

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 in the Campus Audion. Present were Directors Charles Bartolet, Edward Inghrim, Michael Karabin, Sandra Miller, Lalchlan Peeke, Ralph Puerta and Sharon Stack. (Directors Baxter and Torrella were absent). Also present were Sandra G. Fellin, Ed.D., Superintendent, and David Bonenberger, Board Secretary.

An Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, negotiations and legal matters was held prior to the meeting.

- I. Call to the Order – *Mr. Ralph Puerta, President, presiding*
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Recording of Attendance – *Mr. David Bonenberger, Secretary*  
7-present, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella)
- IV. Announcement of Executive Sessions:  
March 17, 2009 – Negotiations  
March 24, 2009 – Personnel, Negotiations, and Legal
- V. Approval of Minutes – None
- VI. Recognition –
  - A. District XI AA Swimmers
  - B. PIAA AA Swimmers
  - C. Nadine Snyder – Walmart’s Teacher of the Year
  - D. Fourth grade student, Xin Qiao Zhang - Won the Bethlehem Area Public Library annual "Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest" for her story "Corissa Cat of Cat's Cove."
  - E. Parents and community members, Carol Schneider, and her entire family for organizing, facilitating, and staffing with volunteers the annual Book Fair at the elementary school
- VII. Presentation –
  - A. Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 2009-2010 Budget – Charlene Brennan
  - B. Compass Natural Gas – Ted Fritz and Andy Montero
  - C. Dual Sport Participation – Robert Frey
- VIII. Superintendent’s Report – *Dr. Sandra Fellin, Superintendent*
- IX. Citizens’ Comments – Agenda Items Only – *Visitors should state their name and address.*

- X. Presentation of Bills – *David Bonenberger*
  - A. General Expenditures - \$388,763.25
  - B. Cafeteria Expenditures - \$42,104.83
  - C. Health Benefits - \$299,533.21

Director Miller, seconded by Director Karabin, moved to approve the presentation of Bills. Vote: 7-yes, (*Director Karabin abstained from Invoice #14756*), 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella)

- XI. Treasurer's Report – *Edward Inghrim/David Bonenberger*
  - A. Cash Investment and Bond Activity
  - B. Expansion Project Finance Report
  - C. Condensed Board Summary Report
  - D. Budget Transfers
  - E. Activity Report - High School
  - F. Activity Report - Middle School

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Bartolet, moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella).

- XII. Motion to Approve Agenda

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve the agenda. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella)

- A. *Education*

- 1. Approve the second and final review of the following high school textbooks: All three textbooks are tentatively in the preliminary 2009-10 budget.

- Course Title – Spanish 1 & Part of 2
  - Textbook Title – Realidades
  - Text Replaces – Ya Veras

- Course Title – Spanish 2 & 3
  - Textbook Title – Realidades Level 2
  - Text Replaces – Ya Veras

- Course Title – Spanish 3, 4, & 5
  - Textbook Title – Realidades Level 3
  - Text Replaces – Ya Veras 3

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve Education Item 1. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella).

2. Approve the changes to the 2009-10 elementary handbook.

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve Education Item 1. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella).

3. Approve settlement agreement for file number – 129.0036

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Stack, moved to approve Education Item 1. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella).

B. *Personnel*

1. Accept the following support staff resignations:  
Stacey Siran, high school non-instructional assistant, effective March 19, 2009.  
Jason Stem, high school instructional assistant, effective April 10, 2009.  
Michael Youse, bus driver, effective March 24, 2009.
2. Approve Louis Kulscher as a permanent part-time bus driver effective March 25, 2009. Mr. Kulscher is replacing Mr. Youse.
3. Approve James Cressman as a substitute to assist with the operation of the sound and lighting systems for all assigned functions held in the High School Auditorium at an hourly salary of \$11.00.
4. Approve the following non-instructional assistant substitutes to be employed on a “call as needed” basis at an hourly rate of \$9.70, no benefits:  
Judith Davco  
Deborah Pepper  
Vicki Stelzer

5. Approve the following clerical substitute to be employed on a "call as needed" basis at an hourly rate of \$9.70, no benefits:

Deborah Peffer

6. Approve the following 2008-2009 professional substitutes:

Karen Ashman – Emergency

Michael Escott – Emergency

Catherine Hontz – Elementary/Special Education

John Rodwell – Emergency

Tara Wenner - Emergency

7. Approve the attached conference/travel requests.

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Bartolet, moved to approve Personnel Item 7. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella).

8. Approve the contract extension for Business Manager David Bonenberger from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2014.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve Personnel Item 8. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella).

Director Inghrim, seconded by Director Stack, moved to approve Personnel Items 1 thru 6. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella)

C. *Facilities*

- A. Discussion of Facilities Capital Improvement Projects With Actual Expenditures

A committee of Director Peeke and Director Bartolet will meet to consider all capital improvement projects.

1. Approve the authorization to bid for the purchase of a bus for the 2009-2010 year.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Peeke, moved to approve Facilities Item 1. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torella)

D. Finance

A. 2009-2010 Budget Timeline for 2008-2009 School Year

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January 27, 2009 Board Meeting	Adoption of 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$39,583,938; Millage Rate 52.04 <i>Note: The deadline to adopt the preliminary budget was February 18, 2009</i>
April 28, 2009 Board Meeting	Adoption of 2009-2010 Proposed Final Budget <i>Note: The deadline to adopt the proposed final budget and mail certification of use of PDE-2028 to the Department of Education is no later than May 31, 2009</i>
May 19, 2009	Deadline to make 2009-2010 Proposed Final Budget available for public inspection on PDE-2028. <i>Note: The deadline to make the Proposed Final Budget available for public inspection is 20 days prior to the final budget adoption.</i>
May 29, 2009	Deadline to offer public notice of intent to adopt the 2009-2010 Final Budget <i>Note: The deadline to offer public notice of intent to adopt the final budget is 10 days prior to final budget adoption</i>
June 9, 2009 Board Meeting	Adoption of the 2009-2010 Final Budget <i>Note: The deadline to adopt the final budget is June 30, 2009.</i>

1. Approve the contract and addendum with Compass Energy to purchase natural gas and/or natural gas services for the District

Compass Energy Contract  
Compass Energy Contract Addendum

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Peeke, moved to table Finance Item 1, until dollar value is provided.  
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella)

E. Community Outreach

No report or recommendations.

1. The next meeting of the Saucon Valley Partnership is scheduled April 8, 2009 at 7 pm at Hellertown Borough.

- F. Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School – Lachlan Peeke/Sharon Stack  
*(Meetings are first Tuesday of every month)*
- G. Colonial Intermediate Unit – Susan Baxter  
*(Meetings are fourth Wednesday of every month)*
- H. PSBA – Susan Baxter/Sandra Miller
- I. Northampton Community College – Charles Bartolet  
*(Meetings are first Thursday of every month)*
- J. Hellertown/Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce – Michael Karabin
- K. New Business – Director Stack, seconded by Director Bartolet, made a motion that season passes are allowed to be used for lacrosse events.  
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella)

XIII. Solicitor's Report

XIV. Citizen's Inquiries and Comments – *Visitors should state their name and address.*

Joanne Ochse, Girls Tennis Coach, commented on dual participation;  
Director Bartolet questioned different GPA under dual participation proposal;  
Director Miller stated that most people endorse dual participation in some form;  
Director Karabin asked if dual participants conflict with first string players.

XV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~ April 14, 2009 – 7:30 pm – Business Meeting  
High School Audion

April 28, 2009 – 7:30 pm – Business Meeting  
High School Audion

XVI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Baxter, Torrella).

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_