1.0 The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Board President, Kevin Raudenbush, in the LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room of the Schuylkill Valley High School.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1.2 ROLL CALL
Members Present: Paul L. Bendigo, Robert M. Dempsey, Linda R. Lash, Jay R. Melvin, George H. Mertz III, G. Dane Miller, Kevin Raudenbush, Alfonso F. Rossi

Members Absent: Nicoleen M. Kieffel

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Treasurer: Changming Wang

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cynthia S. Mierzejewski, Michael Billman, Robin Brightbill, Jeremy Crills, Stephanie Deibler, Dawn Harris, Joshua Kuehner, Changming Wang

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Moved by Jay Melvin and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 25, 2018.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mr. Raudenbush reported that the Board met in executive session on June 25, 2018, for a legal matter.

2.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 PRESIDENT – Kevin Raudenbush
No report.

2.2 SECRETARY – Linda R. Lash
No report.

2.3 BERKS COUNTY I.U. BOARD – Linda R. Lash
No report.

2.4 BERKS CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER – Jay Melvin
Mr. Mertz reported that the BCTC is planning to expand their welding facility at the West Campus as their welding program is extremely popular.
2.5 TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – Paul L. Bendigo
Mr. Bendigo reported that the year-end reports were received and the earned income tax for SVSD was $79,550 over what the district had budgeted for in the 2017-18 school year. They are also anticipating an increase for 2018-19.

2.6 PA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION LIAISON – Linda R. Lash
Mrs. Lash noted that legislation was passed in June that allows school boards to discuss school safety and security matters in executive session. Also, the 2018-19 state budget was passed.

3.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
No one addressed the Board.

4.0 BOARD
There were no items for consideration.

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’ Reports

5.1.3 Dropout Report

*These reports will be provided again beginning with the September 24 agenda.

6.0 POLICY, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Linda R. Lash

The Policy, Personnel and Public Relations Committee did not meet in July. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 20, 2018.

Items for Board Consideration

The Board of School Directors is requested to:

6.1 Consider and accept, with best wishes for the future, the following resignations due to retirement effective with the last day of the 2017-18 school term unless otherwise noted:

6.1.1 Mr. Joseph Ambrose, Computer Education Teacher at the Middle School.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the resignation due to retirement in Item 6.1.1, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Consider and approve 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 Mrs. Amanda Poland, Buildings & Grounds Secretary, at an hourly rate of $15.93, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Amy Korpics, effective August 6, 2018.
Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the employment in Item 6.2.1, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.2 Mrs. Amy Strayer-Gray, School Nurse at the Elementary School, BS, Step 8, $54,946, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Lorena Bickel, effective pending release from current assignment.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the employment in Item 6.2.2, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.3 Mrs. Mary Kate Raytek, Temporary Full-Time Instructional Technology Coach at the Elementary School, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of the English contract at the High School, effective upon Mrs. Raytek's return from her leave of absence through the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the employment in Item 6.2.3, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.4 Mentors for 2018-19 school year at a stipend of $1,175.00 for full year mentors and $587.50 for half year mentors.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Item 6.2.4, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.5 Fall coaching staff for 2018-19 school year.

6.2.6 Substitutes for 2018-19 school year.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the employment in Items 6.2.5 and 6.2.6, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.7 Volunteers for 2018-19 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Item 6.2.7, as presented.
Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.8 Ms. Maureen Dennis, Part-Time Food Services Worker, four hours a day at an hourly rate of $9.75, effective with the start of the 2018-19 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Martha Luna.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Item 6.2.8, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.9 Mr. Jeffrey Kerchner, Assistant Principal at the Middle School, at an annual salary of $80,000 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mr. Jeremy Crills to the position of Elementary Principal, effective pending release from current assignment.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Item 6.2.9, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.10 Mrs. Alicia Himmelberger, Secretary at the High School, at an hourly rate of $14.72, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Jackie Fogelman, effective August 6, 2018.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the employment in Item 6.2.10, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.11 Mrs. Diane Kaag, Director of Food Services, at an annual salary of $60,000 (prorated for actual days worked), to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Becky Robinson, effective pending release from current assignment.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the employment in Item 6.2.11, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.12 The change of status of Mrs. Diane Rothenberger, from Substitute Non-Certified Paraprofessional to Part-Time Reading Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, 5.75 hours per day at an hourly rate of $12.33, effective with the start of the 2018-19 school year, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Julie Esposito.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the change of status in Item 6.2.12, as presented.
Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2.13 Mrs. Alia Emery, Discovery Learning Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the Elementary school for the 2018-19 school year, MS, Step 1, $52,925, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Mary Kate Rayek to Instructional Technology Integration Coach for the 2018-19 school year, effective pending release from current assignment.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the employment in Item 6.2.13, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Consider and accept the proposal from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to complete a compensation analysis and market assessment on the support staff positions of the District, at a cost of $4,600, and further, authorizes the Director of Human Resources and Board Secretary to execute the contract.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to accept the proposal from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to complete a compensation analysis and market assessment on the support staff positions of the District, at a cost of $4,600, and further, authorizes the Director of Human Resources and Board Secretary to execute the contract.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Consider and approve the conference request from Mr. Jeremy Crills, to attend the Dissertation Proposal Design Program, from August 7-10, 2018, at Wilkes University, at an approximate cost of $567.97.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Dane Miller to approve the conference request in Item 6.4, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

6.5 Consider and accept, with best wishes for the future, the following resignations:

6.5.1 Ms. Tiffany Rollman, Part-Time One-to-One Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, effective July 18, 2018.

6.5.2 Ms. Lissette Simons, Part-Time Lunch Aide at the Elementary School, effective June 6, 2018.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to accept, with best wishes for the future, the resignations in Items 6.5.1 and 6.5.2, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi
Motion passed unanimously.

6.6 Other (Old/New Business)
Mr. Bendigo requested that Policy #313, Evaluation of Employees, be reviewed and updated.

7.0 CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Robert M. Dempsey

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2018, in the Schuykill Valley High School LeRoy K. Seip Memorial Meeting Room. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 20, 2018.

Items for Board Consideration

The Board of School Directors is requested to:

7.1 Consider and ratify the professional services invoice for Jarrod Emes, AHA Independent Instructor, for providing First Aid with CPR/AED Certification training for teachers, held on June 12, 2018, at a cost of $1,180.00, and further, authorizes the Director of Instructional and Information Technology to execute the invoice.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to ratify the professional services invoice in Item 7.1, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

7.2 Consider and approve the agreement with Affinity Educational Solutions to provide alternative education programs for the 2018-2019 school year, at the rates provided, and to purchase one upfront slot in the amount of $16,800, and further, authorizes the Director of Special Education to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the agreement in Item 7.2, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Consider and approve the agreement with the Richard J. Caron Foundation to provide student assistance program services for the 2018-2019 school year, at the rates provided, from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, and further, authorizes the Director of Special Education to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the agreement in Item 7.3, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

7.4 Consider and approve the tuition agreements with Hogan Learning Academy LLC to provide Students #2982 and #3466 educational services for the 2018-19 school year at the rate of $400 per
day from August 27, 2018, through June 6, 2019, and further, authorizes the Director of Special Education to execute the agreements.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the tuition agreements in Item 7.4, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

7.5 Consider and approve the transportation agreement with Hogan Learning Academy LLC to provide transportation services for the 2018-2019 school year at the rate of $260 per day, and further, authorizes the Director of Special Education to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the transportation agreement in Item 7.5, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

7.6 Consider and approve the agreement with Merakey Pennsylvania to provide educational services for the 2018-19 school year, at the rates provided, from August 1, 2018, through June 24, 2019, and further, authorizes the Director of Special Education to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the agreement in Item 7.6.

Mr. Bendigo asked about the automatic renewal within the contract. He requested that it be removed and to have the contract approved annually and Mr. Miller agreed.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

7.7 Consider and approve the tuition agreement with New Story to provide Student #457 educational services for the 2018-19 school year, at the rates provided, from August 23, 2018, through June 6, 2019, and further, authorizes the Director of Special Education to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Jay Melvin and seconded by George Mertz to approve the tuition agreement in Item 7.7, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

7.8 Consider and approve the agreement with River Rock Academy to provide alternative educational services for the 2018-19 school year, at the rates provided, and further, authorizes the Director of Special Education to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the agreement in Item 7.8, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.
7.9 Consider and approve the linkage letter with Service Access and Management, Inc. for the 2018-19 school year, to ensure that appropriate and agreed upon supports and services are being delivered, and further, authorizes the Director of Special Education to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the linkage letter in Item 7.9, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

7.10 Consider and approve the Alternative Education Rates from the Berks County Intermediate Unit for the 2018-2019 school year.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the Alternative Education Rates from the Berks County Intermediate Unit for the 2018-2019 school year.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

7.11 Information

CrisisGo Emergency App.

Dr. Mierzejewski explained that Mr. Billman and Mr. Crills had attended several presentations at the BCIU regarding the CrisisGo App and the Berks County superintendents had also discussed different apps for mobile devices and computers. The BCIU brought some vendors together to review their products and as a county, most districts agreed that they liked the CrisisGo app. The app will be provided through the BCIU at no cost to the district for two years through funding facilitated by State Sen. Judy Schwank.

Mr. Billman stated that the app allows the district to send alerts to individual staff smart phones and computers. It also provides two-way communication and first-responder access. Another feature is student rosters and parent information to assist with reunification. CrisisGo provides training and safety simulations for drills and he and Mrs. Harris are currently planning this with the staff beginning with the high school. The BCIU will provide support for the app including the roll-out and initial training. On August 7, the Administrative Leadership Team will participate in a webinar with CrisisGo to review the app.

8.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Jay R. Melvin

The Budget and Finance Committee did not meet in July. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 20, 2018.

Items for Board Consideration

The Board of School Directors is requested to:

8.1 Consider and approve/ratify the payment of bills in the following amounts from June 19, 2018, to July 24, 2018, as presented.
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Board Action: Moved by Jay Melvin and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve/ratify the payment of bills in Item 8.1 from June 19, 2018, to July 24, 2018, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.


Board Action: Moved by Jay Melvin and seconded by George Mertz to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Reports for June 2018.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Consider and approve exonerating tax collectors from collecting unpaid interim tax bills dated January 1, 2018, and that the Board approve submitting the taxes to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection. There are nine (9) bills totaling $10,880.11 (last year there were four (4) bills totaling $286.27).

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve exonerating tax collectors from collecting unpaid interim tax bills dated January 1, 2018, and that the Board approve submitting the taxes to Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection. There are nine (9) bills totaling $10,880.11 (last year there were four (4) bills totaling $286.27).

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

8.4 Consider and approve the following property for repository tax sale by the County of Berks, and further, authorizes the Business Manager to sign the required documents:

Property ID: 37-4482-10-45-0885; Repository bid amount $510 (delinquent taxes owed to the district that will not be collected $1,682.52).

Note: This property was previously exposed to both the Upset Tax Sale and Judicial (Free and Clear) Sale and received no bids. When a property is sold from Repository Sale, it is sold free and clear of all taxes and municipal claims. If the bid amount is high enough to disburse delinquent tax monies, it is done on a pro-rated basis.

Board Action: Moved by Jay Melvin and seconded by George Mertz to approve the repository tax sale in Item 8.4, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.
8.5 Consider and approve the agreement with Carol H. Gilbert Consulting for consulting management services in the Food Service department from July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, for a maximum of 20 days, and further, authorizes the Business Manager to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Jay Melvin and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the agreement in Item 8.5, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

8.6 Consider and accept a donation of $1,000 from United Health Group. This donation is a combination of a United Health Group employee’s donation of $500 (Mr. David Moll, past school board member) and his employer’s $500 match.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to accept a donation of $1,000 from United Health Group, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

8.7 Consider and accept donations totaling $125 for the Bruce Schonour Memorial. This donation is a combination of $25 from Hamburg Area and Schuylkill Valley Assoc. of School Retirees, $50 from Thomas Strause, and $50 from Robert and Marie Fies.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to accept donations totaling $125 for the Bruce Schonour Memorial, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

8.8 Consider and accept a donation from Cambridge-Lee Industries LLC, in the amount of $500, to be used for the high school Panther Robotics Team.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Jay Melvin to accept a donation from Cambridge-Lee Industries LLC, in the amount of $500, to be used for the high school Panther Robotics Team.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

8.9 Information Items
8.8.1 Letter to municipalities regarding Per Capita Tax.
8.8.2 Annual Moody’s report.

9.0 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Summary of Committee Deliberations – Paul L. Bendigo

The Buildings and Grounds Committee did not meet in July. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 20, 2018.
Items for Board Consideration

There were no items for Board consideration.

10.0 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Summary of Committee Deliberations – G. Dane Miller

The Extracurricular Activities Committee did not meet in July. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, August 20, 2018.

Items for Board Consideration

The Board of School Directors is requested to:

10.1 Consider and approve the agreement with ArbiterPay Services, to provide the district with the ability to process officiating payments electronically for game officials, at an estimated cost of $1.16 per transaction, and further, authorizes the Athletic Director to execute the agreement.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Jay Melvin to approve the agreement with ArbiterPay Services, to provide the district with the ability to process officiating payments electronically for game officials, at an estimated cost of $1.16 per transaction, and further, authorizes the Athletic Director to execute the agreement.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mr. Raudenbush announced that there would be an executive session immediately following the meeting for school safety and negotiations.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Jay Melvin and seconded by George Mertz, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Lash, Melvin, Mertz, Miller, Raudenbush, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors