

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saucon Valley School District was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 in the Campus Audion. Present were Directors Charles Bartolet, Susan Baxter, Edward Inghrim, Michael Karabin, Lachlan Peeke, Ralph Puerta, and Sharon Stack. Directors Sandra Miller and George Torrella were absent. Others 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 (Miller, Torrella)
- IV. Announcement of Executive Sessions – October 21, 2008
- V. Approval of Minutes – September 23, 2008

Director Karabin, seconded by Director Bartolet, moved to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2008. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Miller, Torrella)

- VI. Recognition
- VII. Presentation:
 - A. Long Range Financial Planning Model – Jason Brockman from PFM, Inc.
 - B. Curriculum Cycle – Carl Atkinson
- 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 - \$1,282,695.81
 - B. Cafeteria Expenditures - \$393,164.49
 - C. Health Benefits (8/23-9/29) - \$323,486.67
Health Benefits (9/30-10/22) - \$209,231.73

Director Inghrim, seconded by Director Karabin, moved to approve the Presentation of Bills. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Miller, Torrella).

XI. Treasurer's Report – Edward Inghrim/David Bonenberger

- A. Cash, Investment and Bond Activity
- B. Expansion Project Finance
- C. Budget Transfers - \$24,835.52
- D. Middle School Activity Report
- E. High School Activity Report

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

XII. Motion to Approve Agenda

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve the agenda with the removal of Personnel Item #7 from the agenda. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Miller, Torrella).

A. Education

- A. Discussion of Cambiata Trip
Discussion ensued; The Board concluded that this should not be a Saucon Valley School District event.

- 1. Approve the modified 2008-09 school calendar.
These changes were due to the strike.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Stack, moved to approve Education Item 1. Vote: 6-yes, 1-no (Karabin), 2-absent (Miller, Torrella)

- 2. Approve resolution on Strike Free Education Act (HB1369).

Director Inghrim, seconded by Director Peeke, moved to approve Education Item 2. Vote: 5-yes, 2-no (Bartolet, Karabin), 2-absent (Miller, Torrella).

- 3. Approve the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation for Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve Education Item 3. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Miller, Torrella).

4. Approve the Saucon Valley Music Connection competition trip to Toronto Ontario, Canada from May 7-10, 2009. There is no cost to the district except costs incurred for substitutes for the directors. All trip costs will be incurred by the students and fundraising.

This trip and cost replaces the August 26th Board approved trip/cruise to Florida and Bahamas on April 23-27, 2009, at no cost to the district.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Karabin, moved to approve Education Item 4. Vote: 6-yes, 1-no (Baxter), 2-absent (Miller, Torrella)

5. Approve the first reading of the Student Assistance Program Policy

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Bartolet, moved to approve Education Item 5. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Miller, Torrella).

B. Personnel

1. Approve the following maternity leave:

Emily Young, elementary music teacher, beginning February, 2009. She intends to use 10 sick days prior to starting FMLA. Additional number of sick days will run concurrently with FMLA. After FMLA, she will take an unpaid leave for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Young plans on returning to her teaching duties at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

2. Approve the unpaid leave for Kristen Weikert, middle school instructional assistant, for Oct. 24th-Nov. 4th. Ms. Weikert will be using a personal day on Oct 23rd.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve Personnel Item 2. Vote: 6-yes, 1-no (Baxter), 2-absent (Miller, Torrella).

3. Approve the attached conference/travel requests.

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Bartolet, moved to approve Personnel Item 3. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Miller, Torrella).

4. Approve the following additions to the 2008-2009 substitute list:

Warren Achey – Emergency
Katherine Armitage – Emergency
Alfonso Bernotas, Jr – Emergency
Olwen Bougher - Emergency
Richard Cariss – Emergency
Christine Charles – Business/Technology K - 12
Deborah DeLillo-DeCanto – Emergency
Katherine Eichman - Elementary
George Fairchild – Emergency
Ryan Fluck – Elementary
Carrie Gofberg – Emergency
Lisa Hamerstone – Elementary
Alexander Knoll – Emergency
Ivelisse Lopez – Emergency
Kelly Malone – Emergency
Aubrey Porterfield - Emergency
Michael Raymond – Emergency
Amanda Reiman – Emergency
Janice Swiatek – Emergency
Dameria Tobing – Emergency
Alisa Vandever – Emergency

5. Approve the following as homebound teachers for the 2008-09 school year.

Lisa Allen
Sharon Bender
Jon Bortz
Gemma Cody
Jessica Friday
Cheryl Kittle
Todd Lipp
Kathleen Rolek
Timothy Murphy
Chad Shirk
Linda Sutton
Roger Tinti
Deb Welch

6. Approve the following volunteer middle school ski club advisors for the 2008-09 school year:

Robert Boyer
Howard Heffelfinger
Robert Kachmar
Felicia Parish
Ruben Rivero

- ~~7. Approve Lorraine Torella as primary math tutor for 200 hours at an hourly rate of \$35 as determined by the Accountability Grant for the 2008-09 school year. Mrs. Torella will be paid the contracted rate for instructional assistants.~~
Personnel Item 7 was removed from the Agenda.

8. Approve Rita Churan as .5 Classrooms for the Future coach for the 2008-09 school year to be funded from the Classroom for the Future (CFF) grant. This position is year to year - depends solely on receiving monies from the state. This is not part of the teacher bargaining unit.

9. Approve the resignation of Sara Brooks, middle school instructional assistant effective September 20, 2008.

10. Approve the following special Education Department Chairs for the 2008-09 school year. This is a contracted position. Salary is \$2,000 each.

Maureen Henderson – Elementary
Rachel Alderfer – Middle School
Jessica Schmidt – High School

11. Approve Carl Michael as a Substitute Custodian, to be employed on a “call as needed” basis at the hourly rate of \$10.09, no benefits, effective immediately.
(Mr. Michael is a Substitute Bus Driver)

12. Approve Katherine M. Jackson and Kevin Palenchar as additions to the Substitute Assistant list, to be employed on a “call as needed” basis at the hourly rate of \$9.70, no benefits, effective immediately.

13. Approve Karen Carolan as elementary choral director for the 2008-09 school year. This is a contracted position and her salary will be \$2,059.

Director Inghrim, seconded by Director Stack, moved to approve Personnel Items 1, 4, 5, and 6. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Miller, Torrella).

Director Peeke, seconded by Director Inghrim, moved to approve Personnel Items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-absent (Miller, Torrella).

C. Facilities

- A. Discussion of Pool Drains and New Mandates
- B. Discussion of TAS meeting

D. Finance

No report or recommendations.

E. Community Outreach

No report or recommendations.

The next meeting of the Saucon Valley Partnership is scheduled for November 12, 2008 at 7 pm at the Lower Saucon Township Hall.

- 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 – George Torrella
- K. New Business

XIII. Solicitor's Report

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

XV. Announcements

Future Meetings ~ October 28, 2008 – Cancelled
November 11, 2008 – 7:30 pm – Business Meeting, High School Audion
November 25, 2008 – 7:30 pm – Business Meeting, High School Audion
December 2, 2008 – 6 pm – Reorganization Meeting

XVI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Director Bartolet, seconded by Director Stack, moved to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Miller, Torrella). Time: 9:34PM

ATTEST: _____
Secretary President