

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 in the Campus Audion. Present were Charles Bartolet, Susan Baxter, Edward Inghrim, Michael Karabin, Sandra Miller, Lachlan Peeke, Sharon Stack, George Torrella, and Ralph Puerta. 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*
- IV. Announcement of Executive Session –  
June 2, 2009 – negotiations  
June 9, 2009 – negotiations
- V. Approval of Minutes – None
- VI. Recognition –
  - A. District XI AA Girls Track & Field Champions:  
Sarah Kish, Kim Kelly, Megan Stack, and Lainie Smith – 4x800 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place and School Record 9:44.31  
Sarah Kish, Kim Kelly, Megan Stack, and Lainie Smith – 3200 relay – 1<sup>st</sup> Place and School Record 9:44.51  
Alyssa Lombardo – 400m run - 1<sup>st</sup> Place and School/District XI Record 56.91
  - B. District XI AAA Boys Track & Field Champion:  
Adam Phillippi – Pole Vault – 1<sup>st</sup> Place and School Record 14’9”
  - C. PIAA State Champion:  
Alyssa Lombardo – 400m run – 1<sup>st</sup> Place and School Record 55.73
- VII. Presentation – None
- VIII. Superintendent’s Report – *Dr. Sandra Fellin, Superintendent*
- IX. Citizens’ Comments – Agenda Items Only – *Visitors should state their name and address.*

David Loyd – commented on the Professional Contract and relationships within the community.

Steph Laudenslager – commented on the Professional Contract, noting 960 hours of work done in the evenings, at home, in addition to the regular school day.

Theresa Andreucci – commented on the Professional Contract negotiations and noted a pay cut that she took to work at Saucon as an example of caring about the kids and not just the money

Carol Tavormina – commented on the Professional Contract and the work ethic of teachers who also feel the impact of the current economy.

Keith Riefenstahl – commented on the Professional Contract and questioned how a pay reduction would be acceptable, noting that the extra little things done by teachers would go away.

Lanita Lum – commented on the Professional Contract negotiations, urging those involved to listen to the community.

Michael Karabin – commented on the Professional Contract, noting past negotiations and emphasizing his concern.

Brandon Eisly – commented on the Professional Contract and stated he has issues when a teacher is using Excel for column movement.

Barry Yonney – stated that he feels teachers deserve a raise and that the teachers and the board should be fair to each other and also to the taxpayers.

Mary Neher – stated that she did not like the comment about teachers being over-worked and under-paid, because she knows that teachers work very hard.

(The Board adjourned for a break at 8:23PM and resumed the meeting at 8:31PM)

- X. Presentation of Bills – *David Bonenberger*
  - A. General Expenditures

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Karabin, moved to approve the Presentation of Bills. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

- XI. Treasurer's Report – *Edward Inghrim/David Bonenberger*
  - A. Budget Transfer

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Miller, moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

- XII. Motion to Approve Agenda

Director Puerta, seconded by Director Bartolet, moved to approve the Agenda. Director Baxter requested a separate vote for the approval of Fall Cheerleading under Personnel Item 12. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

A. *Education*

1. Approve the first draft of the athletic dual participation guidelines.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve the Saucon Valley High School Athletic Mission Statement. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve the Dual Participation Form. Vote: 7-yes, 2-no (Peeke, Karabin)

2. Approve the recognition of Saucon Valley Supporters of the Performing Arts group as a sponsored school entity.

Director Miller, seconded by Director Karabin, moved to approve Education Item 2. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

B. *Personnel*

1. Approve Edward Inghrim to serve as Treasurer of the Saucon Valley School District for a term ending June 30, 2010.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Bartolet, moved to approve Edward Inghrim to serve as Treasurer of the Saucon Valley School District for a term ending June 30, 2010. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

2. Approve Attorney Ellis H. Katz to serve as District Solicitor for a term ending June 30, 2010. The fee schedule is as follows. No changes

Attorney Ellis H. Katz from the firm of Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP, serving as District Solicitor for a term ending June 30, 2009. \$130/hour for routine matters; \$105/hour for legal assistants; and \$175/hour for non-routine matters.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Miller, moved to approve Ellis H. Katz to serve as District Solicitor for a term ending June 30, 2010 with the same fee schedule as last year. Vote: 8-yes, 1-no (Karabin).

3. Approve the appointment of David Bonenberger as Board Secretary for a four-year term with salaries as noted:

2009-2010 - \$2,600  
2010-2011 - \$2,700  
2011-2012 - \$2,800  
2012-2013 - \$2,900

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Miller, moved to approve David Bonenberger as Board Secretary for a four-year term from 2009 to 2013. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

4. Approve Cynthia Kichline as a Permanent Part-Time Food Service General Kitchen Employee with salary and benefits per the terms of the Food Service Employment Agreement. *(Diane Smith moved from Elementary General Kitchen Help to Middle School General Kitchen Help; Dana Kinker filled Elementary General Kitchen Help; Cynthia Kichline will fill Dana Kinker's position)*
5. Approve Nick Mohring as a District Summer HVAC Worker for 2009 at an hourly rate of \$10, no benefits, not to exceed 40 days of employment.
6. Approve the following 2008-2009 substitute(s):  
Sheri Herman - Emergency  
Kellie Odenwelder – Elementary
7. Approve Maryanne Oddo as an addition to the Substitute Clerical listing, to be employed on a “call as needed” basis at an hourly rate of \$9.70, no benefits, effective immediately.
8. Approve the following maternity leave:  
Rita Chuhran, high school social studies teacher, beginning August 27, 2009. She intends to use 7 sick/personal days prior to starting FMLA. Mrs. Chuhran will be taking an unpaid leave for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year. She will return to her teaching duties the first teacher day of the 2010-2011 school year.
9. Approve the following leave without pay:  
Lisa Bowland – HS Instructional Assistant – June 1, 2009

10. Approve Katie Palenchar as summer technology assistant at a salary of \$15 per hour for 28 hours per week. This assignment will begin on June 22, 2009 and run until August 27, 2009 (10 weeks) and will not exceed 280 hours.
11. Approve the following sabbatical request:  
Pamela Bernardo, Middle School Principal, from January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010. Her sabbatical will be an educational sabbatical.
12. Approve the following 2009 Fall coaches. Salaries are based on the 2007-08 contract and are subject to change following approval of the new professional contract.  
Field Hockey:  
Sarah Denzel – Head Coach – \$4,805  
Alice Friend – Specialty Coach – \$685  
Joanna Lemay – Head MS Coach – \$2,745  
Amber Ziemba – Assistant MS Coach – \$2,412  
Assistant Var/JV Coach – Vacant  
Boys Soccer:  
Mel Moyer III – Head Coach – \$4,805  
Mel Moyer Jr. – Assistant Coach – \$1,544  
Carlos Coelho – Assistant Coach – \$1,544  
Kerry Kemmerer – Head MS Coach – \$2,745  
Tim Mann – Assistant Coach - \$1,206  
Matt DeLade – Assistant Coach – \$1,206  
Mike Peck – Assistant Coach – Volunteer  
Cross Country:  
Ed Kolosky – Head Coach – \$3,430  
John Polefka – Assistant Coach – 2,745  
Golf:  
Scott Roberts – Head Coach – \$3,430  
Keith Dalious – Assistant Coach – Volunteer  
Girls' Volleyball:  
Brianna Barona – Head Coach – \$4,118  
Jessica McCarroll – Assistant Coach – \$2,745  
Denise Filo – Assistant Coach – Volunteer  
Dave Miller – Assistant Coach – Volunteer

Football:

Matt Evancho – Head Coach – \$7,894  
Keith Riefenstahl – Assistant Coach – \$5,148  
Ed Chromczak – Assistant Coach – \$5,148  
Kris Ontranto – Assistant Coach – \$5,148  
Phil Sams – Assistant Coach – \$4,166  
Jeremy Kittek – Assistant Coach – \$4,166  
Jason Stem – Head MS Coach – \$3,295  
Chris Fluck – Assistant MS Coach – \$2,059  
Jon Bortz – Assistant MS Coach – Volunteer  
Gerry Demko – Equipment Manager – \$2,059

Fall Cheerleading:

Nancy Harte – Head Coach – \$2,745  
Janelle Chunko – Assistant/JV Coach – \$1,829  
Middle School Head Coach – Vacant

Girls' Tennis:

Joanne Ochse – Head Coach – \$3,775.00  
Michael Krentz – Assistant Coach – Volunteer  
Stevie Ochse – Conditioning Coach – Volunteer  
Deanna Buhay – Assistant Coach – Volunteer

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Karabin, moved to approve Personnel Item 12, excluding the approval for the Fall Cheerleading Coaches. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Karabin, moved to approve the Fall Cheerleading Coaches. Vote: 5-yes, 4-no (Baxter, Inghrim, Karabin, Torrella).

13. Approve the following 2009 Summer Learning Academy high school teachers. Salary is per the current professional contract - \$35 per hour:

Mario Marcozzi - Social Studies & English  
Robert Andreucci - Science  
Laurel Osborn - Math

14. Accept the retirement notice of Vivian Fried, Tax Clerk in the Business Office, employed under the terms of the Secretarial/Clerical Employment Agreement, effective September 17, 2009.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Miller, moved to approve Personnel Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14.  
Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

C. *Facilities*

1. Approve a one-year extension of the Land Development Improvement Agreement for the Saucon Valley School District Campus to June 4, 2010.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Bartolet, moved to approve Facilities Item 1. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

2. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Borough of Hellertown, Lower Saucon Township, and the Saucon Valley School District regarding school zone speed limit signs. Intergovernmental Agreement - School Zone Speed Limit Signs Mandate Waiver Program Applications

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve Facilities Item 2. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

3. Approve the Client Services Agreement with Provident Energy Consulting LLC to provide energy project development and management, energy purchasing, and general energy consulting services until December 31, 2010.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Miller, moved to approve Facilities Item 3. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

4. Approve the Mandate Waiver Program Application (PDE-417) for the purchase of natural gas.
5. Approve the Mandate Waiver Program Application (PDE-417) for the purchase of electricity.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve Facilities Items 4 and 5. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

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
April 28, 2009 Board Meeting	Adoption of 2009-2010 Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$39,382,404 with a zero percent (0%) millage increase; Millage Rate 51.74
May 29, 2009	Deadline to offer public notice of intent to adopt the 2009-2010 Final Budget; <i>(ten days prior to final budget adoption)</i>
June 9, 2009 Board Meeting	Adoption of the 2009-2010 Final Budget <i>(Deadline to adopt final budget is June 30, 2009)</i>

B. Five Year Forecast - PFM

1. Approve the 2009-2010 Budget in the amount of \$39,382,404 which will be funded by a zero (0) mill increase. The millage rate will be 51.74. (\$51.74 per \$1,000 assessed value)

Director Inghrim, seconded by Director Stack, moved to approve Finance Item 1. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

2. Approve the reenactment of taxes under the Local Tax Enabling Act of 1965 known as Act 511. The taxes are Earned Income Tax, Realty Transfer Tax, Per Capita Tax, and Occupational Privilege Tax.
3. Approve the 2008-2009 Per Capita Tax Deletions and the 2008-2009 Per Capita Tax Exemptions.
4. Approve the exoneration of the Saucon Valley School District Tax Collector from collection of the 2008-2009 Per Capita Taxes and forward the uncollectible taxes to Berkheimer Associates for collection.

5. Appoint the Depositories for Saucon Valley School District Funds:

Fulton Financial Corporation  
KNBT Bank  
Lafayette Ambassador Bank  
PNC Bank  
New Bank of America  
INVEST Program  
Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)  
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)  
Wachovia Bank

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Karabin, moved to approve Finance Items 2, 3, 4, and 5. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

6. Approve the I.U. #20 Joint Purchasing Bid Award for General Supplies in the amount of \$16,103.79.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve Finance Item 6. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

7. Approve the attached lists of books as surplus/obsolete materials.

Surplus Books List 1  
Surplus Books List 2

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve Finance Item 7. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no.

E. *Community Outreach*

No report or recommendations.

1. The next meeting of the Saucon Valley Partnership is scheduled June 10, 2009 at 7 pm in the Saucon Valley School District Audion.

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

