. Matthews

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Recording Secretary: Azucena Macedo

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

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 September 28, 2026, as presented.

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, 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 October 20, 2026, following the Committee meetings for legal and personnel matters and on October 26, 2026, after the Board meeting, for personnel.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – *Carol E. Weyandt*
No report.

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

2.3 BERKS COUNTY I.U. BOARD – *Linda R. Lash*
Mrs. Lash reported that the BCIU held it's "Keeping Kids Safe Symposium" and featured guest speakers Ryan Klingensmith LPC, Bryan Boughter, Robert Cariola, and Corporal Andrew McCloskey. The seminar was titled "Artificial Intelligence and Deep Fakes". October was also HeadStart Awareness for the I.U. and the I.U. held its Open House for the new learning facility on Friday.

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

Mr. Moll reminded the Board that if they were interested in seeing the building at Oley there was one (1) date left. There was consensus from the Board to have Dr. Quirk look into scheduling the meeting at BCTC. Mr. Moll also reported that the center is now fully staffed with all positions filled.

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

2.6 PA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION LIAISON – *Linda R. Lash*
Mrs. Lash discussed her attendance at the PSBA Leadership Conference and a variety of sessions she was able to attend. She noted that the conference had less sessions this year than prior years. She discussed various legislations both pending and signed. They included Senate Bill 908, Senate Bill 1014, Senate Bill 116 and Senate Bill 1150 which covers the Sunshine Act.

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 stated that Senate Bill 1150 would enhance transparency under Pennsylvania's Sunshine Act. Prompted by a state Supreme Court ruling allowing agencies to act on items not publicly posted, the bill limits exceptions to emergencies or minor matters and prevents agencies from bypassing public notice for significant decisions.

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 Student Council and Superintendent's Update
Spencer Mountz, Senior and President of Student Council, and Charleigh Lawson, Senior and Student Council Representative, provided updates regarding events happening within the student body. This included FFA's participation in the Berks County Leadership Conference hosted by Twin Valley, and 13 Schuylkill Valley students being chosen for the Berks in Focus Exhibition, in which students age 5-22 participated. They also discussed Schuylkill Valley's Mental Health Matters and SODAA and thanked everyone who participated in the Dine-To-Donate on October 13th to help support the Warrior Scholarship for a graduating senior. The National Honor Society recently volunteered at a library book sale and the SV Food Pantry. For the high school's Homecoming week, the Pantherette released its first issue for the 2026-27 school year and discussed the events and activities that took place around Homecoming, starting with Spirit Week and ending with the dance on the 10th. PAWS PALS continued operations and recently made homemade applesauce, and they discussed the many ways PAWS PALS provided valuable services throughout the school. They added that PYEA's Haunted House was hosted on October 25, along with a trunk-or-treat at the high school.

Dr. Quirk provided updates regarding the Field House Project and the progress currently happening underground with pressurized grout and site stabilization, as well as stormwater, water, and drainage infrastructure. He added that the goal was to put footers in place in November, with the building installation targeted for December. He also discussed the SWOT analysis findings and

reviewed a concept shared with staff from Stephen Covey at the beginning of the year, which covered higher priorities, little rocks, (urgent things that come up), and sand (smaller items that may not be interconnected but are frequent). He stated that the Schuylkill Valley community response yielded 2,308 coded variables and the overall SWOT distribution. After analyzing the data, he grouped like concepts to develop themes that the district could return to. The seven (7) themes identified included:

1. Relationship and community
2. Academic excellence and future readiness
3. Capacity for every learner
4. Belonging, behavior and accountability
5. Communication, consistency and trust
6. Safe/future-ready environments
7. Rich experience and opportunities

All seven (7) themes were identified as either strength, a weakness, an opportunity or a threat and he went into detail on what builds each area. He added that the three (3) areas of focus identified by the group were relationship and community, capacity for every learner and safe/future-ready environments. Dr. Quirk also discussed the POW/MIA Flag Initiative and stated that in recent years there had been a push at the state level to have state organizations and schools fly the POW/MIA flag in addition to federal buildings. He noted that most school districts within the county had implemented flying the POW/MIA flag. He stated that the Office of Representative Weaknecht would provide flags to Schuylkill Valley to hang at each building and the stadium. He recommended that Schuylkill Valley join other Berks County school districts in flying the POW/MIA flag to honor those who remain missing and ensure they are never forgotten, as well as to educate students on what the flag represents each year and share Berks County History.

Consensus from the Board was to have Dr. Quirk coordinate the hanging of the flag, educating students and having local veterans come in and be involved during Veterans Day.

6.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Franklin M. Ammarell

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee met at 6:32 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 16, 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:

Creg Drake – Boys Volleyball Assistant High School Coach, effective September 2, 2026
Julia Stricker – Girls Lacrosse Assistant High School Coach, effective October 5, 2026
Amanda Wessner – Food Services Worker, effective October 2, 2026
Lori Street – Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional, effective October 12, 2026

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board consolidated items 6.2.1 through 6.4, 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 Cynthia Baez, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of $18.21, effective date to be determined.

6.2.2 Brenda Kleinhenz, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of $16.38, effective date to be determined.

6.2.3 Courtni Thompson, Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, 6 hours per day at an hourly rate of $18.21, effective date to be determined.

6.3 Approves the transfer of Jill Tobias, Food Service Worker, to Certified Building Substitute Teacher at the Middle School, $47,553.00 (reduced rate of pay with single-level benefit option available and prorated for actual days worked), effective date to be determined, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Heather Hadwin.

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

Elizabeth Heffner – Student Teacher for Tod Reinert
Carey Steward – Retired Teacher
Patricia Lacey – Retired Teacher
Jamie Greenwood – Guest Teacher, Paraprofessional

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Franklin Ammarell to approve items 6.2.1 through 6.4 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.5 Approves the Winter coaching salaries for the 2026-27 school year, as presented.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Franklin Ammarell to approve the Winter coaching salaries for the 2026-27 school year, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board consolidated items 6.6 through 6.8, for Board approval, as presented.

6.6 Approves the following lifeguards for the 2026-27 school year:

Kyle Campbell
Megan Fox
Abby Maulick
Kelly Kauffman
Chris George
Taylor Stafford
D'Mooray Woolery
Ashley Cregar

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

Brett Adams

Mariel Arthur
Salvatore Azzolina
Cynthia Baez
Colleen Behm
Hope Berger
Courtney Bird
Nathaniel Bird
Amy Bonkoski
Allison Bossler
Ryan Bowers
Christina Brown
Madison Bruder
Tara Burgon
Richard Carpenter
Rebecca Cherry
Bianca Comfort
Jennifer Dauber
Patti Delay
Kelly Eaton
Allison Erb
Brandon Evans
Sarah Felts
Jason Gilmer
Ian Good
Kristin Good
Kelly Gregor
Brittney Hadden
Brielle Hecker
Brittany Heckman
Shannon Heist-Sellers
Lester Kissinger
Yolanda Kissinger
Amy Klatt
Scott Knoebel
Andrew LeClair
Dana Lego
Lidia Leiva
Amy Litvinov
Tiffany Lopez
Kelee Machemer
Janelle Marburger
Sabrina Maressa
Robert Markowski
Kaitlyn Marks
Thomas Martz
Candis Mathis
Emily Niebel
Arlenys Paulino
Samantha Pearson
Ryan Reppert
Rachel Robson
Megan Rogers
Allie Rothenberger
Luke Scoboria
Ashley Shappell
Richard Shappell
Christopher Skalamera

Andrew Smyre
Jenna St. Clair
Katharine Stark-Adam
Samantha Starr Bohn
Carey Steward
Natassja Torres
Amber Triplett
Douglas Troutman
Douglas Unger
Diana Velasquez
Danny Voorhies
Charlotte Wallace
Heather Weand
Corielle Yarde
Cynthia Yeager
Kellee Younker

6.8 Approves the additional bus drivers utilized by Eshelman Transportation for the 2026-27 school year, pending receipt of all required documentation.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve items 6.6 through 6.8 as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.9 Approves Policy 249: Bullying/Cyberbullying for a 1st Reading.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Franklin Ammarell to approve Policy 249: Bullying/Cyberbullying for a 1st Reading, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.10 Approves the following Community Aquatics employees for the 2026-27 school year:

Name	Position	Base Salary	Yrs Exp	Exp Bonus	Salary
Bauer, Nina	Student Lifeguard	$15.00	0	$0.00	$15.00
Scaffidi, Arden	Student Lifeguard	$15.00	1	$0.25	$15.25
Scaffidi, Archer	Student Lifeguard	$15.00	4	$1.00	$16.00

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll to approve the Community Aquatics employees for the 2026-27 school year as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.11 Approves Michael Adams as the High School Assistant Bowling Coach at a salary of $3,360.00.

Moved by Daniel Weyandt and seconded by David Moll to approve Michael Adams at the High School Assistant Bowling Coach at a salary of $3,360.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6.12 Approves the transfer of Elizabeth Witters from Part-Time Paraprofessional to Certified Building Substitute (under a Classroom Monitor Certificate), at an annual salary of $40,205.00 (reduced rate of pay with single-level benefit option available and prorated for actual days worked), effective date to be determined.

Moved by Joseph Brown and seconded by Kely Steinke to approve the transfer of Elizabeth Witters from Part-Time Paraprofessional to Certified Building Substitute (under a Classroom Monitor Certificate), at an annual salary of $40,205.00 (reduced rate of pay with single-level benefit option available and prorated for actual days worked), effective date to be determined.

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

Nays: Moll

Motion passed 7-1.

7.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Linda R. Lash

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 6:42 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 16, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

7.1 Approves the Ramsey Solutions' Foundations in Personal Finance curriculum for Schuylkill Valley High School, which will work in conjunction with the current curriculum for the Personal Finance classes and of the Donation from Sunshine Insurance Offices, Inc. in the amount of $5,000.00 to cover the cost of the program.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the Ramsey Solutions' Foundations in Personal Finance curriculum for Schuylkill Valley High School, which will work in conjunction with the current curriculum for the Personal Finance classes and of the Donation from Sunshine Insurance Offices, Inc. in the amount of $5,000.00 to cover the cost of the program.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.2 Approves the Dual Credit Program agreement and the Pre-College Program agreement with Alvernia University.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by David Moll to approve the Dual Credit Program agreement and the Pre-College Program agreement with Alvernia University.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Approves the Statement of Work with Bers County Intermediate Unit in the amount of $14,250.00. This includes professional learning services provided by Jennifer Joyce from Berks County Intermediate Unit for grades K-8 in Math.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the Statement of Work with Berks County Intermediate Unit in the amount of $14,250.00. This includes professional learning services provided by Jennifer Joyce from Berks County Intermediate Unit for grades K-8 in Math.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.4 Approves the updated ELA curriculum for Grade 4.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the updated ELA curriculum for Grade 4, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7.5 Approves the proposal from FinalSite, as presented, for website services at a cost of $3,225.00 for Year 1 and $4,300.00 for Year 2, for a total two (2) year cost of $7,525.00.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by David Moll to approve the proposal from FinalSite, as presented, for website services at a cost of $3,225.00 for Year 1, and $4,300.00 for Year 2, for a total two (2) year cost of $7,525.00.

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, 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 6;50 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 16, 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 September 14, 2026, to October 27, 2026, as presented:

GENERAL FUND	$4,347,026.71
CAFETERIA FUND	$52,176.94
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	$488,654.17
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	$12,896.45
MS/HS ACTIVITY FUND	$8,856.50

GRAND TOTAL	$4,909,610.77

Moved by Joseph Brown and seconded by David Moll to approve the payment of bills 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 6:51 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 16, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:

9.1 Approves and ratifies the Berkshire Mechanical Quote in the amount of $2,190.00 to repair the HVAC mini-split system in the stadium press box.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by David Moll to approve and ratify the Berkshire Mechanical Quote in the amount of $2,190.00 to repair the HVAC mini-split system in the stadium press box, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:

9.2 Approves and ratifies the Berkshire Mechanical Quote in the amount of $1,900.00 to repair the Administration Office Rooftop Unit.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Linda Lash to approve and ratify the Berkshire Mechanical Quote in the amount of $1,900.00 to repair the Administration Office Rooftop Unit, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:

9.3 Approves the Berks-Lehigh Dumpsters & Hauling Quote in the amount of $399.64 to provide a 20 yard roll off dumpster to empty the high school music department/POP workshop closet, The items being disposed of were all donations provided to student organization and the music department.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the Berks-Lehigh Dumpster & Hauling Quote in the amount of $399.64 to provide a 20 yard roll off dumpster to empty the high school music department/POP workshop closet. The items being disposed of were all donations provided to student organization and the music department.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:

9.4 Approves the proposal from Martin Tree Service LLC for the trimming of 22 trees and removal of three (3) trees near the Elementary School playground in the amount of $6,650.00.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve the proposal from Martin Tree Service LLC for the trimming of 22 trees and removal of three (3) trees near the Elementary School playground in the amount of $6,650.00.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:

9.5 Approves the proposal from Reading Elevator Service, Inc., in the amount of $2,709.00, to perform mandatory hydraulic pressure relief tests on all District elevators. This testing is required to comply with a new Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regulation mandating compliance inspections every three (3) years.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve the proposal from Reading Elevator Service, Inc., in the amount of $2,709.00, to perform mandatory hydraulic pressure relief tests on all District elevators. This testing is required to comply with a new Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regulation mandating compliance inspections every three (3) years.

Yeas: Ammarell, Brown, Lash, Matthews, Moll, Steinke, C. 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 6:58 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, in the Auxiliary Cafeteria of the Schuylkill Valley High School. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 16, 2026.

Committee Recommendations for Board Consideration

Be It Resolved, That the Board of School Directors:

10.1 Approves the School Program Agreement between Schuylkill Valley School District and Coastal Wilds LLC for an educational animal program at Schuylkill Valley Elementary School.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Joseph Brown to approve the School Program Agreement between Schuylkill Valley School District and Coastal Wilds LLC for an educational animal program at Schuylkill Valley Elementary School.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.2 Approves the new Aquatics Director, Taylor Stafford, to obtain lifeguarding certification and to train all coaches in CPR and First Aid.

Moved by David Moll and seconded by Kelly Steinke to approve the new Aquatics Director, Taylor Stafford, to obtain lifeguarding certification and to train all coaches in CPR and First Aid.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING:

10.3 Approves the Settlement and Release Agreements for matter #102026-1.

Moved by Kelly Steinke and seconded by David Moll to approve the Settlement and Release Agreements for matter #102026-1, as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10.4 OTHER (OLD/NEW BUSINESS)

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

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, Moll, Rossi, Steinke, C. Weyandt, D. Weyandt

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Linda R. Lash

Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors